



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 6.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr DeVeaux (Chair), Cllr Fernandez, Cllr Green, Cllr Marsh, Ward Cllr Brookes
J Samuels (Clerk).

10 members of the public

- 226.** To note apologies and approve reasons for absence – Cllr Simpson
- 227.** To consider exclusion of the press and public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed nil.
- 228.** To receive declarations of Interest – nil.

Cllr Green arrived

- 229.** Fifteen-minute public discussion period;
- Concerns were expressed over the removal of 3m of the verge on Brinsworth Road by Balfour Beatty for the parkway works. Trees have been removed from the banking and Balfour Beatty had advised that it was not replacing them and to contact Rotherham Council about it. Concerns were also raised on the following; impact on survey readings obtained and the detrimental affect on pollution and noise. **Action: Cllr Brookes to raise the issues with RMBC.**
 - Concerns were expressed regarding the amount of queuing traffic around Sheffield Lane, Orgreave Road and Poplar Way. Motorists were ignoring the no entry and restricted access signs to use Sheffield Lane as a cut through. Although it has always been an issue it is considerably worse now and compounded by the new building site vehicles/HGVs. **Action: Cllr Brookes to raise the issue with RMBC and advises the Parish Council to organise a petition to show the strength of feeling.**
 - Brin Collinson, Collinson Performance and Training, attended the meeting at the request of Cllr Green to discuss the provision of mobility classes for the elderly. He suggested that, if members of the session form a group, he could help them to apply for funding **Action: Mr Collinson to provide written details. For consideration alongside 2 other quotes from providers at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 9 March 2022.**
 - The reduction of the speed limit on Brinsworth Road to 40mph had been approved some time ago but is still not in place and could not be enforced by the police until new signage is in situ; a member of the public asked if it could be brought into being for safety reasons. Cllr Simpson had advised by email that it is now a matter for National Highways and Government Department to progress (road map changes/GPS etc) and could take some time.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

- 230.** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th January 2022 - the minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record. **RESOLVED 1.**
- 231.** To note matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda – nil

- 232.** To receive Borough Councillors report - Cllr Brookes updated the meeting on the following:
- The flats at the Old Red Lion public house were a private concern, MySpace, that provides accommodation for the homeless. The development is described as 10 self-contained units and not the luxury accommodation as originally outlined on the planning application. **Action:** Cllr Brookes asked the Parish Council to let her have sight of the planning application objection it made
 - Several residents on the Blue Mans Way estate had raised the issue of the increase of noise following the recent removal of trees and work on the parkway, the issue was compounded by the increase in traffic in the area following a road closure in Waverley.
 - There are 45 Neighbourhood Centres in Rotherham; some were well used whilst others were seldom used. RMBC were looking at raising the Centres profiles to encourage use of the facilities.

Cllr Brookes asked if anyone had any questions for her – Cllr Green ask if assistance could be given if the elderly mobility class did want to form a group to apply for funding. Cllr Brookes advised that Mandy Ardron at RMBC would be the best person to contact.

Cllr Brookes left the meeting.

- 233.** The letters of resignation from Cllr S Pashley and Cllr J Pashley were formally accepted. Appreciation of the work Cllr J Pashley had done following the traveller encampments was expressed. The following was agreed:
- a. Flood Committee, 2 vacancies (including Chair) – temporarily suspend the meeting of the Flood Committee. **RESOLVED 2.**
 - b. Finance and Premises Committee, 2 vacancies – the meeting scheduled for 15 February 2022 is to go ahead. **RESOLVED 3.**
 - c. Staffing Committee, 2 vacancies, - Cllr Marsh appointed to the Committee. **RESOLVED 4.**
 - d. New storage site for swings etc removed from Highfield View Park – it was proposed and agreed that, as the playground will not re-open, the equipment is disposed of. Cllr DeVeaux to arrange for the disposal of the items. **RESOLVED 5.**
- 234.** To discuss the Parish Council vacancies for Cllrs and the Clerk & RFO:
- Tony Bayliss has expressed interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and was present at the meeting. Mr Bayliss was appointed to Catcliffe Parish Council. **RESOLVED 6.**
 - The Clerk and RFO vacancy had been advertised with a closing date of 1 March 2022; to date 1 person has expressed interest. Jill Samuels was thanked for what she had done as Clerk to bring the Parish Council forward.
- 235.** To discuss matters relating to the Parish and assign ownership:
- a. New Brinsworth Road, Speed Limit – considered under item 229.
 - b. Parking Issues on Tristford Close – this has already been dealt with by Mandy Ardron, RMBC.
 - c. Dog Fouling (Recreation Ground) – the correspondence from a member of the public was discussed but it was generally agreed that there is not much the Parish Council can do about this matter. Other areas that had installed the dog waste bags had found that the bags were often found pulled out of the dispenser and thrown around the area. Previous requests to RMBC for more dog waste bins had been unsuccessful with lack of personnel to empty the bins given as a reason. Members of the public can report any dog fouling to RMBC. It was agreed that the issues should be highlighted on the Parish Council's Facebook page and in the Newsletter due to be published in April. **RESOLVED 7.**
 - d. Request for siting of a memorial bench – it was agreed that more information is required before a decision can be made.

236. To discuss open matters relating to the Parish.
- a. To consider Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2nd - 5th June 2022 – various suggestions were discussed; bunting, event at the hall, event at the cone, beacon, garden party. **Action:** It was agreed to bring ideas to the next meeting for consideration and to put an article on Facebook to see what residents want. Cllrs Marsh and Green to research bunting, flags and balloons.
 - b. A630 Parkway Maintenance – discussed under 229.
 - c. Purchase of CCTV signage – no update from RMBC
 - d. To set a date and location of base for the resumption of litter picks – a “Blitz Day” has been arranged by the Cone Community Group. It was agreed that there would not be enough volunteers for that and Parish Council litter picks. **Action; remove from future agendas.**
 - e. Promoting Women's Football – there had been no interest expressed following an article on the Parish Council's Facebook page. Cllr Fernandez is to enquire about a group that runs a team that helps raise money for charity.
 - f. To consider funding options for the provision of exercise classes for the elderly – **Action: Cllr DeVeaux to contact a Brinsworth provider and Mr Collinson to submit a quote. These and the quote from Active Regen to be considered at the meeting to be held on 9 March 2022.**
 - g. Litter issues around the Family Shopper – RMBC are dealing with the matter.

237. To discuss updates from any meetings attended by Council members – nil.

238. Finance:

- a. To approve the monthly budget monitoring and bank statements – approved.
- b. To approve accounts for payment – approved.
- c. To consider the quotes obtained for the ground's maintenance contract – Cllr Green has not received a reply from the contractor. **Action: the Clerk to forward RMBC contact details to Cllr Green and decision to be made at the meeting to be held on 9 March 2022.**
- d. To consider the £1,000 Tesco Community Grant Funding for Poplar Way Play Park – the funding had been applied for when the play area was being developed. It was agreed that the funding could be used to repaint the equipment and repair the ground surface. **Action: Cllr DeVeaux to place an article on Facebook asking that any local traders interested quote for the work.**

239. To Receive a Flood Committee Update – Cllr Fernandez has been researching an AI project being carried out by the Engineering Department at Sheffield University but has asked for more information about the funding before she progresses the discussion. **Action: the Clerk to forward the funding details to Cllr Fernandez.**

1 member of the public left the meeting

240. To Receive a Neighbourhood Watch Update – there is only 1 member (possibly 2) of the group; the group is in danger of finishing.

241. To Receive a Staffing Committee Update – no meeting held.

242. To Receive a Finance & Premises Committee Update – meeting scheduled for 15/2/2022.

243. To consider the formation on an Events Committee – various suggestions for events were discussed; car boot sales, table top sales, using JFT car park for car boot sales, market garden sales, quiz nights. **Action: ideas for events and the formation of an Events Committee to be discussed at the meeting to be held on 9 March 2022.**

244. To receive updates: the Parish Council website is up to date.

- 245.** To discuss highways: maintenance requirements and Issues.
- a. Residential Development off Bluemans Way Catcliffe: street name suggestions can be submitted direct to RMBC.
 - b. Footpath issues on Blue Mans Way – discussed under 229; Cllr Brookes to progress.
- 246.** To discuss: matters relating to recreational grounds and play areas: the plumbing work at the pavilion is to be carried out next week.
- 247.** Parish Council Newsletter – articles to be submitted by the end of February and the Newsletter to be published in April.
- 248.** Planning:
- a. To review and discuss new applications - nil
 - b. To review planning determinations - nil
 - c. To discuss other planning matters - nil
- 249.** To note all correspondence received and consider any necessary action – noted.
- a. Weekly Planning List
 - b. YLCA White Rose Bulletins
- 250.** To approve items for next agenda - nil
- 251.** To approve the date of the next meeting – 9 March 2022 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____