



Rawcliffe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Rawcliffe Parish Council held on Friday 29 May 2020 at 10.00am which was held remotely via a Zoom meeting.

Present:

Councillor N. Case (Chairman), Councillor A. Benjamin, Councillor M. Waudby, Councillor A. Dawes, Ward Councillor S. Waudby, Ward Councillor D. Smalley, Anne Ireland (RRA) and F. Vicary (Clerk)

1. Apologies:

a. To note apologies and reasons for absence
Councillor E. Thornton

2. To note any Declarations of Interest:

a. To approve dispensation requests
No dispensation requests submitted.

b. To note Declarations of Interests not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
None declared.

3. Public participation:

Anne Ireland expressed the views of the Rawcliffe Recreation Association (RRA). Concerns were raised relating to which party is responsible for the area and for maintaining this area in the future – RRA, Rawcliffe Parish Council or City of York Council (CYC).

Cllr N. Case considered that in this situation the Parish Council was in a better position to respond to the issue with the trees quicker than the RRA and agreed that clarity regarding responsibility of the area was required.

No other members of the public were present.

4. Trees at the rec car park

a. To note any emergency payments related to the work to make the willow trees safe
The emergency payments incurred for two call out charges which totalled £300 +VAT were noted.

b. To note advice received from CYC regarding the work done and any further work required on the willow trees

It was noted that Brian Williams from CYC had confirmed that the three Cracked Willow trees are not protected by Tree Preservation Orders and are not in a Conservation Area.

Further to an emergency call out following a large branch breaking and partially blocking a public footpath, the tree surgeon inspected the three Cracked Willow tree and identified multiple safety concerns with significant dead wood, internal disease issues and over extension of all the canopy following historical reduction work.

The tree surgeon concluded that based upon the trees location, species type, historic pruning methods and limited life expectancy it would be considered essential to remove the entire group to remove all risk and potential damage to site users.

c. To consider the quote received from the tree surgeon

It was resolved to approve the quote for the recommended tree work of £1576 +VAT. ***It was resolved*** to remove the tree stumps and all other related materials from site for the quoted amount of £120 +VAT.

Thanks were given to the tree surgeon for his fast response in the emergency situation.

d. To consider any action required and to approve any associated spend on the willow trees

Some damage has been caused to the yellow barriers in the car park. Members of RPC and RRA to investigate and make safe as soon as possible.

Consideration of the on-going layout and public use of this area will be determined at a future meeting.

5. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Rawcliffe Parish Council will be held remotely on Monday 8 June 2020 at 7:00pm.

Meeting closed at 10.40 am