MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2016

Those present:
Chairman : Cllr A Buckley
Vice-Chairman : Cllr J Williams
Councillors : Cllr D Dyson, Cllr Mrs P Gregory, Cllr S Ridge, Cllr Mrs M Rollinson, Cllr Mrs K Saxton, Cllr Mrs J Tompkins
Officers : Mrs L Szanto, Mr P Wilkinson

2069 Public Question Time
Two dog owners were in attendance to ask if a fenced off dog exercise area could be made at the top end of the Brinsworth Playing Fields. They were aware of the requirement to keep their dogs on a lead but felt that a specific area for them to run about unrestrained would be of benefit. It would help to stop those dog owners who currently abuse the regulation by letting their dogs off the lead to run anywhere on the field, sometimes to the annoyance and distress of other users. They pointed out that the Parish Council provides spaces for children to play and for adults to play football or bowls so why not apply the same principle to dog owners wishing to exercise their dogs? Councillors discussed the matter and expressed concerns regarding the cost of creating such an area, the practicalities of maintaining it, and the possibility of it becoming a dog toilet. As an alternative, Cllr Ridge suggested relaxing the regulation of dogs having to be on a lead at all times so that during certain times of the day, perhaps when most children are in school, it would be permissible for them to run around the field. Councillors agreed to invite comments from the wider Brinsworth community, by putting an article in the newsletter, before discussing the matter further.

A resident of Campbell Walk was in attendance to express concerns, on behalf of a number of people, about the proposal to hold a barbecue for the residents of Duncan Street as a means of encouraging community cohesion and to try to stop the constant anti-social behaviour which blights the lives of others in the vicinity. It was felt that this could be interpreted as a 'reward' for causing so many problems and will not serve any purpose. Cllr Buckley said that money had also been earmarked from the RVW Area Assembly Devolved Budget for Active Regen to provide a number of different activities for children and adults as a means of occupying people and diverting the potential trouble causers away from anti-social behaviour.

2070 Apologies
Apologies were received from Cllrs Barry and Hughes and the reasons were accepted. Cllr Simpson also sent his apologies.

2071 Declaration of Members' Interests
The Chairman asked Councillors to make any declarations of interest prior to the relevant item being discussed.

2072 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on :-
22 September 2016
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2016 be
Matters Arising

(2064) Community Issues (Motorcycle warning signs) - The Clerk informed Councillors that 15 signs have been obtained and will be put up on Brinsworth Playing Fields and at Millennium Park.

(2067) Reports (Ward boundaries review) - Cllr Dyson asked if it was likely that Brinsworth will become part of Sheffield East and Cllr Buckley responded by saying that the constituency boundaries were not part of the current review.

Community Issues

- Police

There were no representatives of the Police in attendance. Cllr Buckley informed Councillors of the likely departure of Insp Fennell and expressed concern at the turnover rate in this position and the disruption caused to the continuity of action plans.

- RMBC Ward Councillors

Cllr Buckley reported on the following:
- the RVWAA Co-ordinating Committee Meeting, also attended by Cllr Gregory, at which it was stated that the Police Cadets will most likely be attending the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Sunday 13 November 2016; that there is a group who meet weekly at Manor Lodge to do craft work but who are struggling for funds in order to keep going. He has given a grant out of his Community Leadership Fund and offered the facility to put an article in the Newsletter advertising their existence; that the 'clown' trend which has received so much national publicity recently has not yet been so prominent in this area, although there are the impending halloween celebrations; that there are significant problems in Aston with anti-social behaviour; and that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is to be set up in Duncan Street and Ellis Street.
- the full RMBC Council Meeting at which he raised a question about the poor workmanship of the contractors working on behalf of Virgin Media to install cabling; and Cllr Simpson sent an email to raise a question about the Brinsworth Lane shopping area.

The Clerk read out an email from Cllr Simpson which highlighted the reduction in government funding for housing, especially specialist housing for vulnerable people to live in the community; and that he was continuing to work for a naturalised area around Waverley School to link to Woodhouse Washes and eventually to join with the Rother Valley green corridor, a project that will also benefit the residents of Brinsworth.

- Others

Cllr Dyson informed Councillors that work has started on the land on Whitehill Lane which was recently up for sale by auction.

Communications

- To consider the Parish Council having a profile on Facebook

In the absence of Cllr Barry, the Clerk read out an email from him which set out the
benefits; a summary of the research that he had done regarding the use of social media by other Parish Councils; the potential issues; and a proposal that he sets up a Facebook page for the Parish Council using his BPC email address and administers it for a trial period of six months. During this trial period it will demonstrate whether or not it is a useful addition to the communication tools and Cllr Barry will give a progress report to the Parish Council at each Ordinary Meeting. His proposal suggested a review of the pilot in July 2017. Councillors discussed the matter and expressed some concerns, particularly about the possibility of incoming abusive comments about the Parish Council or individual Councillors. It was agreed to defer any decision until a future meeting at which Cllr Barry was present.

2076 Planning

- To receive RMBC Planning Lists 38 - 41

a) RB2016/1222 - Use of land as extension to garden and erection of fence at 4 Grange Farm Close - Councillors expressed concerns about the land being taken and then it being used to enable future building development. It was agreed to write to the local Planning Officer regarding the concerns and to clarify any possible grounds for objection.

b) RB2016/1308 - Demolition of existing garage & erection of single storey rear extension at 26 Barden Crescent - noted

- To receive an update on applications previously considered:-

RB2016/0507 - Change of use to restaurant (use class A3) and alterations to shop front at 206a Brinsworth Lane - granted conditionally
RB2016/0505 - 1 No. non-illuminated fascia sign at 206a Brinsworth Lane - granted conditionally
RB2016/1044 - Erection of 1 No. bungalow and single detached garage at land to rear of 10 & 12 Willowgarth Ave - granted conditionally
RB2016/1117 - Demolition of existing garage and erection of attached garage to side at 34 Wensleydale Drive - granted conditionally

2077 Reports

Cllr Dyson reported on the recent meeting of the Community Learning Forum.

The Clerk reported on a conversation with a Community Hall user regarding the timetable of possible demolition and reconstruction and whether there were any plans for temporary accommodation during the project period. He suggested that a letter updating the existing users on progress and reassuring them about continuing on site in a modular building would be beneficial. In addition, he suggested that the latest plans be put on display in the Hall. Councillors agreed to the recommendations.

2078 Correspondence

a) RMBC Environment & Development Services - Winter Partnership Scheme - Councillors noted the intentions but declined the offer to participate as there are no facilities for storing the rock salt.

b) RMBC Neighbourhood Development - Joint Parish Council Conference (forwarded to Councillors in advance) - noted but no Councillors able to attend

c) RMBC Planning - Comment on Planning Application - In respect of RB2016/0507
(Restaurant at 206a Brinsworth Lane) confirmation that it is not possible to insert a condition in planning permission which grants a sum of money to the Parish Council for clearance of any potential increase in the amount of litter

d) RMBC Streetpride - Wood Lane Update - reassurance that the review has not been ‘shelved’

e) RVWAA - Rotherham Together Parnership - Leaders to host Neighbourhood Session on 20.10.16 (forwarded to Councillors in advance) - noted

f) RVWAA - Envirocrime report - noted the statistics for Brinsworth

g) Indigo Planning - Land at Whitehill Lane, Brinsworth / Rotherham Road, Catcliffe - Councillors noted that the address should be Brinsworth rather than Catcliffe. They were generally supportive of the proposal for housing development on the land but required more information. It was agreed to invite representatives of the company to a future Ordinary Meeting.

h) SYPTE - Bus Service changes in Rotherham (forwarded to Councillors in advance) - noted

i) SYPCC - Media Statements x 2 (forwarded to Councillors in advance) - noted

j) SYFRA - Member Briefing and Report on Electrical Fires (forwarded to Councillors in advance) - noted

k) YLCA - Scarborough Conference - Cancelled (forwarded to Councillors in advance) - noted

l) YLCA - White Rose Update (forwarded to Councillors in advance) - noted

m) YLCA - My Community Network - noted

n) NALC - Changing Places Conference 30.11.16 - noted

o) Groundwork - Tesco bags of help Programme - noted but not thought an application worthwhile at the moment

p) HS2 - The countdown has begun - noted

q) SYFAB - Funding News (forwarded to Councillors in advance) - noted

r) VAR - Bulletin (forwarded to Councillors in advance) - noted

s) RAY - Newsletter - noted

t) Ward Councillor - Nigel Simpson - re initiative to make Brinsworth Lane shopping area more attractive and customer friendly - noted

u) Resident re Virgin Cabinet - Cllr Buckley will respond

v) Any other correspondence

1) Big Lottery Fund - confirmation of receipt of stage 3 application to the Reaching Communities Buildings programme and indication that it can be up to 3 months
before a decision or longer if extra information is required - noted
2) Active Regen - proposal regarding school holiday activities for children, evening multi sports activities and activities for older people. Councillors noted the content and agreed to invite a representative to a future meeting to discuss the matter further.
3) Breast Cancer Care - letter of thanks for the donation of £50 - noted
4) RVW - Celebrate Funding Programme - availability of funding for events or activities to celebrate a local community - noted
5) Resident Letters x 2 - endorsements of the dog fouling article in the Brinsworth News - noted

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00PM