



**Minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting of Ecclesfield Parish Council held
at the Miners Welfare Hall, High Green on Thursday 23 September.**

The meeting commenced: 6.30 pm - concluded: 7.30 pm

Councillors Present. John Brownrigg (Chairman), John Housley (Vice-Chairman), Dr John Bowden, Victoria Bowden, Susan Davidson, Denise Fearnley, Michael Gethin, Kate Guest, Alan Hooper, Carol Levery, David Ogle, Thomas Sturgess and Tim Whitaker.

Absent Councillors. Carol Levery, Gary Lakin and Terence Bawden.

Officers. Andrew Towleron – Parish Clerk/RFO [minute taker].

Members of the Public. Two members of the public (Sheffield City Councillors Alan Woodcock and Ann Whitaker).

Chairman’s Announcement

The Chairman, Councillor John Brownrigg, opened the meeting. He outlined the procedures for this meeting to ensure that it was effective, lawful, and safe.

<u>2021/92 (FC)</u>	<p><u>Item 92: Apologies and Reasons for Absence</u></p> <p>It was reported that Councillor Carol Levery was unable to attend and the reason for this provided.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Denise Fearnley and seconded by Councillor David Ogle and RESOLVED: That the apology and reason given for absence by Councillor Carol Levery be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(12 in favour)</p>
<u>2021/93 (FC)</u>	<p><u>Item 93: Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
<u>2021/94 (FC)</u>	<p><u>Item 94: Exclusion of Press and Public</u></p> <p>There were no items on the agenda that required the exclusion of the press and public.</p>
<u>2021/95 (FC)</u>	<p><u>Item 95: Public Participation Session</u></p> <p>There were no questions raised.</p>

<p><u>2021/96 (FC)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 96: Community Hall Refurbishment – Appointment of Contractor</u></p> <p>It was explained that the Councillor John Brownrigg, Councillor John Housley and the Clerk had met with the Council’s ‘preferred bidder’ (Homes@Yorkshire), who had indicated that they could incorporate the various changes to the proposed works and within the agreed budget and timescales. The need for the refurbishment works to commence as soon as possible was underlined. The Office staff were thanked for their sterling efforts in taking this forward.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor David Ogle and seconded by Councillor Thomas Sturgess and RESOLVED: That Homes@Yorkshire be appointed to undertake the Community Hall Refurbishment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(12 in favour)</p>
<p><u>2021/97 (FC)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 97: Improvements to the Council Offices – Tender Process</u></p> <p>The Clerk gave a verbal report on the proposed tender process for the appointment of a suitable contractor to undertake the agreed improvements to the Council Offices to make them safe and accessible. The Clerk said that the aim was that these works would ideally be undertaken at the same time as the refurbishment of the Community Hall (see above).</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Michael Gethin and seconded by Councillor Susan Davidson and RESOLVED: That the outlined tender process for the agreed improvements to the Council Offices be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(12 in favour)</p>
<p><u>2021/98 (FC)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 98: Travellers</u></p> <p>An update was provided especially in the context of unauthorised encampments on Angram Bank Park, High Green and associated serious issues. Following the decision that the Parish Council should write to the Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council urging that Sheffield City Council speedily comes up with a long term solution and action to prevent such encampments on Angram Bank Park, the Council had been contacted by the Chief Executive who had confirmed that they were actively and urgently looking into this. He understood that a site visit of relevant Sheffield City officers was to take place soon. It was agreed that it would be helpful if representatives from the Parish Council were to also attend this meeting. Councillor Alan Hooper offered to help ensure this. Councillor John Brownrigg stated that representatives from the Parish Council were meeting with local MP Miriam Cates the following day and would raise this with her then. That this issue, especially securing the Angram Bank Park site, needs sorting and soon was underlined.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor David Ogle and seconded by Councillor Denise Fearnley and RESOLVED: That the</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council urgently seeks a joint site meeting between representatives from Sheffield City Council and the Parish Council to discuss and agree next steps in relation to unauthorised encampments on Angram Bank Park, High Green. 2. Parish Clerk writes to the Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council about the adequacy of Gypsy and Traveller site provision across the City and the need for this to be urgently addressed. 3. Council agrees to allocate up to £30,000 from its budget for physical improvements aimed at securing Angram Bank Park, High Green from unauthorised encampments. 4. That the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance and Premises Committee be asked to look into and bring forward suggestions how this £30,000 can be found from the budget. <p style="text-align: right;">(12 in favour)</p> <p>Councillor Victoria Bowden left the meeting during this item due to her having to attend another meeting.</p>

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Item 99: Date and Time of Future Meetings

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Full Council was scheduled for Thursday 7 October 2021 at 7.15 pm at the Miners Welfare Hall, High Green.

It was also confirmed that the next:

- Environmental Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7 October 2021 at 6.30pm.
- Staffing Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11 November 2021 at 7.00 pm.
- Environmental Planning Delegated Powers Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 October 2021 at 6.30 pm.
- Finance and Premises Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 October 2021 at 7.00 pm.