

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School on Wednesday, 28 June 2006 at 7.45pm.

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mr. C. Law, Mr. W. Greenhalgh, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. G. Nichols, Mr. C. Pollard and Mr. D. Waterhouse.
District Councillor C. Bartrop also attended the meeting
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. T. Clarkson and Councillor J. Hill
2. There were no declarations of members interests.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a) Arrangements have been made for Councillor Hill and the Clerk to meet Mr. Jagger, RVBC, on 13 July 2006 to discuss a scheme for the improvement of Tennyson Avenue.
 - b) Representatives from Read and Simonstone Parish Council met to discuss the provision of a Christmas tree for the villages. A suitable site was identified and it was agreed that the Chairmen would visit the owner to determine whether this could be used.
 - c) There has been no response from Read Motor Centre concerning the area adjacent to the car park and it was agreed to approach the owner to discuss the situation.
 - d) The issues concerning the 30mph speed restrictions on Straits Lane and Dudley Hill will be raised at the Lancashire Locals meeting.
 - e) Councillor Hill is raising the issues concerning the practise of assigning the right to occupy the Fort Street garages.
5. **District Councillor's Report:**
 - a) The owner of the land at Greenacres is currently in consultation with the RVBC Planning Authority and LCC Highway Authority concerning the proposed development.
 - b) The RVBC Enforcement Officer will visit the structural development at Singleton Avenue and will also inspect the recently constructed boundary wall at the junction of Woodhead Road/Straits Lane.
 - c) The two empty Whalley Road houses have been placed on the RVBC Housing Committee's priority list for action under the new legislation. RVBC is currently awaiting the necessary statutory regulations to allow consideration to be taken to be given the possibility of taking over the management of No.72a.
6. **Clerk's Report:**
 - a) LCC is currently conducting a strategic review of the library and information service. The Clerk and Chairman will complete the questionnaire.
 - b) The LAPTIC AGM will be held on 04 November 2006 at County Hall, Preston.
 - c) The Lancs. Fire & Rescue Service performance report has been circulated to Councillors.
 - d) Notification of bus service failing to meet the LCC financial criteria was received from LCC.
 - e) Notification of two temporary road closures was received from LCC:
 - (i) A671 - Tennyson Avenue: 17 July 2006 - 23 July 2006
 - (ii) A671 - No.10 Church Street: 31 July 2006 - 06 August 2006
 - f) A letter of appreciation was received from LCC thanking the Parish Council for the support it has given to Read School by nominating a representative to serve on the governing board.
7. **Proposed Lease for Read Cricket Club:**

Representatives from the Parish Council met with the Cricket Club to discuss the request for a new lease. The Cricket explained that a longer lease was necessary in order to allow the club to apply for grants to extend and refurbish the pavilion and changing rooms. The club had been offered funding towards the project from a local business entrepreneur who wished to establish a commercial business to provide a private nursery using part of the club's facilities. It had been agreed that Read Parish Council would take advice from Pallister's regarding appropriate terms for the lease. The Cricket Club will request detailed plans for the proposed nursery for consideration by the Parish Council.

8. **Renewal of Read Motor Body Centre Lease & Read AFC licence:**
The renewal of these was discussed with Pallisters who will write to the Motor Body Centre to determine whether a new lease is required. Pallister's will write to the owner and report back to the Parish Council and the football club licence is due for renewal in January 2007 and Pallister's will view the original licence and comment.
9. **Chairman's Report - Read School Fun Day:**
The Parish Council has received two donations from stalls at the school Fun Day. - Coconut Shy £74.20 and Cake Stall £71.45. There were insufficient entries to run a 5-a-side football tournament and the reasons for this will be reviewed by the organisers who will consider opening up the event to older primary school children.
10. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**
Application:
06/0431 - Proposed new gymnasium at New Hall House, Whins Lane
06/0435 - Extend season for existing caravan site from 1st. March to 31st. October to 1st. March to 6th. January i.e. 10 months and 6 days at Bridge Hey Wood Caravan Park, Dunkirk Farm
06/0455 - Retrospective application for the removal of existing fence and hedgerow/bushes and the erection of a 1.8m high fence on the Woodhead Road boundary of the garden at No.2 Singleton Avenue
No observations have been made to the above planning applications.
Decisions:
No planning decisions have been received.
It was agreed to invite a RVBC Planning Officer to the September meeting of the Parish Council to explain the review of the Planning Policies currently being undertaken in respect of affordable housing.
11. **Playground Report:**
a) The weekly playground inspection reports found the equipment to be satisfactory.
b) The playground gate has been repaired and the large gate permanently locked. A key has been given to the RVBC grass cutting service to allow them access.
12. **Allotment Chairman's Report:**
a) The skip was well used and had been delivered and removed on time.
b) The posts have been replaced on Allotments 1a/3a.
c) There has been a change of tenancy on Allotments 9c/11c.
13. **Finance & Accounts:**
Three payments were authorised prior to the meeting:
East Lancs. Skip Hire - Allotments skip - £209.00
Lancashire County Training Partnership - Councillor's training day - £30.00
Cattermoles Ltd. - allotment posts - £15.86
Receipts:
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Read School Fun Day - coconut shy - £74.20
Read School Fun Day - cake stall - £71.45
14. **Annual Return & Statement of Assurance for 31 March 2006:**
The annual return and statement of assurance for the year ended 31 March 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.
15. **Councillor's Reports:**
a) The Chairman reported on the Training Evening she had recently attended at Sabden. She

found it extremely useful and recommended that Councillors take the opportunity to attend these events when they are arranged.

b) It was reported that the new wheeled bins are being left out after collection, particularly on the back streets. Councillor Bartrop was requested to ascertain the Borough Council's policy on this and whether a fine would be imposed for not removing the bins.

c) LCC to be requested to inspect the road surface on George Lane which is breaking up and in need of attention.

d) The 'Read' signs on the Devil's Elbow are needing repainted and it was agreed to obtain quotes for this. LCC will remove and replace them should the Parish Council wish to paint them in a safer environment but the cost of doing so may be greater than having them painted in situ.

e) Councillor Law advised the Parish Council that he has been invited to represent the Parish Council on the Standard Boards Committee which guides residents of the procedure for making complaints against elected members of Councils.

f) Councillor Mashiter reported on the RVBC PC Liaison Committee Meeting which he had attended with the Clerk. Items discussed included Concurrent Functions and a recently published racial crimes leaflet in which the wording was considered to be incorrect. The Borough Council has been requested to initially consider grass cutting and playground maintenance under the Concurrent Functions review.

g) A request for a dog waste bin between Berkeley Drive and Haugh Head Farm to be passed to Simonstone Parish Council for attention.

h) A request for a street light on Whins Lane between Turner Fold and Berkeley Drive to be passed to LCC to ascertain the criteria for the provision of this and what action should be taken.

i) A complaint concerning black bin bags which had been torn apart by a dog prior to being emptied by the refuse collection was noted.

19. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 02 August 2006 at 7.30pm. This will be preceded by a PACT meeting at 7.15pm.