READ PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School on Wednesday, 25 October 2006 at 7.30pm.

1. **Present**: Councillors Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), C. Law, A. Mashiter, G. Nichols District Councillors J. Hill and Mrs. C. Bartram also attended the meeting
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W. Greenhalgh, C. Pollard and D. Waterhouse

2. There were no declarations of members interests.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. **District Councillor's Report:**
a) RVBC has confirmed that a document has been located which indicates that responsibility for the maintenance of Tennyson Avenue was received from Burnley Borough Council in 1974. Councillor Hill is also requesting Lancashire Locals to consider improving the area.
b) Other items to be considered by Lancashire Locals are repainting the 'Read' A671 signs on the Devil's Elbow; painting double white lines from Dunkirk Farm to the Devil's Elbow to prevent overtaking and junction boxes on Whalley Road to alleviate traffic congestion; 30mph signs on Straits Lane and Dudley Hill.
c) Mr. Hewitt, RVBC, has not indicated when the Church Street hedge will be planted.
d) The owner of the land on Greenacres is currently trying to formulate a plan with the Borough Council for affordable housing on the site.
e) It is understood that a Planning Application for the development of a racecourse is imminent.
RVBC will write to all Fort Street garage owners advising them of the Council's terms for renting garage sites and reminding them that garages must used for the correct purpose.
f) Councillor Hill will ascertain what action is being taken concerning the empty property No. 72a Whalley Road.

5. **Footpath Nos. 11 & 11a – Gooseleach Wood:**
a) Mr. Croasdale, LCC, met a representative from the Parish Council on site to discuss what can be done to alleviate the problem of flooding which is making the footpath impassable. It was agreed that Mr. Croasdale will obtain tenders for creating a raised walkway across the footpath and to request the landowners permission to do this work. It is hoped that this may be carried out next spring.
b) Mr. Croasdale, LCC, has confirmed that the footpath diversion at Dunkirk Farm is permissible provided that it is marked as an alternative route.

6. **Senior Citizens' Party:**
Councillor Nicholls was co-opted to the sub-committee.

7. **Co-option of Parish Councillor:**
Mr. Brian Jeffery was co-opted to the Parish Council

8. **Representative's Meeting Reports:**
RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee: Items discussed included updates on Zurich Insurance for Parish Councils and the Strategic Partnership. Mr. Jagger reported on the committee meeting to at which the naming of streets was being reviewed.
Lancashire Local Meeting: Items included repairs to pavements and residents parking in Clitheroe. Items to be included in a future agenda were the 30mph speed restriction signs on Straits Lane/Dudley Hill and a cycle track across the Martholme Viaduct.
Standards Committee: Parish Council were advised on the correct procedure for dealing with breaches of the Code of Conduct.
Padiham Life: The committee will consider applications from both Parish Councils and village organisations for projects which will enhance or assist communities.

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9. **Playing Field:**

a) A barrier has been delivered to be placed across the recreation ground road which the Football Club has agreed to erect.
b) The hedges behind Fountains Avenue have been cut.
c) The dug-out has been removed but youths are still meeting on the recreation ground.
d) The hedge behind the car park adjacent to the Motor Body Shop will be cut and the clippings removed.

10. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**

No Planning Applications or Decisions have been received.

11. **Finance & Accounts:**

Two payments were authorized prior to the meeting:
a) Playsafety Ltd. – playground inspection - £84.60
b) Lindley Pate – road barrier - £131.36
The following payments were authorized:
c) Glasdon UK – dog waste bin liners - £42.84
d) Citizens Advice Bureau - s137 - £30.00
e) F. Brewer & Son – hedge cutting - £23.50
f) G. Bentley – grass & hedge cutting - £245.00

14. **Items for next Agenda:**

a) Precept 2007/08
b) Traffic problems between Nowell Grove/Woodhead Road.

15. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 06 December 2006 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.