

READ PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School on Wednesday, 13 September 2006 at 8.00pm.

Before the meeting commenced Mr. S. Bailey, Chief Planning Officer, RVBC, addressed the Parish Council on planning issues.

1. **Present:** Councillors Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), C. Law, W. Greenhalgh, A. Mashiter, G. Nichols, C. Pollard and D. Waterhouse.
District Councillor J. Hill also attended the meeting
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C. Bartram
A letter of resignation was received from Councillor T. Clarkson
2. There were no declarations of members interests.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a) There has been no response from LCC concerning the Parish Council's request for additional street lighting on Whins Lane.
 - b) Councillors expressed disappointment that Simonstone Parish Council was not prepared to provide a dog waste bin on Whins Lane.
5. **District Councillor's Report:**
 - a) RVBC will plant the Church Street hedge in the autumn
 - b) The Borough Council is currently considering making a sum of money available for Parish Councils which may be used to refurbish children's play areas.
 - c) Martholme Viaduct and the 30mph speed restrictions on Straits Lane/Dudley Hill will be discussed at the Lancashire Locals October meeting. The Straits Lane double yellow lines and other issues on the A671 will be placed on the November agenda.
 - d) RVBC legal department has located the deeds pertaining to Tennyson Avenue and is currently discussing what action can be taken to improve the area.
 - e) Letter will be sent from the Borough Council advising all Fort Street garage owners that, in the event of them removing house, the garages must be surrendered to the Borough Council and not sold as part of their property.
 - f) The owner of the Greenacres land is currently discussing the possibility of providing affordable housing on the land.
6. **Parish Council Insurance:**
Following a presentation by Zurich Municipal at the August Parish Council Liaison Meeting, the company has advised that it may be able to offer a block scheme for public liability, employers liability and limited contents cover providing at least 10 Parish Councils agree to sign up for the scheme. It was agreed that the proposed scheme would be of benefit to Read and that the Borough Council be requested to progress matters with Zurich Municipal.
7. **Proposed Diversion of Footpath No. 19:**
The proposed diversion does not alter the termination point to meet up with Footpath No.14 as the Ramblers Association has indicated preference for a route around the outside of the property. The Parish Council had no comments to make on the recommendations.
8. **Repainting 'Read' signs on the A671:**
The Parish Council will do this. LCC to be requested to provide cones for the Devil's Elbow for safety purposes.
9. **PC Liaison Meeting Report:**
Topics discussed at the meeting included Parish Council Insurance, racial/sexual discrimination and a Strategic Partnership report.

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10. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**
The following planning applications have been received:
06/0603 - Amendment to approval 05/0571 for extension on south elevation of detached garage at Hammond Field, Hammond Drive – no observations
06/0675 - Remove existing garage and re-build a new one built onto the dwelling. Rear extension to the living room with a balcony on top at 113 Whalley Road – the Parish Council supported the nearby residents views that the extension would be visually intrusive
06/0725 - Garden wall/fence on north boundary of property at 30 Straits Lane (retrospective) – no observations
06/0745 Retention of security fencing and provision of security gates to match at Coal Staithe Garage, Old Coal Staithe, Accrington Road – no observations
The following planning applications have been approved:
06/0219 Loft conversion including the addition of three dormer windows on the rear elevation and two dormer windows on the front elevation at 121 Whalley Road
06/0264 Provision of porch entrance and ground and first floor extension at 8 Victoria Lodge
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 2 Singleton Avenue
06/0507 Extend the side of existing business to allow addition PO area and less restricted all round access for customers at 72a Whalley Road
11. **Playing Field Report:**
a) A resident had expressed concern that there were no catches on the playground gates. These have been removed as they were constantly being vandalised and it was agreed that the springs ensured that the gates remained closed. Parents must be responsible for children using the playground.
12. **Allotment Chairman's Report:**
There had been a break-in on the allotments which had followed the same pattern as the previous one. Locks had been removed to avoid tracing fingerprints and to date no persons have been apprehended.
13. **Finance & Accounts:**
A payment was authorized prior to the meeting:
United Utilities - £160.18
The following payments were authorized:
Playground Safety Surveys - £55.59
LCC – use of room - £30.00
NW Air Ambulance - £30.00
Chatburn Parish Council - £21.17
14. **Councillor's Reports:**
a) LCC to be requested to inspect the grate behind the NISA store and to be advised of problems caused by vehicles double parking outside the launderette.
15. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 25 October 2006 at 7.30pm and will be preceded by a PACT Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.