

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School, Straits Lane on Wednesday, 15 April 2009 at 7.15pm

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mrs. J. Forster, Mr. B. Jeffery, Mr. C. Law, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. G. Nichols, Mr. C. Pollard and Mr. D. Waterhouse

Apologies were received from District Councillors J. Hill and J. Waddington

2. There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. **District Councillors' Report:**

The District Councillor sent a written report referring to the following points:

- a) Martholme Viaduct: meeting with landowners
- b) Whalley Road: double white lines
- c) Racecourse: request to the Marquis to clarify the current position
- d) Fort Street Garage Site: meeting with John Gorton, RVBC.

5. **Martholme Viaduct:**

A meeting to discuss the REMADE scheme with landowners has been arranged for 23 April 2009 at 7.00pm., Dunkirk Farm, to which all Councillors have been invited to attend.

6. **Fort Street Garage Site:**

John Gorton, RVBC, has advised that there are now only 3 on the waiting list for a garage, all local residents. He has requested the Council's surveyor to inspect the site and the condition of the garages

7. **Motor Body Centre Lease:**

The lease is due for renewal but this will be deferred until the outcome of the current amended Planning Application for development of the site is decided.

8. **Whalley Road:**

A meeting to be arranged with representatives from LCC and the Parish Council to view the blind bends on Whalley Road and to encourage the County Council to introduce double white lines.

9. **Read Cricket Club Lease:**

The draft lease was approved.

10. **Read United AFC:**

A request towards the cost of essential maintenance was discussed. It was agreed that the Council is sympathetic to the request but felt that it is unable to make any contribution as other village organisations are also seeking funding for projects. The Chairman will contact the football club secretary to advise of the various possibilities of obtaining grants and that the Council will support any application made.

11. **Representatives Meeting Reports:**

- a) RV Community Safety Partnership: - the majority of persons attending this meeting were

Neighbourhood Watch representatives. Discussion included Fire Safety in the Home.

b) RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee: - Items discussed were ' Floating Support' - a Calico Homes project offering support to persons needing homes; an update on the Register of Councillors Interests requirements; housing benefits - RVBC revenue and benefit services.

12. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**

Applications:

09/0167 - Formation of 8 car parking bays, 6 standard and 2 disabled to front Acremount Flats - no observations

09/0254 - Erection of an oak framed, two bay garage to the north-east of the dwelling at Old Malleys, Whins Lane - Observations: a) the design and fabric of the building is not in keeping with, and prejudicial to, the environment and amenity of the surrounding area. (i) It is unsympathetic to neighbouring properties in relation to its prominent location at the junction of Straits Lane, Whins Lane and Turner Fold. (ii) in relation to the previous planning history of the site, the proposed location of the building is inappropriate.

08/0789 Residential development (9 no. dwellings) at Read Motor Body Centre - no observations

Decisions:

09/0031 - 10 Victoria Lodge - Approved

09/0079 - Holkers Cottage, Whins Lane - Refused

09/0080 - Amendment to 08/0514, Rake Bottom - Refused

13. **Recreation Ground:**

a) The playground inspection report noted that the chains on the play activity equipment required tightening and that the swing collar appears to have slipped.

b) The litter bins are full and require emptying

c) It was agreed to get quotations for painting the wooden equipment.

14. **Allotment Chairman's Report:**

The contractor has removed all the old greenhouse bases and three plots have been let..

15. **Finance & Accounts:**

(i) The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009 have been internally audited and were approved by the Parish Council.

(ii) The following payments were authorised:

a) Ribble Valley Borough Council - grass cutting - £649.02

b) Allianz Insurance PLC - insurance - £374.44

c) Mr. G. Lambert - internal audit - £60.00

d) D. Bridge - dog waste bin service - £117.00

Receipts:

HM Revenue & Customs - VAT repayment - £292.65

16. **Items for the next Agenda:**

A. Martholme Viaduct

B. Housing development Hambledon View

C. Bus Shelter

D. RVBC Parkwise Scheme

17. The date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 20 May 2009 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm