

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School on Wednesday, 28 February 2007 at 7.30pm.

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mr. B. Jeffery, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. G. Nichols and Mr. D. Waterhouse.
Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. Law and from District Councillors Mrs. C. Bartrop and J. Hill
2. There were no declarations of members interests.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillor's Report:**
Lancashire Local Meeting, 31 January 2007
 - a) With regard to the provision of double white lines along the road out of Read towards Dunkirk Farm Mr Cook, LCC, informed the Lancashire Local Meeting that it would be necessary to undertake a survey of the road concerned and, provided it met the criteria, the requested white lining could be introduced.
 - b) Mr. Cook, LCC, also reported that it would be necessary for the Director of Environment to investigate traffic conditions in the vicinity of the Straits Lane/Whalley Road junction at Read before considering any measures to improve the control and movement of vehicles.
 - c) The clearing of the landscaped area on Tennyson Avenue between Jubilee Street and Fort Street will be referred to the Director of Environment to investigate whether the area meets the criteria for the Lancashire Small Sites Reclamation Programme.
 - d) The District Councillor is in discussion with County Councillor Atkinson and Mr. Jagger, RVBC, to use the Lancashire Local Grant to clear Tennyson Avenue and he will continue to press the Borough Council to accept responsibility.
5. **Land adjacent to Read Motor Body Centre:**
A resident has raised concerns about the sale of the land adjacent to the Motor Body Centre. He attended the meeting to discuss these with Councillors and was given assurance that the land would not be sold for affordable housing until the Parish Council was satisfied (i) that the price offered was reflected by current land prices and (ii) that the Parish Council had approved the plans to be submitted to the Borough Council.
6. **A671 Signs - Devil's Elbow:**
The Secretary to the Lancashire Local has advised the Parish Council that the £450 allocated from the highways budget towards the provision of traffic controls on the Devil's Elbow can not be allocated for other purposes. Councillor Atkinson has offered to assist with the additional cost but it was agreed that Mr. Neville be advised that the Parish Council does not wish to proceed with painting the signs, the cost being unjustified.
7. **Representatives Meeting Reports:**
Lancashire Local Meeting:
Items discussed were the volume of traffic on Simonstone Lane; the decision not to close the Petre Arms Waste Recycling Centre; speed restrictions on Dudley Hill/Whins Lane; the proposal to make permanent the present temporary arrangements preventing traffic turning right at the A59/Pendle Road junction near Clitheroe; other information detailed in the District Councillor's Report.
Police Forum:
Matters raised included the supply of badges for Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators; the appointment of two new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators in Read and Simonstone and a suggestion for alleviating parking obstruction at school times.
SLCC Annual Meeting:
 - a) The speaker was Neil Middlehurst, Sefton Council's Electoral Services Officer who briefed

Clerks on Election Procedures.

b) The Clerk's employment contract has been revised.

c) Newly appointed Clerk's will be allocated a Regional Mentor to assist them during the first 6-8 weeks of their employment and local 'Buddies' will be appointed to give further support when necessary.

RVBC Standards Committee:

Matters discussed at the meeting included RVBC Constitution (a report by the Legal Services Manager); Consultation on Revisions to the Code of Conduct; Issues arising from Representation on Outside Bodies.

8. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**

Applications:

07/0026 - New single storey extension to rear and two storey extension to side at 34 Berkeley Drive

07/0123 - Alterations to main entrance external steps on south elevation of building at The Barn, Turner Fold

Decisions:

There have been no planning decisions

9. **Playground Report:**

a) The monthly report found the equipment to be satisfactory

b) It was noted that there had been a reduction in youth nuisance following the removal of the dug-out.

10. **Allotment Report:**

No problems were reported.

11. **Finance & Accounts:**

Payments:

a) D. Bridge - dog waste bins - £117.00

b) Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition - £10.00

c) Ribble Valley Borough Council - Newsletter printing - £16.00

Receipts:

There are no receipts

12. **Items for next agenda:**

Proposed Racecourse.

13. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Thursday, 05 April 2007 at 7.30pm following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.