

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School, Straits Lane on Wednesday, 2 July 2008 at 7.30pm

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mrs. J. Forster, Mr. C. Law, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. G. Nichols, Mr. C. Pollard and Mr. D. Waterhouse  
District Councillor J. Hill also attended the meeting  
Apologies were received from Mr. B. Jeffery and District Councillor J. Waddington
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillor's Report:**
  - a) Lancs. CC have carried out a traffic survey of vehicles travelling along the A671 through Read and Simonstone together with a pedestrian count. Despite statistical evidence the County Council has advised that the criteria has not been met for safety measures to be introduced at the lowest level. Simonstone Parish Council has suggested that a meeting be held with Read Councillors to discuss the issue.
  - b) The District Councillor drew attention to the RVBC Local Development Framework meeting to be held in the Council Offices on Monday, 7 July. Two representatives from Read Parish Council will attend the meeting.
  - c) The residents at Coal Staithe have been requested by the Borough Council to bring their wheeled bins to the edge of the main Whalley/Great Harwood road for collection which could cause a serious hazard to vehicles should they blow over. The Parish Council agreed to support the residents request to have the decision reviewed.
  - d) The next Lancashire Local meeting will be held on 16 July 2008 at Ribblesdale High School, Clitheroe.
5. **Vehicle Obstruction - Straits Lane :**  
There has been no response from Mr. Nugent, LCC, to the Council's request for double yellow lines between Lovely Cottage and Nowell Grove but the correspondence has been acknowledged and copies sent to Brian Cooke, LCC. It was agreed to make a formal complaint to the County Council expressing the Council's concern at the lack of communication by Mr. Nugent.
6. **Parking - Read Church:**  
The school Headmistress has approached the Vicar to discuss parking at the church but this will not be possible as the church park is required for funerals, services and other functions.
7. **Read Hall Footpath Obstruction:**  
Alan Croasdale, LCC, will arrange to have the Read Hall/Read Old Bridge footpath inspected to determine whether there is sufficient width for pedestrians and will report back to the Parish Council.
8. **Cricket Club Lease:**  
Two of the Heads of Terms have been queried by the Cricket Club and a meeting has been arranged to discuss these on Thursday, 3 July 2008 at 7.30pm.
9. **Representatives Reports:**  
**Lancashire Local:** Representatives attended the Budget Allocation Sub-committee meeting and reported that Read's request for further lighting on back Whalley Road has been approved. The request to have the Read signs on the Devil's Elbow was refused but the work has since been carried out by Councillor Mashiter and his wife during LCC work requiring traffic signals. The Council thanked Mr. Mashiter sincerely for carrying out this essential maintenance. He reported that the County Council workforce had been extremely co-operative.

RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Meeting: Matters discussed were the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) and Age Concern, Lancashire.

10. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**

The following applications were received and approved

Applications:

08/0442 - Rear elevation: modify roof to include a full dormer with a flat roof. Modify existing window openings to provide patio door sets. Front elevation: modify existing flat roofed dormer with dormer with a pitched roof. Install one additional pitch roofed dormer. Remove existing chimney stack. Alterations to internal space at 8 St Johns Close

08/0466 - Alteration to approved application 07/0702. Two storey rear extension and single storey side porch at 1 Read Hall Cottages, Hammond Drive

08/0502 - Dormer window to rear elevation and conversion of roof space to provide two bedrooms and a bathroom at 93 Whalley Road

08/0506 - Extension above garage at 18 Berkeley Drive

08/0466 - Alteration to approved application 07/0702. Two storey rear extension and single storey side porch at 1 Read hall Cottages

08/0502 - Dormer window to rear elevation and conversion of roof space to provide two bedrooms and a bathroom at 93 Whalley Road

Decisions:

No planning decisions have been received

11. **Playing Field & Allotments:**

a) The weekly playground inspection found the gate faulty and it was possible that dogs could enter the area. Several types of catch were discussed and it was agreed to monitor the gate and make a decision at the next meeting.

b) It was unfortunate that there had been an extended dry spell following the laying of the turf which had caused this to shrink and die. It was agreed that the work had been carried out correctly and that the contractor has arranged to sow grass seed.

c) The rough area on the springy bulldozer will be sanded.

d) The bins are not being emptied by the Borough Council and it was noted that this was a problem throughout the village. The District Councillor as confident that the matter would be resolved when the wheeled bin final phase has satisfactorily concluded.

e) It was agreed to purchase a post for Allotment 5a/7a.

12. **Finance & Accounts:**

The following payments were authorised:

D. Bridge - Dog Waste Bin Collection - £117.00

Glasdon UK - Dog waste bin sacks - £46.47

G. Bentley - Playground refurbishment - £980.00

A. Mashiter - paint - £30.91

J. Pallister - legal fees - £293.75

Receipts:

There have been no receipts.

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

A. Dudley Hill Well

B. Vehicle Obstruction - Whalley Road

14. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 3 September 2008 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.