

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School, Straits Lane on Monday, 6 October 2008 at 7.45pm.

Before the meeting commenced Roy Halliday, Project Development and Management Officer, Lancashire County Council, gave a presentation on the Simonstone Greenway Project and answered questions concerning the Martholme Viaduct link to Great Harwood. He gave assurances that he would discuss the possibility of prioritising this with Lancashire County Council.

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mrs. J. Forster, Mr. B. Jeffery, Mr. C. Law, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Waterhouse  
County Councillor Atkinson & District Councillor Waddington also attended the meeting  
Apologies were from District Councillor J. Hill
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillor's Report:**  
The District Councillor gave a written report which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.. The points raised concerned:
  - a) Deliveries to the Convenience Store - possible contravention of planning conditions
  - b) Fort Street Garage site - non surrendering of tenancy
  - c) 72 Whalley Road - consideration of a request to have the property made available for use by village organisations
  - d) Racecourse - there has been no move towards the submission of a planning application
  - e) Nowell Grove/Straits Lane double yellow lines & implementation of new 30mph speed enforcement - there has been no response from Mr. Nugent, LCC, and the District Councillor will continue to pursue the matter through Lancashire Local.
  - f) Playground - a representative from Simonstone Parish Council will attend the meeting to discuss setting up a committee to oversee the playground.
5. **RoSPA Playground Inspection Report :**  
The only matters brought to the Council's attention concerned the timber frame around the individual items of equipment. This has been rectified by levelling off the surface and covering with grass.
6. **Best Kept Village Competition:**  
The Chairman expressed disappointment that Read had not been mentioned in the final results of the 2008 competition. She urged residents to keep areas surrounding their properties litter and weed free and asked the Council to consider assisting with a general tidy-up prior to the 2009 competition.
7. **Representatives Reports:**
  - a) Lancashire Police Authority: - Items discussed included i) Crime in the Ribble Valley has been reduced this year by 6%; ii) the request for a crossing beside the convenience store was refused; iii) consideration be given to setting up a partnership between youths and the elderly.
  - b) RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee: - Items discussed included:
    - i) LCC Parish and Town Council Charter - the draft charter has been published and it was agreed that Read makes appropriate observations; ii) abolition of Post Office Card Accounts; iii) BT telephone box closures; iv) Changes to the Constitution of Lancashire Local.
8. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**  
Applications:  
08/0186 - Redevelopment of site with ground floor retail unit and four apartments at Friendship Garage (Withdrawn)  
08/0392 - <0.1ha - installation of a 10kw wind powered generator on a 12m free standing column

in field at Read Heights - no observations

08/0771 - Proposed alterations associated with the installation of a spiral wine cellar store in side of existing garage at The Close, Read Hall - no observations

08/0777 - Construction of outbuilding to house swimming pool and garages at White Hill, Back Lane - no observations

08/0789 Residential development (9 no. dwellings) at Read Motor Body Centre - the Council supported this application which would improve the area.

Decisions:

No planning decisions have been received

9. **Recreation Ground:**

a) The monthly inspection reported that the springy toy had tipped forward at the front and required stabilising.

b) Read United AFC to be requested to remove the soil which was surplus to requirement and had been left beside the dug-out area.

c) A representative from Simonstone Parish Council attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a closer working relationship with Read to oversee the maintenance of the playground and other joint ventures. It was agreed that initially two representatives from each Council would meet to discuss the playground and report back at the next meeting.

10. **Finance & Accounts:**

The following payments were authorised:

a) D. Bridge - Dog Waste Bin Collection - £117.00

b) Playsafety Ltd. - annual playground inspection - £84.60

Receipts:

There have been no receipts

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

A. Garage Site, George Lane

B. Hammond Drive empty plot

C. Martholme Viaduct

D. Precept 2009/10

12. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 19 November 2008 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.