

A meeting of the Parish Meeting was held in Read School, Straits Lane on Wednesday, 14 October 2009 at 7.30pm.

Before the meeting commenced Mr. Hirst, RVBC, discussed the inclusion of Hammond Field in the SHLAA document. The Borough Council has a legal responsibility to consider all land identified by landowners prepared to sell for development. He suggested that the Parish Council forms a Committee with residents to consider and respond to any future correspondence concerning the Local Development Framework Plan.

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mr. C. Law, Mr. B. Jeffery, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. G. Nichols, Mr. C. Pollard and Mr. D. Waterhouse  
County Councillor Atkinson also attended the meeting  
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. J. Forster, District Councillors J. Hill and J. Waddington and PCSO Matt Thornton
2. There were no declarations of Councillors' interests.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **Police Report:**  
There was no police report
5. **District Councillor's Report:**  
There was no District Councillor's Report
6. **Clerk's Report:**  
In addition to the written report a communication has been received from Ms. Pallister, Land Agent, advising that Brian Homes have again expressed interest in purchasing the strip of land adjacent to the recreation ground car park.
7. **Youth Facilities for Read & Simonstone:**  
The meeting was attended by a youth representative who discussed the lack of facilities for young people in Read and Simonstone with Councillors. He requested that the Parish Council viewed facilities in other areas in the Ribble Valley particularly those providing Skateboard/BMX parks, all weather pitches and youth clubs. County Councillor Atkinson agreed to pass this request to Lancashire County Council for consideration and it was also noted that the Borough Council is proposing to purchase a mobile skateboard facility for use by all parishes in the Ribble Valley.
8. **RoSPA Playground Report:**  
Arrangements were made to have the timber removed from around the bark area and to paint the junior swing.
9. **Martholme Viaduct:**  
County Councillor Atkinson expressed frustration at the lack of progress to have the 800 metre length of disused railway between Martholme Lane and footpath No. 11 prioritised to create a right of way. He agreed that this would be an asset both for local people and for tourists. The landowner has continued to oppose this and delay the scheme from going forward. County Councillor Atkinson will now discuss this with the relevant Portfolio Holders to press for action and will ascertain from Jane Turner, LCC Legal Officer, exactly what was said at the recent meeting with landowner.
10. **Bus Shelter:**  
It was agreed to apply for a grant towards the provision of a bus shelter on the north side of Whalley Road.

11. **Land adjacent to Read Motor Body Centre:**  
It was agreed to inspect the land between the Motor Body Centre and car park to ascertain whether this had been cleared and tidied in accordance with the lease. If this has not been done Contractors will be approached to do the work and the invoice sent to the Motor Body Centre for payment.
12. **Read United AFC - renewal of Lease:**  
It was agreed to renew the Lease in January 2010 for a further three years. There will be no increase in rent.
13. **Representatives' Reports:**  
**RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee:** Items discussed included plans to database Parish Council records and a survey to ascertain areas which require traffic calming, speed humps or double yellow lines.
14. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**  
09/0686 - Two storey extension of existing farmhouse into adjoining agricultural barn - remaining part of barn to remain in agricultural use at Lower Read Wood Farm - no observations  
09/0705 - (Retrospective): - Alteration to front entrance door with peaked roof over, new window over garage door, change to window design to front elevation, new approach to door at rear of garage, and new bedroom window to rear elevation replaced with inward opening double doors and balustrade at 44 Woodhead Road - no observations  
**Decisions:**  
08/0789 - Read Motor Body Centre (amended) - Approved  
09/0470 - 28 George Lane - Approved  
09/0592 - Holkers Cottage (Re-submission) - Approved
15. **Finance & Accounts:**  
**Payments Authorised:**  
a) S. Gidley - Dog Waste Bins October - £48.00  
b) F. Brewer & Son - Hedgecutting - £23.00  
**Receipts:**  
Ribble Valley Borough Council - Concurrent Functions Grant - £614.89  
Read Cricket Club - £30.00
16. **Items for the next Agenda:**  
A. Senior Citizens' Party  
B. Land adjacent to Read Motor Body Centre
17. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 25 November 2009 at 7.30pm  
  
The meeting closed at 8.25pm.