



# READ PARISH COUNCIL

## Autumn/Winter Newsletter 2016

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

#### *Dear Residents*

How time flies since my appointment as Chairman of the council earlier this year, and what an eventful year it has been so far, with both good and unfortunately bad things happening in the village. So far we have seen the closure of Read Library, and the cancellation of some bus routes through the village this year. As a parish council we have tried our best to prevent these happening, and have made our views clear to the appropriate authorities, but to no avail.

So on a positive note what has the Council done so far this year? Here are some of the highlights for me so far: -

- **Resurfacing of the church footpath from Straits Lane to St John's Gate**
- **A new parish council notice board at the end of the church path on Straits Lane**
- **Installation of a new Picnic bench on the playground**
- **Offering an opinion on planning matters to be considered by the planning authority.**

There really are too many other activities to mention; they all require a great deal of background work that is traditionally shared between the clerk, council members and volunteers. As I mentioned in my last report, good council work is truly a fully inclusive community effort.

On that note I would also like to thank Bill Harrison for his time as a Parish Councillor, unfortunately Bill has needed to resign from the parish council, and his support will be sadly missed by us all. I am however, happy to welcome Jodie Crosland as a new Parish Councillor, I am sure that she will enjoy her time on the council, and will make a valuable contribution to the life of the village.

Finally, I can assure you all that you are welcome to come to any Parish Council meeting. The dates are available on our web-site and also the notice board, and we allow 15 minutes for you to speak to councillors about any problems you may have. You can also of course contact any of the Councillors by telephone, our numbers are on our web-site and also on the Parish Notice Board, situated at the end of the Church path on Straits Lane. Or as many people do you can raise a query directly on the website. For those that don't do computers, you can of course still write in the traditional way.

*Regards*

*Peter Collinge*  
*Chairman*

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## Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

This year the Parish Council are holding their

Christmas Party for Senior Citizens on

**SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2016**

at Read St John's Primary School, Straits Lane, Read

1pm-4pm.

Eligible residents: aged over 65

**We look forward to seeing you**

Please complete the form below and return to: -

Shirley Bridge, Clerk to the Council, 5 St John's Close, Read BB12 7RL

if you would like to attend.



NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form by 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016*

# Read Parish Plan 2016

Dear Resident

As you will be aware, Read Parish Council is currently reviewing the Parish Plan to improve its services and plan for the future. This questionnaire is a vital part of the process and an excellent opportunity for you to voice your opinions. The more responses we get the more effective the final plan will be so please take ten minutes to fill out a copy.

All the information you provide is anonymous, so please be as honest as possible in answering.

***Once complete please return to the Clerk, Mrs Shirley Bridge, 5 St John's Close, Read BB12 7RL by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016.***

Thank you.

## Future development

Q.1 Would you support any of the following developments in the Parish, if they were proposed?

	Yes	No	Don't know
New housing (general)			
Low cost housing			
Social rented housing			
Local occupancy housing			
New commercial sites			
New tourism facilities			
Wind Farms			

## Q.2 How do you visualise your community in 10 years?

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## Parish Facilities

Q.3 How would you rate the following parish facilities in general?

	Very poor	Poor	Okay	Good	Very Good
Playground					
Allotments					
Public Footpaths					
Church Street Gardens					

Further comments or Suggestions

### Roads & Traffic

Q.4 Do you think current speed limits in the parish are appropriate?

Yes

No

Don't know

Further comments or Suggestions

Q.5 How would you rate the following within the Parish?

	Very Poor	Poor	Okay	Good	Very Good
Verge Maintenance					
Road Surface Maintenance					
Road Markings					
Signage					
Bus services					

Further comments or Suggestions

### Drainage & Flooding

Q.6 Have you been directly affected by flooding in the past 2 years?

Yes

No

Q.7 If yes, where do you think are the worst affected locations in the Parish?

Q.8 What do you think can be done to reduce the problem of flooding?

Rural Character and Community

Q.9 What characteristics do you value most about living in the parish?

Q.10 What characteristics do you like least about living in the parish?

Policing and Crime Prevention

Q.11 How concerned are you about levels of crime in the parish?

Not at all Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Neutral	Quite Concerned	Very Concerned
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Q.12 How effective do you think PACT (Police and Communities Together) is on local policing and community safety priorities?

Not at all Effective	Not Very Effective	Neutral	Quite Effective	Very Effective
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Q.13 Which of the following would you prefer to use to contact your local Police officer? (Tick one)

Telephone

Text message

Call centre

Email

Parish Council

Q.14 How would you like to receive information about your Parish Council and local area? (Tick all that apply)

Newsletter

Noticeboards

Email

Website

Facebook

Q.15 If there are any issues you feel are important but have not been raised so far, please let us know about them in the space below.

Q.17 Which of the following age groups do you fall into?

16-25

26-40

41-55

56-70

Over 70

Q.18 Are you:

Male

Female

***Thank you for completing our questionnaire – please return your completed questionnaire to:***

***Mrs Shirley Bridge***

***Clerk to the Parish Council***

***5 St John's Close***

***Read***

***BB12 7RL***

***by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2016***