

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

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## Winter Newsletter 2012

### **Recent news**

During the past six months the Parish Council have widened the Church path from the Greenacre path to the school gates and also installed new equipment on the playground. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the recently formed Read and Simonstone Youth Council for their help in choosing the new equipment and a special thanks to Whatmore Industries for their generous funding which made these projects possible.

### **Councillors**

In July this year Councillor Sam Bruce resigned from the Parish Council. We have now co-opted Lisa Snape as a new Parish Councillor. Lisa became a councillor in August this year.

"I have been a resident of Read and Simonstone for over 20 years, and live on Jubilee Street, with my husband Russell and daughter Niamh, I am employed at Senator International Limited as Group HR Advisor. I am actively involved in village life, and enjoy community cohesion events, such as The Eden's Project – Big Lunch, which encourages residents to share lunch together, in the style of a street party. I am interested in local issues and the role of the Parish Council and in particular the formation of the Youth Council which is an initiative that should be supported and encouraged"

### **New Bus Shelter**

When the Parish Council initially decided to install a bus shelter in 2011 we received objections from residents of Whalley Road. The objections mainly centered around concerns that a shelter would obstruct the view and access to residents and could become a meeting point for youths and a nuisance to residents.

Taking into account the fact that this bus stop, which has been in existence for over 40 years and has, since the alteration of the bus routes become the most used stop in the village, the P.C decided unanimously that the needs of the public transport users of the village, many of whom are elderly, far outweighed the residents objections.

The residents of 62, 64, 66 and 68 Whalley Road were informed of the reasons for our decision to install a shelter in a letter sent in March 2012; a copy was sent to Nigel Evans MP who had been contacted about this matter by the residents of no.66. No replies were received to any of these letters.

Sadly during the period that the resident's objections were being considered Lancashire County Council bus shelter grants were withdrawn and the full cost of the shelter had to be borne by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is aware that many public transport users feel that the new shelter is inadequate but would point out that the shelter was chosen taking into account the financial constraints, the desire due to residents concerns not to erect a shelter that was visually over intrusive and the physical space on the footpath. No side panels were fitted due to the need to maintain the recommended footway width of 1.7 metres.

Please note that residents are always welcome to attend our meetings. 15 minutes are set aside for public participation at the beginning of each meeting.

Taking into account the information overleaf:

1) Do you think the Parish Council should consider installing a more substantial shelter in Whalley Road and resite the existing shelter at the bus stop in Straits Lane?

2) Do you feel the seating in the shelter is suitable?

3) Are you a regular public transport user (more than once per week)?

4) Do you have your own transport?

Any other comments you wish to make

The Parish Council appreciates the views of residents and would ask if you could complete the above questionnaire and return via Read Library or any Parish Councillor.



### Senior Citizens Christmas Party

REF \_\_\_\_\_

This year the Parish Council are holding their Christmas Party for Senior Citizens on

**SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER 2012**

at Read St Johns Primary School, Straits Lane, Read  
**1pm-4pm.**

Eligible residents: MEN over 65 + guest, WOMEN over 60 + guest

Please complete the form below and return to **Shirley Bridge, Clerk to Read Parish Council, 5 St Johns Close, Read BB12 7RL** if you would like to attend.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

I will be bringing a guest YES/NO