

READ PARISH COUNCIL

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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2013

Message from the Chairman (Councillor Doreen Collinson)

In May of this year I was made Chairman of Read Parish Council following Councillor Clifton Pollard standing down as Chairman. Clifton has been the Chairman for the past two years and I would like to thank him for all his work during this time. I have been Chairman before so I do know a lot about the work involved and also the people of Read.

We have had two long standing councillors retiring this year. Mr Alan Mashiter and Mr David Waterhouse. They were both on the council when I last served and were of great help to me and to Read. I was sorry to hear of the death of David on 9th October this year. He was a true gentleman.

As Alan was the Chairman of the Allotments, we have had to rearrange this position and I am pleased to say we now have a newly formed committee made up of 5 allotment holders and I chair this committee. We hold meetings where any comments can be aired but the council still rent out and take names of people wanting to take on an allotment. We have recently been successful in securing a Green Partnership Award to be used on the allotments for improvement of the perimeter fencing.

We have recently co-opted two new members to the council. Mrs Gill Rostron and Mr Alan Davies. May I welcome them and hope they enjoy their new roles.

May I take this opportunity to thank caring dog owners for their use of the dog bins. The Parish Council work hard to reduce dog fouling in the village and over recent years we have made the decision to install 6 extra dog bins around the village. Dog owners have no excuse for not cleaning up after their dogs and in conjunction with Ribble Valley Borough Council we aim to make every effort to reduce dog fouling. Unfortunately, the minority of irresponsible dog owners who refuse to clean up after their dogs are spoiling it for everyone else.

Lancashire County Council have recently installed 20 mph signs around the village and I ask that drivers take note of the new speed restrictions. We feel sure that this measure will safeguard all residents, in particular our children.

Parking of cars within the village continues to be an increasing problem. The Parish Council work closely with the police in ensuring that cars are not parked inappropriately and we also encourage use of the public car park adjoining the playground. One of the problems is drivers trying to get out from the side streets onto the main road when cars parked on the pavement are obstructing the view. Also residents trying to get on buses when lorries are parked blocking the view. We ask everyone to park politely and not cause an obstruction.

Messages from our two new parish councillors

Councillor Alun Davies

Although born, raised and educated in South West Wales, I have spent most of my working life in East Lancashire – having moved here immediately after university with my wife Christine.

I have extensive industrial and commercial experience having worked for three multinational companies; additionally experience of, and in, local government.

We moved to Read some 5 years ago, from South Wales, following a temporary secondment with work, and where I finished my industrial career.

I would like to think I have taken an interest and being involved in the community in those 5 years, and look forward to an active participation in its future development and wellbeing as a Parish Councillor.

Councillor Gillian Rostron

I have enjoyed living in Read for the past ten years with my family. I spent my childhood closely in Northtown (between Simonstone and Sabden) and my husband Stuart lived in the village for most of his childhood. We have a daughter Amelia who attends Read School, where I have been an active member of the Friends of Read School for the past six years. I am also involved with Read and Simonstone Players.

I love the community feel of the village and am dedicated in continuing to make it a great place to live by being an active member of the Parish Council.

Noticeboard

Keep up to date with Parish Council activities and details of meetings etc. The notice board is located on Jubilee Street, outside the Village Bakery. Local non-for-profit organisations wishing to include posters to publicise events etc should contact the Clerk, Mrs Shirley Bridge, 5 St Johns Close, Read.

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.

Parish Councillors contact details

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| Chairman | Mrs Doreen Collinson, 4 Jubilee Street, Read | 01282 778582 |
| Vice Chairman | Mr Gerald Nichols, 9 Nowell Grove, Read | 01282 773391 |

Councillors

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| Mr Richard Bennett, 14 Straits Lane, Read | 07931 442540 |
| Mr Alun Davies, East Cottage, George Lane, Read | 01282 773699 |
| Mr Clifton Pollard, 31 Beaufort Close, Read | 01282 774217 |
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Clerk

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| Mrs Shirley Bridge, 5 St John's Close, Read | 01282 774393 |
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Senior Citizens Christmas Party

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

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 2013

at Read St Johns Primary School, Straits Lane, Read

1pm-4pm.

Eligible residents: MEN over 65 + partner, WOMEN over 65 + partner

Please complete and return to

Cllr Doreen Collinson, 4 Jubilee Street, Read if you would like to attend.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

I will be bringing a guest YES/NO