

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

14/01/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 at 7pm.**

**Present:** Chairman Councillor G Rostron  
Councillors Harrison, Nichols, Hanson, Davies  
**In attendance:** Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

5 members of the public attended

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillors Collinson, Snape, Pollard
2. **Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations**
  - 2.1 **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**  
None received
  - 2.2 **To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**
  - 2.3 **To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate**
3. **To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting (held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014)**– the minutes were approved
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** – there were no matters arising.
5. **Public participation:**
  - It was reported that although a temporary repair has been made to the noisy grate at the bottom of Straits Lane it is still a problem (this will be reported to the Highways Department),
  - Westby Homes building site Whins Lane several problems have occurred at the building site. During the recent bad weather the grid fencing at the edge of the site has blown down and fallen into the road and also the dog bins has been obstructed,
  - Dr Baker – Martholme Greenway Group – asked if the council could ensure that support for the opening of Martholme Viaduct was retained when the current Parish Plan was revised. He also sought representation from the parish council on the support group but this was declined in line with the resolution made at the previous meeting. He also handed over a copy of the recent campaign for the attention of councillors.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report – none received**
7. **Clerk's Report** - ref: meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 Item 10e) Black Hill Road/Car Park – the council have previously resolved to lend their support to this initiative. This initiative now has support from both Sabden and Simonstone Parish Councils.
8. **Reports from external meetings:-**
  - No PACT meeting had taken place since the previous report  
**Simonstone Parish Council –**
  - the parish council have been thanked for the insertion of the missing names on the War Memorial
  - Mr Jeffries will lead a Mystery Walk which will hopefully take place in April.
  - Councillors were interested in a training course – Community Engagement which will take place on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2015, provided through LALC.

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## 9. Playground:

- a) To receive the playground inspection report** – Glass was reported again on and around the toddlers slide. Litter was also removed.
- b) Repairs and maintenance** –none

## 10. Decision Items

### a) Senior Citizens Party

#### Report from Chairman

71 people attended - including guests

They enjoyed the meal and I have had e mails and word of mouth that the entertainment and meal were very good.

I have sent letters to the youth council thanking them for helping. I would like to thank the councillors who came and helped both on Friday night and on the day.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- **Date for next year Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015,**
- **The funds raised by the Chairman's 'At Home' and other donations were not required to support the event and will remain ring fenced for other initiatives.**

**b) Parish Plan review** – The working group assigned to this item will be meeting in the near future and will report to the next meeting.

### c) Fort Street garage site

Councillors discussed this matter at length and reviewed developments to date.

**RESOLVED:** To make a representation to RVBC requesting that the parish council have a much greater say in how the site is administered.

## 11. Correspondence

- SLCC – Regional Roadshow Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – this to be referred to the February meeting.
- LCC – the clerk to investigate the possibility of obtaining partial funding from the Parish Champion to support the installation of a new street light on back Whalley Road.

**12. Highways Matters** – Councillor Davies reported that he met with Simon Bucknell before Christmas to discuss some urgent highways matters. Readwood Road and Whins Lane (Trapp Lane to George Lane) will be repaired in the near future but the George Lane to Read Old Bridge road needs resurfacing and this is not possible within the current budget constraints. George Lane double yellow lines – LCC have monitored this junction and do not believe this area to be a problem. As a stop gap measure they have agreed to paint white H marks to help improve congestion. Bus Stop – Whalley Road – the parish council have previously requested a bus bay is made here as several residents have reported problems. This will need to go out to consultation with local residents. Street markings from Mary's Farm to Hammond Drive will be improved.

## 13. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

### **3/2014/1015 Land adjacent (south of) The Barn, George Lane, Read BB12 7RD**

Removal of condition 8 of planning consent 3/2014/0610 to allow use of upvc doors and windows.

#### **Response**

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

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**3/2014/1014 Land adjacent (south of) The Barn, George Lane, Read BB12 7RD**  
Removal of condition 9 of planning consent 3/2014/0610 to allow use of upvc doors and windows.

### Response

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

### 3/2014/1083 High House Farm, Read BB12 7RY

Erection of a 36.5m x 16.7m agricultural storage building

### Response

The Parish Council have no objections to the proposed development but ask that permission be granted on the condition that the buildings are used only for the reasons stated on the application.

### 3/2014/1082 12 Nowell Grove, Read BB12 7PG Proposed extension of a dormer dwelling at first floor level.

Re-submission of Application 3/2012/0242

### Response

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

#### 14 a) Payments

Payee	Type of expenditure	Amount
S Bridge	Petty Cash	£40.00
D Collinson	SCP sundries	£38.36
L Varo	SCP catering	£280.00
United Utilities Aug-Nov	Allotment water	125.07
D Malley	Payroll services	£24.00
G Rostron	SCP sundries	£69.45
S Bridge	Salary Oct-Dec	£554.24
S Bridge	General Admin	£155.05
HMRC	PAYE Oct-Dec	£138.40

#### b) Income

Daniel Thwaites – re- imbursement for playground repairs	£342.00
Interest	£0.31
SCP Fund donations	£26.60

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## c) Bank reconciliation as 2014

Opening Balances 01.04.14		
Opening Balances 01.04.14	£12,328.77	
Community Account	£12,328.77	
Business Saver Account	£2,518.71	£14,847.48
Add: Receipts		£11,922.82
Less: Payments		£13,442.39
Balance		£13,327.91

## d) Finance report

Cost centre		Budget 2014 2015	Expenditure to date (net of VAT)	Residue
100	Clerk's Salary	2,759	2,078	681
101	General Admin	2,345	1,178	1,167
102	Grass cutting	634	633	1
103	Lengthsman Scheme	700	670	30
104	Dog Bin Collection	1,044	1,040	4
105	Allotments water + maintenance	750	458	292
106	Playground ROSPA + maintenance	92	92	0
108	Senior Citizens Party	500	417	83
109	Donations S137	315	0	315
110	Audit	325	160	165
111	Training	130	63	67
112	Legal Fees	200	0	200
113	Contingency	700	442	258
199	VAT		1,407	
200	Capital Replacement	7,730	5,038	2,692
201	Whatmore Funding	11,284	0	11,284

## 15. Items for the next agenda

- Spring Newsletter
- Parish Plan
- Fort Street garage site
- Read Motor Body Lease

The meeting ended at 8.25pm