

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held at United Reformed Church, East View, Read BB12 7PS on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at the conclusion of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.**

**Present:** Chairman: Councillor Gill Rostron  
Councillors: Collinson, Gandy, Hanson  
**In attendance:** Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

7 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies for absence were received from Councillors Collinge, Bennett, Snape and Crosland..
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** – none received.
  - 2.3 **To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate**
3. **To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting (held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017)** – the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** - there were no matters arising.
5. **Public participation:**
  - One resident was unhappy that the parish council meetings are now held at alternating venues – United Reformed Church and St John's Church, Vestry. She preferred the United Reformed Church venue as it was nearer her home. The meeting dates and venues are now set for 2017. Councillors had resolved to use alternative venues across the village to make it easier for residents from different parts of the village to attend meetings.
  - In addition to this the resident reported that the footpath from Greenacres to the Church Path is not in good order. This matter will be investigated by the Clerk.
  - Dr Barker, Chair of the Martholme Greenway Group gave an update on progress to date. Planning permission has been granted for the creation of new steps and two bridges for the Simonstone Lane to Gooseleach Wood stretch of the project and it is hoped this will be completed in early June. The group have raised funding of £34,000 to date which will be used to complete work on footpaths.

## 6. **Borough Councillor's Report** **Councillor had submitted a written report to the meeting**

*. 1)Following representations on behalf of the Hammond Action Group and villagers in general, by myself as Councillor and The Action Group's expert, the planning committee again unanimously refused the latest application by the developers. It remains to be seen what their next move is but they know that whether they choose to reapply or appeal they will have a fight on their hands. They are undoubtedly aware of the strength of local feeling against this application.*

*2)I reported the falling of the old bus sign onto the pavement on Straits Lane to Lancashire County Council on the day it fell. It was reported as a hazard as indeed was the remaining protruding stump. It took LCC all day and 2 telephone reminders by myself for someone to attend and merely throw the bus sign over the wall into the School Field and then place a*

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*cone over the stump. Needless to say this is still the situation. I am told despite this being reported a hazard they have 21 days to act because of 'cut backs'.*

*This situation is intolerable and I have lodged an official complaint.*

7. Clerk's Report - none

8. Reports from external meetings: None

9. Playground:

*a) To receive the playground inspection report – all equipment checked and in good working order.*

*b) Repairs and maintenance – maintenance report*

## Repairs

- The double gates have been replaced by the Lengthsman this month. The old gates were rotten and beyond repair.*
- There has been some vandalism on the playground during the last two weeks. The police have been informed and have produced a poster for us that will hopefully put an end to the vandalism. The damage done to a plywood panel on the junior slide will be repaired by the Lengthsman.*
- It is proposed that the small gate into the Cricket Club car park is now blocked off as the adult footballers will no longer be using the football field and using the playground as a short cut.*
- It is proposed that we have a new sign by the adult equipment to advise that the equipment is not safe for children, as advised by ROSPA.*

10. Allotment Chairman's report:

The Allotment Holders Annual General Meeting is planned for May this year. The Allotment Chairman will consult with the Allotment Committee and select a suitable date. The event to be held at Read Constitutional Club and will include a pie and pea supper after the meeting.

## 11. Decision Items

**a) Football field** – Councillors received details of the proposed lease arrangements for the Football field.

**RESOLVED: To lease the football field to Readstone United Football Club from June 2017 for twelve months. At the end of this rental lease the Parish Council will consult with the Read Cricket and Bowling Club regarding their development plans which will incorporate the football field and kick-about area.**

**b) Communications Group** – the Communications Group met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. They submitted a report to the meeting outlining their discussions and ideas.

### **RESOLVED:**

- It was resolved to move forward with the idea to ask children at St John's Primary School to help with the design of a logo for the Parish Council. Councillor Crosland will take this idea forward. A £10 prize was agreed for the best idea.**
- It was resolved to compile an on-line survey following the paper survey in November 2016. This to be made available on the Facebook page and also the website. This will give more information to input into the**

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revised parish plan.

- It was resolved to hold the Senior Citizens Party on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 at Read St John's Primary School. Lisa Varo to be booked for catering and also the Sparkle Sisters for the entertainment.
- It was resolved to hold the Christmas Tree switch on event on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

**c) Parish Plan** – the paper survey which was sent out in November 2016 had a very disappointing response and more input is needed before a revised plan can be formulated. The proposed on-line survey will hopefully increase the responses of residents. In addition to this it is hoped to commence engagement with local businesses with a view to having their responses considered.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved to seek further input before the revised parish plan is formulated.

**d) Defibrillator** – the new defibrillator donated by the British Heart Foundation has now been installed on the graveyard wall at St Johns Church, Read. This equipment will need to be checked on a weekly basis and any problems reported back to the British Heart Foundation.

**e) Civic Sunday arrangements** - this event is planned for 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and is a joint venture with Simonstone Parish Council. The service will be at 9.30am at St John's Church, Read with refreshments at Read Cricket and Bowling Club from 11.30am-2pm. The Clerk for Read Parish Council is responsible for dealing with invites for Read and the Clerk for Simonstone Parish Council being responsible for invites for Simonstone. Possible total number of invites – 40.

## 12. Correspondence

Two items of correspondence were recorded: -

1. *A request from Simonstone Parish Council for Read Parish Council to support the proposal and donate £50 to the newly formed Village Hall committee. Councillors did not support this idea in principle and felt that if a donation was made to this project a donation should be made to all the recent development projects from different organisations in the village. This to be an agenda item at the next meeting.*
2. *A letter has been received from Mr C Pollard dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. His main concern is that the paper survey which was sent out in November 2016 did not contain a specific question regarding Martholme Greenway and he has concerns regarding how the information from the survey will be used in the production of the revised parish plan. A reply has been compiled and forwarded to Mr Pollard.*

## 13. Highways Matters

Parish Councillors noted the Highways Report.

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## 14. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

### **Planning Application No: 3/2017/0115**

Proposal: Alterations to roof design of dwelling approved under planning permission 3/2013/0513 and erection of garage.

Location: 8 Hammond Drive, Read BB12 7RE

Response required by: 14th March 2017

#### RESPONSE

28th February 2017

The Parish Council have no objections to this proposal.

### **Planning Application No: 3/2017/0107**

Proposal: Two storey extension to side and rear. Single storey extension to the side

Location: 2 Beaufort Close, Read BB12 7QF

Response required by: 20th March 2017

#### RESPONSE

1st March 2017

The Parish Council have no objection to this application.

### **Planning Application No: 3/2017/0217**

Proposal: Discharge of condition 1 (start date of development), condition 2 (permission must relate to the proposal as shown on the drawings submitted), condition 3 (new estate road construction), condition 4 (adequate visibility at the street junction or site access), condition 5 (construction method statement), condition 6 (highway works), condition 7 (off-site highway works), condition 8 (garage doors), condition 9 (flood risk and drainage assessment), condition 10 (surface water drainage scheme), condition 11 (mitigation and tree protection measures) and condition 12 (landscaping) from planning permission 3/2013/0851.

Location:

Location: The Whins Whins Lane Read Burnley BB12 7QY

Response required by: 5th April 2017

#### RESPONSE

27th March 2017

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

### **Planning Application No: 3/2017/0201**

Proposal: Change of use from a library to a convenience store

Location: 41 Whalley Road, Read BB12 7PB

Response required by: 6th April 2017

#### RESPONSE

27th March 2017

The council are supportive of this application to further provide additional amenities for the village.

### **Planning Application No: 3/2017/0190**

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Proposal: Amendment to the application submitted 3/2013/0851 for the development of The Whins. The amendment is for full planning approval for the addition of 2 semi-detached buildings consisting of 4 three-bed houses (of these one is a replacement of 1 approved five-bed detached house currently listed as plot 8)

Location: Plot 8 The Whins, Whins Lane, Read BB12 7QY

Response required by: 7th April 2017

**RESPONSE**

27th March 2017

The Parish Council have no objection to this application.

**Planning Application No: 3/2017/0233**

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory with two storey extension with bay window and room in roof

Location: Castlebank, Straits Lane, Read BB12 7PE

Response required by: 13th April, 2017

**RESPONSE**

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

**15. Finance & Accounts:**

**a) Payment of accounts**

7/3/2017	United Utilities – Allotment water Nov-Feb	£101.05
23/3/2017	Clerk’s Salary – Jan-March	£571.93
23/3/2017	General admin, printing, postage	£173.55
23/3/2017	HMRC – Paye Jan-March	£143.00
1/4/2017	Nu-age Print and Copy	£95.00
1/4/2017	Lanlec – Electrical work for defibrillator	£250.00

**b) Income**

**NONE**

**c) Bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Opening Balances 01.04.16		
Community Account	£5,296.14	
Business Saver Account	£2,521.23	£7,817.37
Add: Receipts		£14,401.61
Less: Payments		<b>£15,715.25</b>
Balance		<b>£6,503.73</b>

**16. Items for the next agenda**

- URC proposal
- Meeting venues
- Footpath – Greenacres-Church Path
- Legacy donation
- Approval of Annual Return and Accounts

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- Governance review
- Read Motor Body
- Logo Competition
- Postcodes
- Parish Plan

\*The meeting ended at 8.15pm