

READ PARISH COUNCIL

23/11/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at United Reformed Church, East View, Read BB12 7PS Read on **Wednesday 23rd November, 2016 at 7pm.**

Present: Chairman: Councillor Peter Collinge
Councillors: Bennett, Collinson, Crosland, Gandy, Hanson, Rostron, Snape
In attendance: Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

5 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** – there were no apologies
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 19th October 2016)** – the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** - there were no matters arising.
5. **Public participation:**
 - Andrew Turner, Read Cricket Club – Interim Chairman – Andrew gave a presentation to the Parish Councillors outlining their forward plans for expansion and alterations to the existing facilities at the Cricket Club. Plans are at an early stage but would hope to include a MUGA pitch within the development. This would be sited on the existing kick-about area. He also outlined plans to change the internal layout of the existing facilities to include an additional 2nd floor which would accommodate a new function room. Andrew is interested in receiving pledges of support for the project from potential partners and users. RVBC Planning Department are currently giving guidance and advice on the planned project.
The Chairman thanked Andrew for his presentation.
 - One other item was raised by a resident. This was a request to replace the notice board on Jubilee Street which was removed earlier in the year after being vandalised. The Chairman reported that this issue was included as an agenda item for this evening's meeting.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report.**

Borough Councillor Richard Bennett reported on the Hammond Ground planning application.

Although the first application has been refused by RVBC Planning Department it is expected that the developers will probably lodge an appeal or issue an amended planning application.
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** – none required
10. **Allotment Chairman's report:**

The Chairman reported that the Clerk has sent out the annual invoices for allotment rents to all allotment holders. Payment is due by 30th November 2016.

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11. Decision Items

a) Update from Communications Group - events planning

The Communications Group met on 24th October 2016 to finalise arrangements for the Christmas Tree switch-on event (planned for 1st December 2016) and also the Senior Citizens Christmas Party (planned for 3rd December 2016).

b) Noticeboard

Councillors considered costings for the purchase of a replacement noticeboard for the Jubilee Street site.

RESOLVED: To order Option 1 – cost £864 + VAT.

c) Meeting dates and venues

Councillors considered the amended list of proposed meeting dates and venues.

RESOLVED: To approve the following dates and venues for meetings in 2017: -

9 meetings in total

Day	Date	Venue
	<i>No meeting in January</i>	-----
Wednesday	1 st February	St John's
Wednesday	1 st March	St John's
Wednesday	19 th April ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	URC
Wednesday	10 th May ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	URC
Wednesday	28 th June	St John's
	<i>No meeting in July</i>	-----
Wednesday	16 th August	URC
Wednesday	13 th September	St John's
Wednesday	18 th October	URC
Wednesday	29 th November	St John's
	<i>No meeting in December</i>	-----

d) Budgets

Councillors considered the amended precept planning figures as presented by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To accept the budget projections and apply for a precept of £9,237 for 2017-2018.

e) Defibrillator

The defibrillator that was donated to the Parish Council by the British Heart Foundation is hopefully to be installed on the graveyard wall. The Church Warden is seeking permission for this to be installed from the Diocese. The defibrillator will need connecting to a mains electricity supply and this will involve costs for cabling from the gates to the end of the car park.

RESOLVED: Councillors resolved to agree in principle to fund the costs of this work. The Clerk will ask the Church Warden for an estimate of the costs involved.

f) Council Tax Referendums

Councillors considered a report from the Lancashire Association of Local Councils which is urging parish councils to write in protest at the proposed government suggestion to cap parish council precepts.

RESOLVED: To utilize the suggested draft letter supplied by LALC and forward a letter of protest to our MP.

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g) Update from ICO Advisory Workshop for Parish Councils

The Clerk provided an update from her recent attendance at the Information Commissioner's Office Advisory Workshop for Parish Councils which was held on 20th October 2016. The Clerk will submit revised Freedom of Information policies/procedures to the next meeting.

12. Correspondence

- Councillors received the Parish Champion Newsletter from County Councillor Cynthia Dereli at Lancashire County Council. The Clerk was requested to investigate any potential funding from the Parish Champion Grants to help with the purchase of the replacement noticeboard on Jubilee Street.

13. Highways Matters

- The issue of grit bins owned by the parish council was discussed. LCC are unwilling to fill grit bins that are not owned or installed by them which means that the parish council owned bins are often not included in LCC's Fill Schedule. Councillor Hanson will look into the possibilities of sourcing grit and filling the parish council owned bins.
- Tennyson Avenue – the walkway from Jubilee Street to Fort Street (Tennyson Avenue) is often flooded after heavy rain and needs attention as this is a well-used walkway for children and parents on their way to school. The Clerk will report this matter to LCC.

14. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

Planning Application No: 3/2016/0870
Proposal: Proposed two storey extension to side and rear
Location: 2 Beaufort Close, Read BB12 7QF
Response required by: 14 th November 2016
RESPONSE The Parish Council have no objection to this application.

15. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payment of accounts

19/10/2016	Petty Cash	£40.00
9/11/2016	Gill Rostron – Christmas Tree Event -refreshments	£34.00
16/11/2016	S Bridge – Christmas Tree Event - cups	£17.99
16/11/2016	Petty Cash	£40.00

b) Income

24/10/2016	Rents + book sales	£245.50
10/11/2016	Allotment Rents	£1,080.50
16/11/2016	Allotment Rents	£156.50

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c) Bank reconciliation as at 1st November 2016

Opening Balances 01.04.16		
Community Account	£5,296.14	
Business Saver Account	£2,521.23	£7,817.37
Add: Receipts		£11,307.76
Less: Payments		£10,375.37
Balance		£8,749.76

16. Items for the next agenda

- Cricket Club
- Parish Plan results
- Defibrillator
- Review of SCP
- Review of Christmas Tree Event

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm