

READ PARISH COUNCIL

25/02/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on **Wednesday 25th February, 2015 at 7pm.**

Present: Chairman Councillor Doreen Collinson
Councillors Rostron, Nichols, Harrison, Pollard, Snape, Davies

In attendance: Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

5 members of the public attended

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillor Richard Hanson and Borough Councillor Richard Bennett.
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 14th January, 2015)**– the minutes were approved
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** – Councillor Pollard requested that the report from the Greenway Group be included in the minutes from the last meeting.
5. **Public participation:**
 - One member of the public wished to report that there are some overgrown plants obstructing the footpath at addresses on Victoria Lodge and 74a Whalley Road. The Clerk will investigate this matter.
 - Also, some two years ago the transport authority decided to omit Read bus times from the timetable. The Clerk will investigate.
 - Padiham Greenway – Dr Barker outlined the support to date for this project and was able to clarify that 6 landowners in total would need to agree for the Greenway to proceed. Of these 2 had agreed but 4 still had not agreed for permission to cross their land but the group remain optimistic they will gain this support in the future.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report – none received.**
7. **Clerk's Report** - no report
8. **Reports from external meetings:-**
9. **Playground:**
 - a) **To receive the playground inspection report** – no report
 - b) **Repairs and maintenance** – no report
10. **Decision Items**
 - a) **Martholme Greenway**

Following further discussion regarding this issue the following resolution was supported:-

RESOLVED: In line with its duty to act in the interest of the wider community Read Parish Council resolves to support the aims of the Martholme Greenway Group to create a link from the Padiham Green Greenway to the Lancashire Cycleway on the Hyndburn side of the Martholme Viaduct.
 - b) **Spring Newsletter** – the Clerk was tasked with compiling the Spring Newsletter and the following topics to be included.
 - *Message from the Youth Council*

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- *Chairman's Message*
- *Martholme Greenway update*
- *Invite to the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 15th April 2015*

This will need to be compiled, printed and distributed to all residents prior to the 15th April 2015.

c) Parish Plan – the Parish Plan Review committee (comprising of Cllrs Rostron, Harrison, and Hanson) has yet to meet to start the initial planning.

d) Fort Street garage site – the Clerk has made an initial contact with Colin Hirst, Ribble Valley Borough Council who is responsible for planning the future use of this site.

RESOLVED: Councillors Collinson, Harrison and the Clerk to meet with Colin Hirst in the near future to discuss options for the future use of the site.

e) Pensions Regulator – automatic enrolment

The Clerk advised councillors that the law on workplace pensions has changed. All employers are legally required to automatically enrol certain staff into a pension scheme and make contributions. The date when Read Parish Council need to implement this is 1st February 2016. Councillors discussed the issue of a pension's provider.

RESOLVED: To setup a pension scheme with NEST (National Employment Savings Trust).

f) Read Motor Body lease – following correspondence from Richard Pallister and our legal advisor the Parish Council support the following resolution

RESOLVED: The tenant at Read Motor Body will be asked to sign the revised lease or vacate the land in question. If they do not comply with either of these options we should take the matter to the courts.

11. Correspondence

- *SLCC –Regional Roadshow*
- *LCC – Parish & Town Council Conference – Councillor Harrison to attend,*
- *RVBC – Mayoral Reception/Parish Council Training – Chairman and Councillor Rostron to attend,*
- *NALC – Transparency code for Parish Councils – this issue to be an agenda item at the next meeting.*

12. Highways Matters

- Potholes in Fort Street to be reported
- 'H' markings in place on George Lane

13. Planning Applications/Decisions/Enforcements

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4 Hammond Drive, Read BB12 7RE

Removal of existing roof covering, extension to existing brickwork at first floor level, construction of new ground and first floor extension and new garage to front garden.

RESPONSE: The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

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14 a) Payments

Payee	Type of expenditure	Amount
SLCC	Membership 2015	£77.00
RV CAB	Donation S137	£100.00

b) Income

Allotment rents	£1,506.21
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Bank reconciliation as 31st January 2014

Opening Balances 01.04.14		
Community Account	£12,328.77	
Business Saver Account	£2,518.71	£14,847.48
Add: Receipts		£8,857.20
Less: Payments		£13,442.39
Balance		£10,262.29

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	1,255	1,090
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	100	215
110	Audit	325	160	165
111	Training	130	63	67
112	Legal Fees	200	0	200
113	Contingency	700	442	258
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199	VAT		1,407	
200	Capital Replacement	7,730	4,849	2,881
201	Whatmore Funding	11,284	0	11,284

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15. Items for the next agenda (the next meeting will take place on 15th April at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting)

- **Parish Plan**
- **Read Motor Body**
- **Transparency Code for Parish Councils**

The meeting ended at 8.15pm