

READ PARISH COUNCIL

29/08/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **Read United Reformed Church, East View, Read BB12 7PS** on 29th August, 2018 at 7pm.

Present: Chairman: Peter Collinge
Councillors: Bennett, Gandy, Hanson, Ridge
In attendance: Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

5 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Councillors Hacking and Rostron
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 11th July 2018)** – one amendment to be made – Peter Collinge chaired the meeting NOT Peter Gandy.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** - none
5. **Public participation:**

One member of the public reported that the stile near to Worthalls Farm is in a poor state. This has been reported to Lancashire County Council and is awaiting repair/replacement.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – Borough Councillor Bennett reported that Nigel Evans held his surgery within the village on 28th August, 2018. 3 residents attended and brought the following issues forward:
 - Speeding through the village
 - Alzheimer's care
 - Brexit
 - Hammond Ground development
7. **Clerk's Report** – none
8. **Reports from external meetings** – Read Parish Councillors had recently met with Simonstone Parish Councillors and Read and Simonstone Village Hall Trustees for an information sharing session regarding their proposed plans to purchase the United Reformed Church. Discussions included an outline of the procedure for registering the building as a community asset and also ideas for possible purchase of the building in the future.
9. **Playground:**
 - a) *To receive the playground inspection report – see Item 11f*
 - b) *Repairs and maintenance – see Item 11f*
10. **Allotment Management Committee** – none
11. **Decision Items**
 - a) **Casual Vacancy** - following resignation of Councillor Collinson - following the resignation on 11th July of Councillor Collinson the procedure for filling a casual vacancy will now commence.

b) **Music Festival update** – *this event took place as planned on 28th July 2018 and*

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no problems were reported. The event had received good feedback from residents. The weather on the day was very wet and possibly put people off attending the event. Chris Bird hope this will now become an annual event with some changes to the arrangements for next year. Councillors will discuss this at their next meeting.

c) Communications Group update – logo design – the questionnaire provided by Media Village to enable them to create a logo design was completed and has now been sent off to Media Village. We are awaiting their response.

d) Funding update – possible new projects – *Councillors received a funding update on the reserves set aside for development projects and discussed ideas for new projects.*

RESOLVED: *It was resolved that Church Street Gardens should have an overhaul perhaps with new flagging and new seating areas. Estimates of cost to be sought. It was also resolved to commission a metal cut-out WW1 soldier to be placed in a temporary position in the churchyard near the war memorial for 12 months to commemorate the start of WW1. Approx. cost £200. This will need approval from the Church in the first instance. The Clerk was asked to seek this approval.*

e) Hire of football field to Cricket and Bowling Club – Councillors received a report from the Clerk regarding a recent event at the Cricket Club. The Cricket Club had requested to use the football field as a car parking facility. A large amount of rubbish was let from the event but Cricket Club officials cleared this over the next few days.

RESOLVED: *If this request comes forward in the future it would need to be considered more carefully and with stipulations regarding litter clearing and more notice given before the football field is hired for this purpose. A charge may also be levied next time.*

f) Playground issues & ROSPA report – the stile from the playground to the football field was broken during the Gin and Music festival. This connects by way of a concrete path to the small gate from the playground to the cricket club car park. The Cricket Club have complained about the small gate since it was installed in 2014 as it compromises the security of the Cricket Club car park. It was originally installed by the parish council to deter footballers from running across the playground to use the shortcut over the stile onto the football field.

This gate is constantly left open and means that the playground is not secure when children are playing in there. Also allotment holders use this shortcut from the allotments and some people let their dogs roam in the playground.

ROSPA report – Councillors noted the ROSPA report and ask the Clerk to seek a quote for the on-going repairs as required.

RESOLVED: *Councillors resolved to not replace the stile and fence off the area and also to take away the small gate and replace with fencing. This would give a very secure playground area.*

g) Conclusion of External Audit 2017 2018 – Councillors received the External Auditor's Report and Certificate for the period 2017-2018. Councillors were pleased to note that no issues had been highlighted within the financial statements and noted the Certificate of Conclusion of the External Audit which was issued on 15th August 2018. The Clerk was thanked for all her work in this area.

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12. Correspondence –

- *Proposed additional housing sites consultation – circulated – this consultation from Ribble Valley Borough Council ended on 7th September 2018.*
- *URC closure – United Reformed Church will officially close its doors on 2nd September 2018.*
- *Nigel Evans – surgeries – see Item 6.*
- *Contact from Mr Holmes – Mr Holmes has rented agricultural land which adjoins the football field kick-about area and the allotments. He has made improvements to the fencing along the football field stretch which he feels has now been damaged by children retrieving footballs. He would now like to install barbed wire along the top of the fence to stop children climbing over. Councillors noted this letter and although they see potential danger to children climbing over the fence they are not in a position to stop this happening.*

13. Highways – no report

14. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

Planning Application No: 3/2018/0449
Proposal: Addition of dormer to existing loft bedroom and bathroom
Location: Ashlea, 93 Whalley Road, Read BB12 7RP
Response required by: 13 th July, 2018
RESPONSE
No objection to this application

15. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payment of accounts –

15/7/2018	St John's Church – Room Hire	£30.00
15/7/2018	Clerk's salary July	£196.31
15/7/2018	General admin, printing	£87.42
2/8/2018	Clerk's salary August	£196.51
2/8/2018	General admin, printing	£53.22
2/8/2018	Fran Powell-bus shelters cleaning	£40.00
6//2018	Chris Bird – Return of security deposit	£10,000.00

b) Income –

23/7/2018	Chris Bird – Security Deposit	£10,000.00
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c) Bank reconciliation as at 31st July 2018

Opening Balances 01.04.17			
Community Account	£17,998.11		
Business Saver Account	£2,523.86		£20,521.97
Add: Receipts			£31,659.67
Less: Payments			£24,420.81
Balance			£27,760.83

16. Items for the next agenda

- Casual Vacancy
- Music Festival 2019
- Metal sculpture project
- Communications Group - update
- RSVH - update
- Proposed building development
- Dates and venues for 2019
- Winter Newsletter
- Senior Citizens Party 2019
- Allotment road

*The meeting ended at 8.30pm