

READ PARISH COUNCIL

06/12/01

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held at Read and Simonstone Constitutional Club, Lounge Bar, Whalley Road, Read BB12 7PB on **Thursday 6th December, 2018 at 7.30pm.**

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

24 members of the public attended. Also, video link to Erling Mitton, Trustee of RSVH.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillors Bennett, Gandy and Anderson gave their apologies.
2. **Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations**
 - 2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda – none received – ***Councillor Hacking declared an interest in the agenda item as she is a Trustee of Read and Simonstone Village Hall.***
 - 2.2 To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests – none received.
 - 2.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate
3. **Public participation:**

Tony Seaford, Chairman of Simonstone Tennis Club reported to the meeting that the club have been successful in attracting funding of £15,000 to carry out improvements at the club. £5,000 from Ribble Valley Borough Council and also £10,000 from the Lottery Fund.
4. **Decision Items**
 - a) **To review the results of the Village Hall Questionnaire**

Councillors had received a breakdown of the completed and returned resident survey results. The survey was included within the Autumn Newsletter which was delivered to all the homes in the village – 640 in total. Councillors discussed the returns received and the votes within the returns were summarised. Councillor Hacking expressed a view that if the questionnaire had been printed on a separate sheet the response may have been better. Councillor Collinge requested that the Clerk arrange an information sharing evening with Simonstone Parish Council and the RSVH Trustees to look at the way forward on this matter.

From the 56 returns completed and returned (8.75% response rate): -

Question1: Do you wish to support the retention of the United Reform Church as a Village Hall?

51 households voted YES
5 households voted NO

Question 2: Should the Parish Council obtain a loan to assist with the purchase of United Reform Church?

50 households voted YES
6 households voted NO

RESOLVED: It was resolved to go forward with support for the purchase of the United Reform Church building and allotments.
5. **Items for the next agenda**
 - RSVH
 - Litter bins
 - Playground issues

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The meeting closed at 7.40pm