

READ PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on Wednesday 7 August 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman Councillor Doreen Collinson
Councillors Nichols, Bennett, Pollard

In attendance: Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

Public participation: 5 members of the public were in attendance

1. **Apologies for absence** –apologies for absence were received from Councillors Snape, Wilkinson and Borough Councillor John Hill.
 2. **Information Item** - Amanda Higgins from Healthwatch Lancashire addressed the meeting and gave a brief outline of the organisation and its aims and objectives. The organisation is funded by the Department of Health and aim to gather information from the public that will inform policy for the future. The Parish Council thanked Amanda for her informative presentation.
 3. **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**
 4. **To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting (26 June 2013)**
– the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of proceedings.
 5. **Matters arising**
 - **Street Lighting** – this matter is in hand
 - **Shady Walks footpath** – the Parish Council have written a second letter to Mr Whittaker and are awaiting a reply.
 6. **Public participation:**

Points raised by residents:

 - Parking on George Lane
 - 4 large holes around the car park at the rear of flats on George Lane
 - Road from Cobcarnook to Old Read Bridge in a poor state of repair
 - Bus Shelter repairs
 - Security of Allotments
 7. **Police Report** from PACT meeting held on 8 August 2013.
In attendance: PCSO Di Bioletti
- Action points from last meeting**
- Read school traffic problems – Di has attended the school to check on the problem but the problems disappear when she is present. School have sent a letter to ask parents not to park inappropriately.
 - A resident from Greenacres attended the meeting to discuss the problems he has had with parking outside his property. Parents have parked across his driveway and he has now put an H bar across his drive but still people are parking across it. Di explained that this is classed as obstruction and could incur a fixed penalty.
 - Dog Fouling – Stork Path – Di has done extra patrols on this footpath. This path has been cleaned up by the Lengthsman from the Parish Council. Di will investigate the provision of free dog bags to hopefully keep this footpath clean.

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- The Community Road Watch patrol was in operation on one Saturday evening in May and 34 drivers were caught on Whalley Road between 5pm-7pm. They have all received cautionary letters.

Crimes

10 crimes reported

- Allotments – extra patrols have taken place after several sheds were broken into – nothing of great value was taken.
- Information regarding metal theft – two people arrested but the stolen goods recovered have not been identified and so prosecution is still pending.
- Break in at Time Technology Park- various tools and metal stolen
- Vehicle damaged on forecourt at the service station.
- Cricket Club broken into – the back door was forced – spirits and a flat screen TV was taken
- Criminal damage to a car on Straits Lane
- School playing fields – the fence was pushed over
- Damage to a vehicle in a driveway on George Lane
- Racist incident on Woodhead Road. Eggs thrown at the property and a note left
- Mobile phone left at service station by a customer but when he returned to collect it the phone had been stolen
- Break in – Singleton Avenue – residents were in the house and intruders broke in and took various items from the kitchen.

PRIORITIES FOR PACT

- Speeding
- Dog Fouling
- Anti-Social behaviours Black Hill woods/car park

Agenda for Parish Council – possible voluntary one-way traffic scheme up East View and around Greenacres – to operate during school hours.

Future meetings:

- **Note change of day* **19 September 2013 Thursday**

8. Borough Councillor's Report – none received

9. Clerk's Report – in support of Items 12f) , 12g), and 13

10. Reports from external meetings

Simonstone Parish Council - Councillor Pollard attended the last meeting of Simonstone Parish Council. The Read and Simonstone Youth Council attended the meeting and explained their idea to have a skate park in either Read or Simonstone. Parking at the primary school is problematic.

11. Playground:

a) To receive the monthly inspection report – Councillor Nichols has oiled some of the equipment on the playground.

b) Repairs and maintenance – the Lengthsman has improved the path to stop children from taking gravel from the path and scattering this around the playground and on the slide.

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a) Resignation of Councillors Waterhouse and Mashiter – the Parish Council have received resignations from Councillors Waterhouse and Mashiter with effect from 7 August 2013.

- i) Casual Vacancies arrangements
- ii) Allotments' Chairman – appointment
- iii) Bank account signatories review

RESOLVED:

- i) **To accept the two resignations and move forward with the casual vacancy procedure.**
- ii) **To invite any interested allotment holders to form an allotments committee to look at the future running of the allotments.**
- iii) **Councillors Collinson and Pollard to replace Councillors Waterhouse and Mashiter as authorised signatories to the bank account. The Clerk to oversee the completion of the necessary mandate change forms.**

b) Parish Plan review

Bridleways

RESOLVED: To contact Sabden Parish Council and request that a review of the current path from Sabden to Read Back Lane be undertaken with a view to creating a concessionary bridleway.

Dog Control Orders

RESOLVED: The Clerk to attend the next Parish Council Liaison meeting and request that this issue is placed on the agenda to enable RVBC officers to give an update on this issue.

Martholme Viaduct

RESOLVED: To continue to pursue this issue. Councillor Pollard to draft a further letter to Lancashire County Council regarding this matter

c) Senior Citizens Party 2013

The Senior Citizens Party Committee have had their first meeting. The party will take place on Saturday 7th December 2013 and will be held at St Johns School, Read. An invitation will be included in the Winter Newsletter.

d) Christmas Tree Festival 2013

RESOLVED: To request that Councillor Snape co-ordinate the entry for this event.

e) Youth Council

Councillor Collinson gave an update on the recent work of the Youth Council

f) External Audit – Annual Return 31 March 2013

The external audit of the Annual Return 31 March 2013 is now complete.

RESOLVED: To accept the completed Annual Return for the period ended 31 March.

g) Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: A gratuity of £60 be paid to Geoff Lambert who undertook the internal audit for the year ended 31 March 2013.

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h) Hammond Drive – dog bin

The dog bin at the top of Hammond Drive has been relocated to the opposite side of Hammond Drive to make emptying easier for the RVBC collector. One resident has expressed his concern that the dog bin is now sited where he parks his car. Councillors have inspected the new siting for this bin.

RESOLVED: That the dog bin be left in its new location.

13. Correspondence

20 mph signs within the village

The Clerk had requested information from Lancashire County Council regarding the removal of several of the newly sited 20 mph signs. This reply received.

'A review of short roads and cul-de-sacs which had been included within the 20 mph programme has recently been undertaken. As a result of this review, some roads which were deemed unsuitable for a 20 mph speed limit, due to the short length of road, have had signs removed. I can confirm that some roads within the Read and Simonstone area were included within this review and as such the signs will have been removed as a result of this.'

RESOLVED: The Parish Council requested the Clerk to write to Councillor Albert Atkinson expressing their concerns regarding this initiative and the perceived lack of co-ordination in this matter.

14. Planning Applications & Decisions

Planning Application No: 3/2013/0513

Proposal: Proposed erection of 2 detached dwellings

Location: 8 Hammond Drive, Read BB12 7RE

Response required by: 5 July 2013

RESPONSE

The Parish Council are concerned that the proposed development has parking provision for only 2 cars per house and that it further intrudes into the countryside, being outside the settlement boundary. Some local residents have strong misgivings regarding damage to the access road (Hammond Drive) during construction.

Planning Application No: 3/2013/0529

Proposal: Proposed erection of 2 x 8m high fibreglass flagpoles to hang flags displaying the company logo. These are to be positioned to the front of the building within the curtilage

Location: Unit 5, Friendship Mill, Whalley Road, Read BB12 7PN

Response required by: 15 July 2013

RESPONSE

The Parish Council feel that flagpoles would be visually intrusive and would detract from the general rural appearance of the village.

Planning Application No: 3/2013/0548

Proposal: Proposed two-storey and single storey extensions. Re-submission of 3/2013/0175P

Location: Glenlivet, Straits Lane, Read BB12 7PE

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Response required by: 15 July 2013

RESPONSE

The Parish Council have no objections to this application but would ask that consideration be given to re-siting the drive, making access across the zig-zig school no parking area, would allow a greater length of road where parking is possible.

15. Finance & Accounts

15a)

Payments to be authorised

Payee	Type of expenditure	Amount
Petty Cash		£40.00
United Reformed Church	Room hire	£46.00
D Malley	Payroll services	£10.50
Clerk's Salary April -June		£534.58
Clerk's Expenses April - June		£104.55
Acrylics R Us	Repairs to Bus Shelter	£201.36
HMRC April - June	PAYE	£133.60

b) Income: – no income to report

16. Items for the next agenda:

Blue Plaque – Kemp Family

Casual Vacancy

Dog Control orders

Bank Mandate

Martholme Viaduct

George Lane parking

The meeting closed at 9.15pm