

READ PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on Wednesday 27 February 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman Councillor Clifton Pollard
Councillors Richard Bennett, Doreen Collinson, Alan Mashiter,
Gerald Nichols
In attendance: Borough Councillor John Hill, Shirley Bridge (Clerk)
Public participation: 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Cllrs Snape, Waterhouse and Wilkinson.
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(9 January 2013)** – the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising –**
Fort Street garage site – the Parish Council have carried out a review of the garages on the Fort Street site and have noted any garages where there is no apparent vehicle usage or where the garage appears to used only for storage. The Clerk will detail these findings to John Gorton, Ribble Valley Borough Council.
5. **Public participation:**
3 members of the public attended the meeting.
Bus Shelter – two residents brought to the attention of the Parish Council the fact that they thought the Bus Shelter was inadequate and asked if the Parish Council would consider installing sides onto the bus shelter. This matter will be an agenda item at the next meeting.
6. **Police Report** – two PACT meetings have been held on 23 January 2013 and 20 February 2013.

Crimes

Pharmacy broken into
Phone box vandalised
Cricket Club broken into
2 allotment sheds broken into

Possible linked crimes

Readwood stables – saddlery stolen
5 Stone thefts – flags and top stones
Some distraction burglaries in the area
George Lane parking – PC will ask Traffic Unit to look at this – double yellow lines would solve the problem
1 fixed penalty for possession of cannabis
Criminal damage to Parish Council owned bus shelter on Whalley Road on 12 February 2013 - early evening – there is a witness to this crime
Scaffolding stolen from house being renovated on George Lane
Roofing scam – victim elderly resident on Whalley Road
Deer critically injured by dogs in Bridgehey Wood – not sure if accident or poachers

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Anti-social behaviour in the woods at Black Hill – being monitored by police

PACT Priorities

- Speeding
- Parking obstructions
- HGVs through Sabden

Smartwater is available from Neighbourhood Policing – cost £25

Next meeting dates: 20 March 2013 6pm, 24 April 2013 6pm

7. Borough Councillor's Report – Borough Councillor John Hill brought to the attention of the Parish Council new legislation concerning the need for highways closure for community and church events such as Whit Sunday processions. This will now require a traffic management order from Lancashire County Council at a cost of £1,000. Councillor John Hill is hoping to highlight this problem as it could mean that village community events will become too costly to be viable. Councillor John Hill also highlighted Ribble Valley Borough Council's current policy and practice regarding planning application enquiries/responses. He will raise this issue with Ribble Valley Borough Council.

8. Allotment Chairman's Report – no issues to report.

9. Clerk's Report – for information

10. Playground:

a) To receive the monthly inspection report – the new self-closure fitting on the gate is working well.

b) Repairs and maintenance – there has been some vandalism to the new cradle swings. These have been refitted with anti-vandalism bolts.

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a) 20 mph signs – the signs are due to be put in place across the village indicating the new 20mph restrictions. One resident on George Lane has complained about the siting of one of the signs which is planned to be directly outside his window. The Parish Council have written to Lancashire County Council requesting that they reconsider the siting of this particular sign.

b) Footpaths

- the Parish Council have written to the landowner of Shady Walks requesting that he consider re-opening the concessionary footpath from Shady Walks to Back Lane. To date no reply has been received.
- The Lengthsman is looking into clearing the fallen tree in Gooseleach Wood.
- The annual survey of footpaths is due to take place. Councillors Pollard and Bennett will carry this out.

c) War Memorial - the Working Party (Councillor D Waterhouse, Clerk, Brian Jeffery and Peter Jackson) met on 2 February 2013 at the site to discuss the work required on the War Memorial. The Clerk had spoken to the Vicar who had given details of the required procedure. The Parish Council would need to seek permission from the Diocesan Advisory Committee to make any alterations to the War Memorial and also detail any plans for cleaning. The working party considered that if the cleaning quote used a simple jet wash cleaning method this work could be carried out by the Lengthsman. Also the area around the monument needs weeding and perhaps the limestone chippings renewed. This work might also be done by the Lengthsmen. The carving of the 4 additional names was discussed but this issue will need specialist

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advice from a stone mason if permission is granted from the Diocesan Advisory Committee for this work to be carried out.

Quote now received from Stevenson's Memorials for cleaning

To clean the memorial with high pressure water (no Chemicals)	£918
Travel charge	£24
TOTAL	£942

The Clerk has written to the Diocesan Advisory Committee requesting permission for the cleaning of the monument and the addition of the four missing names.

d) Read Motor Body Lease – the Parish Council are waiting for the lease to be finalised by Pallisters. The site has become very untidy with rubbish dumped on the site.

RESOLVED: Councillors Pollard, Nichols, Mashiter and Bennett will meet with the owner of Read Motor Body Centre to attempt to resolve this issue.

e) Signs

- **George Lane fingerpost sign** – Councillor Pollard circulated an illustration of the proposed new fingerpost sign. A request has been made to Lancashire County Council for permission to make the changes.
- **Devil's Elbow sign** – the cast iron post was damaged recently in a road traffic accident. A quote of £25 has been obtained for the repair of the post.

RESOLVED: To have the post repaired at a cost of £25.

f) LCC Gritting Schedule – the Parish Council reviewed the designated secondary routes on the gritting schedule.

RESOLVED: To make a request to Lancashire County Council that Buckingham Drive, Berkeley Drive, Woodhead Road and Victoria Lodge be included in the gritting schedule.

g) Bus Shelter damage – there has been some vandalism to the Parish Council owned bus shelter on Whalley Road. One of the perspex sheets has been smashed.

RESOLVED: To purchase a new perspex sheet at a cost of £125 and for the Lengthsman to fit this.

h) Appointment of Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: To appoint G Lambert as internal auditor for 2013/2014.

i) Dog Bin collection -

The Parish Council have received a quote from RVBC for the emptying of the 6 Parish Council owned dog bins.

Current collection by		
S Gidley	£2x6x52	£624
Liner bags		£70
		£694
RVBC	£3.25x6x52	£1,014
Annual increase		£320

RESOLVED: To request that Ribble Valley Borough Council take over the emptying of the Parish Council owned bins from 1 April 2013.

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j) Correspondence

i) **Lancashire Association of Local Councils** – the annual subscription of £219.83 is now due.

RESOLVED: To continue membership of LALC for 2013/2014

ii) Correspondence has been received from Mr S Porter, Whalley Road regarding the bus shelter. He wished to inform the Parish Council that the ambulance service crew were unable to use a stretcher to get his wife into the ambulance because of siting of the new bus shelter.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will take up this issue with the ambulance service and ask for more information regarding this incident.

iii) **East Lancashire Combined Civilian and Armed Forces Covenants Partnership** – the Parish Council have been requested to sign a pledge of support for this partnership which aims to support veterans and their families.

RESOLVED: To sign this pledge of support.

12. Planning Applications and Decisions

3/2012/1101 The Whins, Whins Lane, Read BB12 7QY

Proposed demolition of the existing dwelling and redevelopment of the site for residential use including 16 homes.

Consultation expiry date 24/1/2013

Parish Council response:

Read Parish Council's meeting held on 9th January 2013 was attended by over 30 residents from both Read and Simonstone wishing to make known their objections to the above application.

Concerns centred mainly on the question of highway safety, creeping incursion into the countryside and the ability of the present infrastructure (sewerage, schools, highways) to sustain the development.

The Parish Council, mindful of RVBC's obligations under the Core Strategy to meet the housing demands necessary to address the current national housing shortage, accept that it is unrealistic to expect Read (or Simonstone) to be excluded from any future housing developments and believe that the siting of this development on the outer edge of the settlement area is preferable to previously suggested sites on Hammond Field and Whalley Road.

The Parish Council believe that the applicant has submitted a well thought out scheme, but would ask that before approval is given, further thought should be given to the concerns raised by local residents to assure them that the development meets the required planning and highway safety criteria.

3/2013/0030 Beechwood, 2 Hammond Drive, Read BB12 7RE

Proposed single storey extension to side (West) elevation forming garage and utility room. Two storey extension to front (North) elevation forming home cinema and playroom with attached single storey oak framed carport: oak framed canopy to front (North)

Consultation expiry date: 6/2/2013

Parish Council response:

No observations although the Parish Council wish it to be noted that due to other building work that has taken place at other properties on this private lane the surface of the lane is now very damaged

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3/2013/0075The Tile Company, Friendship Mill, Whalley Road, Read
Four illuminated hanging signs above windows on the front elevation
Consultation expiry date: 22/2/2013

Parish Council response:

We have no objections in principal but would ask Planning Officers that when Friendship Mill was split into units permission was not given for retail outlets to be sited in the mill. The Parish Council would like to know when this was rescinded. We would also ask that the views of all residents opposite are taken into consideration when considering this planning application.

13a)

Payments to be authorised

Payee	Type of expenditure	Amount
S Gidley	Dog Bin collection Dec 2012, 4 weeks	£48.00
HMRC	Oct-DecPAYE payment	£128.81
Sutcliffe Play	New toddler swings	£311.52
Sabden Parish Council	Lengthmans Scheme Jan- March	£300.00
Read United Reformed Church	Room Hire Aug-Jan	£87.00
S Gidley	Dog Bin collection Jan 2013, 4 weeks	£48.00

b)

Income:

Mug Sales		£22.00
Allotment Rents		£1,302.50

14. Items for the next agenda:

The meeting to be held on 3 April 2013 will be the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm