

READ PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on Wednesday 9th January 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman Councillor Clifton Pollard
Councillors Richard Bennett, Doreen Collinson, Lisa Snape, Alan Mashiter,
David Waterhouse, Tony Wilkinson, Gerald Nichols
In attendance: Borough Councillor John Hill, Shirley Bridge (Clerk)
Public participation: 32 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – there were no apologies.
2. **Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations**
 - 2.1 **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**
Declarations of interest were received from Councillors Pollard, Bennett, Collinson, Snape, Mashiter, Waterhouse, Wilkinson and Nichols.
 - 2.2 **To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**
Requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests were received from Councillors Pollard, Bennett, Collinson, Snape, Mashiter, Waterhouse, Wilkinson and Nichols.
 - 2.3 **To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate**
Having received written applications, Read Parish Council granted a dispensation under Section 33 of The Localism Act 2011 to all the requests to allow these councillors to participate in a discussion and to vote on the matter of agreeing the precept for Read (Agenda Item 11e). This dispensation to be valid for 3 years.
3. **To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting** – the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising** – there were no matters arising.
5. **Public participation:**
32 members of the public attended the meeting.
Discussion took place regarding Planning Application 3/2012/1101 The Whins, Whins Lane, Read BB12 7QY. Residents had some strong objections to this planning application including increased traffic on Whins Lane and also loss of wildlife habitat. Councillor Pollard explained the process followed by the Parish Council in reviewing and making a response to planning applications. Borough Councillors Hill and Bennett agreed to co-ordinate a response from members of the public to Ribble Valley Borough Council outlining their concerns.
The Parish Council will make a response to Ribble Valley Borough Council before the deadline of 24th January 2013.
6. **Police Report** – the next meeting of PACT to be held on 23 January 2013.
7. **Borough Councillor's Report** – Fort Street parking – Borough Councillor John Hill has arranged a meeting with the Chief Executive, Ribble Valley Borough Council to discuss the recent proposal for the Fort Street garage site.
8. **Allotment Chairman's Report** – the Allotment Chairman reported that the fencing has now been repaired and that all rents for this financial year have been collected and banked.
9. **Clerk's Report** – for information
10. **Playground:**
 - a) **To receive the monthly inspection report** – the new cradle swings will be fitted once they have arrived and also the self closing gate catch is still to be fitted.
 - b) **Repairs and maintenance** – the maintenance schedule drawn up following the ROSPA report is now complete. It was decided to leave the bulldozer rocker-toy in

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place until next year when it will be inspected again. Approval was given for the new sign at a cost of £195 + vat.

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a) War Memorial – Mr Brian Jeffery attended the meeting to present more information regarding the four missing names. Mr Peter Jackson had also raised the issue of the cleaning of the memorial.

RESOLVED: *To add the four missing names to the memorial and to also apply for funding for cleaning of the memorial. Permission will need to be sought from the Diocesan Advisory Committee before this work can be carried out.*

b) Questionnaire Winter Newsletter – the clerk supplied a breakdown of the returned questionnaires. 635 newsletters had been delivered with only 27 completed questionnaires returned. The Parish Council considered the replies to the questions regarding the Whalley Road bus shelter and concluded that no changes were required to the siting or specification of the existing bus shelter.

c) Bridleways/Footpaths

i) Several reports have been made to the Parish Council regarding the closure of the concessionary footpath through Shady Walks to Back Lane.

ii) The possibility of creating a concessionary bridleway on the existing Church Path was discussed.

RESOLVED: *i) The Clerk was requested to write to Lancashire County Council to ask if the landowner had requested permission to close the concessionary footpath.*

ii) The Clerk was requested to write to Lancashire County Council to look at feasibility of re-designating the Church Path as a bridleway and to seek permission for widening of the existing footpath.

d) Review of Citizens Party – the Clerk provided a breakdown of attendance and costs for the party held in December 2012. The arrangements for next years party were discussed.

RESOLVED: *To hold the Senior Citizens Party in December 2013 (final date to be arranged). To provide transport for any senior citizens who might require it. To change the age range to 60 and over for men and women.*

e) Precept for 2013 – Councillors discussed the level of precept required for 2013/2014.

RESOLVED: *The Parish Council elected to request a precept of £7,997 for 2013/2014 which will freeze the parish Band D council tax charge that shows on the parish council tax bill.*

f) All weather pitch development committee – a report was provided from this committee for their first meeting held on 13 December 2012. The next meeting is planned for 12 January 2013 on site.

g) Correspondence

- Two letters of thanks have been received from residents who attended the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.
- Two enquiries regarding the 20mph restrictions and related signage.

12. Planning applications and decisions

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

This planning application was received by the Parish Council on 8th January and they will compile a response to Ribble Valley Borough Council by January 24th 2013.

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13. Finance & Accounts

a)

Payments to be authorised

Payee	Type of expenditure	Amount
United Utilities	Water bill	£88.05
A Mashiter	SCP- Raffle Prizes	£90.33
Simonstone Parish Council	Contribution to Community Noticeboard	£100.00
G Dixon	SCP - Entertainment	£90.00
S Bridge	Petty Cash	£40.00
Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£50.00
W Prosser	SCP - Catering	£600.00
C Pollard	Church Path - sign	£50.40
A Parkinson	Playground - gate	£450.00
S Gidley	Dog Bin collection – November 5 weeks	£60.00
A Mashiter	Allotment fencing	£34.68
S Bridge	Clerk salary – October – December 2012	£515.44
S Bridge	Clerk – expenses – October – December 2012	£106.45
A Parkinson	Playground repairs/maintenance	£2,235.00

14. Items for the next agenda

- 20mph and signage
- Read Motor Body lease
- Footpaths

The meeting closed at 9.20pm