

READ PARISH COUNCIL

13/04/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on **Wednesday 13th April, 2016 at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting.**

Present: Chairman: Councillor Peter Collinge
Councillors: Rostron, Harrison, Hanson, Snape, Gandy, Collinson
In attendance: Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

3 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Councillor Richard Bennett who is currently on holiday.
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 24th February 2016)** – the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** – there were no matters arising.
5. **Public participation:**
None
6. **Borough Councillor's Report**

Report from Borough Councillor Richard Bennett

I am attending the residents' meetings re Hammond Ground led by Martin Crabtree from George Lane. We will be sending out a document for all residents of Read and Simonstone to peruse and maybe some form of petition. We have had liaison with the organiser of the Whalley group and have had much assistance therefrom. I have spoken to Nigel Evans MP and we have his full support. This is a well organised campaign and any concerned residents can rest assured that everything that can be done is being done to try and ensure this development does not go ahead.

7. Clerk's Report

End of year accounts

Our financial accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016 have been compiled and submitted to our Internal Auditor.

They will be submitted along with the Annual Return to the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on 11th May 2016 for approval by the Parish Council. The Annual Return along with the supporting information will then be submitted to our external auditors before the deadline of 20th June 2016.

Residents will be invited to inspect the accounts during the period 20th June – 29th July 2016.

8. Reports from external meetings: -

None

9. Playground:

a) To receive the playground inspection report – the swing has now been untangled. A resident had complained that she thought the playground was very untidy and littered with rubbish. The playground is tidied and cleared of litter monthly in the winter and weekly in the summer but unfortunately some people do leave litter on the playground.

b) Repairs and maintenance – none required

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10. Allotment Chairman's report

The Allotment Committee met on 12th April and have decided to re-schedule their AGM for 5th May 2016 7pm at Read Constitutional Club. All allotment holders are invited.

The middle water tap is leaking and needs to be repaired. The Lengthsman will be asked to make a repair.

11. Decision Items

a) Communications

Councillors discussed future arrangements for the communications requirements of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: To form a Communications Working Group – membership Councillors Collinge, Snape and Hanson. Date of first meeting to be arranged.

b) Meeting venue(s) - Councillors discussed arrangement for the venue(s) of future meetings. Suggested venues included St Johns and St Peters Church, Read Primary School. Read Cricket and Bowling Club. The Clerk was requested to compile a list of costings/availability for the different venues.

c) Notice board(s) – Councillors discussed the replacement of the existing notice board and also plans for a possible additional notice board – possible new site could be at the end of the Church Path (Straits Lane end) near the new wooden bench. The Clerk was requested to compile a list of costings for both these ideas.

d) Flooding – the landowner is currently undertaking work to improve the drainage and it is hoped this will solve the flooding issues at the junction of Woodhead Road/Straits Lane.

e) Hammond Ground update

Councillors discussed the possible development of Hammond Ground. No formal planning application has been received although the screening process has outlined what might be applied for.

RESOLVED: The Chairman asked for a vote from all Councillors present to deem that in principal the Parish Council does not support this development. All 7 Councillors present voted not to support this development. Once any formal applications are made to RVBC the Parish Council will put together a more detailed objection.

f) Application for heavy Goods Vehicle Operators' Licence -

An application had been received from the Licensing Authority regarding the following application:-

OC0287904 R Stephen J Prosser and Wendy Prosser T/A Steve Prosser Mastic Asphalt.

Removed operating centre: Dunkirk Farm, Whalley Road, Read BB12 7RR

New Operating centre: Old Coal Staithe, Read BB12 7RT

RESOLVED: The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

12. Correspondence – none received

13. Highways Matters – The Church Path is in need some improvements and repairs. The Parish Council funded repairs and improvements in 2012. Lancashire County Council have turned down a request for further improvements. A quote for resurfacing and possible widening will be requested for consideration by the Parish Council.

14. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

Planning Application 3/2016/0285

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Proposal: Convert existing garage to study, relocate existing entrance to side.
Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey lean to.

Location: 8 Woodhead Road, Read BB12 7PH

Response required by 25th April 2016

RESPONSE: Submitted 5th April 2016

The Parish Council have no objections to this application and feel that the application will enhance the property and the residential amenity.

15. Finance & Accounts

a) Payments

4/3/2016	LALC membership	£216.58
4/3/2016	Fortress Ltd	£78.00
4/3/2016	United Utilities	£93.63
8/3/2016	Sabden Parish Council	£205.89
22/3/2016	Clerk's Salary Jan-March 2016	£566.37
22/3/2016	Printing and stationery Jan-March 2016	£185.25
23/3/2016	HMRC – Paye Jan-March 2016	£141.60

b) Income

26/01/2016	Parishes Grant	£3,000
7/03/2016	Bank interest	£.31
14/03/2016	Allotment Rents	£25.00

c) Bank reconciliation as 31st March 2016

Opening Balances 01.04.15			
Community Account		£10,858.55	
Business Saver Account		£2,519.96	£13,378.51
Add: Receipts			£16,653.90
Less: Payments			£22,215.04
Balance			£7,817.37

d) Finance report

Cost centre		Budget 2015 2016	Expenditure to date
100	Clerk's Salary	£2,828	£2,832
101	General Admin	£2,392	£2,382
102	Grass cutting	£647	£646
103	Lengthsman Scheme	£800	£806
104	Dog Bin Collection	£1,065	£1,040
105	Allotments water + maintenance	£765	£767
106	Playground ROSPA + maintenance	£94	£472
108	Senior Citizens Party	£500	£409

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109	Donations S137	£315	£557
110	Audit	£160	£160
111	Training	£130	£50
112	Legal Fees	£204	£570
113	Contingency	£700	£385
		£10,600	£11,075
199	VAT		£1,800
200	Capital Replacement	£4,439	£3,526
201	Whatmore Funding	£11,284	£6,200
202	SCP donations and fund raise	£314	£33

16. Items for the next agenda

- Parish Plan
- Hammond Ground update

The meeting ended at 8.35pm