

READ PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **St John's Church (Vestry), off George Lane, Read BB12 7RL** on **Wednesday 14th March, 2018 at 7pm.**

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

1 member of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** – none received
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 January 2018)** – the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** - none
5. **Public participation:** None
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – Borough Councillor Richard Bennett reported that the Hammond Ground planning appeal hearing was scheduled to take place from 1st May 2018 for 5 days.
7. **Clerk's Report** - none
8. **Reports from external meetings:**
 - PCLC- Councillors noted the report.
 - PACT – the last PACT meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and a new date has yet to be arranged.
9. **Playground:**
 - a) **To receive the playground inspection report** – monthly winter inspections are being carried out by the Clerk.
 - b) **Repairs and maintenance** – litter is still a problem. Gate mechanism is not working.
10. **Allotment Management Committee** –Councillors considered the report from the meeting of the Allotment Management Committee held on 13th February 2018.
Matters to be considered:
 - AGM planned for 24th May 2018 – the committee had requested that a free pie and pea supper be made available for allotment holders. Suppers will be available but must be paid for by attendees.
 - Skip hire- Councillors approved the hire of a skip in the Spring in addition to the Autumn one.
 - The draft policy was approved with one addition – that new allotment holders be requested to pay a £50 bond.

11. Decision Items

a) Playground equipment/repairs

Andy Brown, LUDUS attended the meeting and gave a presentation to explain the details from his recent quote for playground repairs.

Councillors thanked Andy for an informative presentation and will consider this quote alongside an alternative quote.

- Councillor Hacking had an idea to install a skate park in the village but initial costings would be in the region £50,000. Councillors agreed that this was not

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a viable project at the current time.

b) Communications Group – update – the Communications Group plan to meet on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7pm.

c) Read Motor Body – *Councillors considered the correspondence with Read Motor Body Centre. Many residents have concerns regarding the untidy and dangerous storage method surrounding the site. This is now a police/highways matter and unfortunately there is nothing more that the parish council can do.*

d) General Data Protection Regulations – update -the Clerk reported that links had been made with other local parish councils to look at the possibility of joining together to roll out the new regulations – in particular the appointment of a Data Processing Officer who must be suitably qualified. This matter will be discussed at the next Parish Council Liaison Meeting at RVBC. RVBC have made it clear that they are unable to provide any central support for this matter.

e) Read and Simonstone Village Hall – business plan – update – no update was available for the meeting.

f) Spring Newsletter/Invite to Annual Parish Meeting 18th April 2018 – Councillors discussed the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 18th April 2018. No Spring Newsletter will be produced this year and notices for the meeting will be placed in the notice boards, website and Facebook page.

g) Civic Sunday invite list – circulated – councillors discussed the draft invite list for the joint Civic Sunday event to be held on Sunday 3rd June 2018.

RESOLVED: No amendments made and the list can now be forwarded to Simonstone Parish Council who are making the arrangements for this year.

h) Allotment access road – councillors considered the quote from A&T surfacing for the improvements to the allotment access road.

RESOLVED: To obtain a further quote for consideration before a final decision is made.

12. Highways matters – councillors noted the Highways Report. The Clerk was requested to report blocked grids at Read Old Bridge and also Straits Lane.

13. Correspondence

Councillors considered correspondence from RVBC regarding possible interest in holding a Dogs Trust events in 2018 in the village. Councillors would be keen to hold an event this year.

14. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

Planning Application No: 3/2018/0024

Proposal: Conversion and extension of redundant piggery and store to one single-storey dwelling including access and parking

Location: Outbuildings adjacent to Hammond Drive, Read BB12 7RU

Response required by: 12th February 2018

RESPONSE

Councillors support this application which brings back into use redundant farm buildings in a sympathetic design that has minimal impact on the visual amenity

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of the open countryside.

15. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payment of accounts –

| Date | Supplier | Amount |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 29/1/18 | SLCC subscription | £72.00 |
| 8/2/18 | Digital lock | £37.99 |
| 13/2/18 | Staff Salary Feb 2018 | £192.49 |
| 13/2/2018 | Printing, general admin | £67.32 |
| 13/2/18 | Legal fees – rent review on lease | £108.00 |
| 26/2/18 | Bus Shelter – power wash clean | £20.00 |
| 26/2/18 | Allotment water | £127.97 |

b) Income –

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| 30/1/18 | Read Motor Body – increased rent following review | £39.93 |
| 1/2/18 | Allotment rents | £20.00 |
| 19/2/18 | Concurrent function rent RVBC | £750.00 |

c) Bank reconciliation as at 28th February, 2018

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| Opening Balances 01.04.17 | | |
| Community Account | £3,981.57 | |
| Business Saver Account | £2,522.16 | £6,503.73 |
| Add: Receipts | | £29,567.05 |
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| Less: Payments | | £15,164.96 |
| Balance | | £20,905.82 |

16. Items for the next agenda

- Communications Group - update
- Playground repair - update
- Allotment road repair - update
- GDPR - update
- Village Hall – business plan update

*The meeting ended at 8.25 pm