

READ PARISH COUNCIL

20/07/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on **Wednesday 20th July, 2016 at 7pm.**

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

4 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Councillor Snape.
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 22nd June 2016)** – the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda – 11g) A joint Civic Service with Simonstone PCC – the date for this event is planned for 11th June, 2017 – The Chairman will liaise with the Chairman of Simonstone Parish Council regarding arrangements for refreshments.**
5. **Public participation:** No matters raised by residents
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – Borough Councillor Richard Bennett –
 - i) **Planning Application 3/2016/0421**
Councillor Bennett will attend the Planning Committee meeting to be held at RVBC on 21st July, 2016 in support of the objection to the Hammond Ground planning proposal. Councillor Bennett will speak at the meeting and will outline the objections.
 - ii) **Post Office services – Read and Simonstone** – Councillor Bennett had received a communication from the Post Office Head Office outlining the plans for extending the services and opening times at the Read and Simonstone Branch.
7. **Clerk's Report** – no report for this meeting.
8. **Reports from external meetings:** -
None
9. **Playground:**
 - a) **To receive the playground inspection report** – the Lengthsman be requested to clean the debris from under the slide and the swings prior to the ROSPA inspection planned for August 2016.
 - b) **Repairs and maintenance** – the Cricket Club gate has once again been vandalised and the digital lock has been taken. The Lengthsman be requested to fit a self-closure to the gate and a decision was taken to not replace the lock.
10. **Allotment Chairman's report**
Councillor Collinson reported that she did not have signed agreements for all allotment holders. This will be reviewed when the rents are collected in November 2016. Councillor Collinson will inform councillors of the planned date for the annual inspection of the allotments.

11. Decision Items

- a) **Church path widening – update** – Miles Fox Limited have been commissioned to undertake the widening of the path and this work is planned over the next few weeks.

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- b) **Picnic bench for playground** – Councillor Rostron supplied details and prices for a picnic bench for the playground
RESOLVED: To purchase a picnic bench made from recycled material at a cost of £399 + VAT + delivery costs.

- c) **Meeting venues** – the Clerk supplied details of costs and availability for the alternative venues for meetings. The Cricket Club's availability would be limited to the winter months due to midweek fixtures and training during the summer.
RESOLVED: It was resolved to rotate meetings between St John's and St Peter's Church and United Reformed Church. The 14th September 2016 meeting to take place at the Church.

- d) **Parish Plan - update** – a draft Questionnaire has been produced by the Working Group and once finalised it is hoped that this will be circulated with the Winter Newsletter.

- e) **Communications Working Group – update** – the Communications Working Group have not met but it was proposed that the Senior Citizens Party will now take place as normal in December 2016.
RESOLVED: To organise a Senior Citizens' Christmas Party on Saturday December 3rd with associated costs as per the agreed budget.

- f) **Hammond Ground planning update** – this item was discussed at Item 6i).

12. Correspondence

Councillor W Harrison tendered his resignation from the Parish Council due to other commitments. The Chairman expressed thanks to Bill for all his hard work on behalf of the Parish Council. Arrangements will be made to fill the vacancy. The role of Footpath Officer is also now vacant and the Chairman asked for a volunteer to take on this role.

13. Highways Matters

Councillors discussed the reply from Simon Bucknell, Senior Traffic Engineer, Lancashire Highway Services regarding a complaint regarding inconsiderate parking by The Home Improvement Studio, 154 Whalley Road, Read BB12 7PN, at the junction of George Lane/Whalley Road. Further to this a report to LCC was made by the Clerk in connection with a circular saw being left unattended on the wall outside the property by the same company.

Simon Bucknell reported that this matter had been looked into by LCC and having inspected the site on 28th June, they did not find any issues. He also reported that LCC would be unable to support a continued request for kerbside parking controls at this time.

All Councillors were very disappointed by this response and asked that a strong letter be sent to Mr Bucknell to ask that all the issues be looked at again.

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14. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

Planning Application 3/2016/0447

Proposal: Application for retention of unauthorised decking and boundary fence

Location: 4 Greenacres, Read BB12 7PT

Response required by: 1st July 2016

RESPONSE

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

Planning Application No: 3/2016/0461

Proposal: Replace front porch with pitched roof and construct a first floor bedroom extension

Location: 29 Berkeley Drive, Read BB12 7QG

Response required by: 18th July, 2016

RESPONSE

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

Planning Application No: 3/2016/0569

Proposal: Proposed side extension to existing ground floor cloakroom to provide porch area and a wet room for disabled use

Location: 6 Woodhead Road, Read BB12 7PH

Response required by: 29th July, 2016

RESPONSE

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

Planning Application No: 3/2016/0574

Proposal: 34 George Lane Read BB12 7RH Demolition of one existing garage, and erection of single storey attached garage and utility room extension to side (south elevation). Two storey extension to opposite side (north elevation). Two balconies to west elevation (rear). Porch to east elevation (front). Addition of three chimney stacks. Addition of two roof lights to the rear

Response required by: 19th July 2016

15. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payment of accounts

16/6/2016	Signs of Cheshire	£750.00
21/6/2016	Clerk's Salary April-June	£572.13
21/6/2016	General Admin April-June	£150.47

b) Income

6/6/2016	Bank interest	£0.31
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c) Bank reconciliation as 30th June, 2016

Opening Balances 01.04.16		
Community Account	£5,296.14	
Business Saver Account	£2,521.23	£7,817.37
Add: Receipts		£10,351.12
Less: Payments		£5,482.50
Balance		£12,685.99

16. Items for the next agenda

- Parish Plan – update
- Church Path – update
- Communications Group
- Hammond Ground – update
- George Lane - update

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm