

READ PARISH COUNCIL

08/01/2020

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **Read & Simonstone Village Hall, 6 East View, Read, BB12 7PS on Wednesday 8th January, 2020 at 7.00p.m.**

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hacking
Councillors: Anderson, Greenhough, Hanson, Pollard, Ridge

In attendance: Lesley Foster (Clerk)

7 members of the public attended.

1. Apologies for absence – apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Collinge and Councillor Richard Bennett.

2. Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda. – *Councillor Hanson declared an interest in item 11f, as he has an interest in the land the footpath crosses, and Councillor Pollard also declared an interest in item 11f, as he is Secretary of the Martholme Greenway Project.*

2.2 To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) – *none received*

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate – *none received*

3. To approve the minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on 27th November 2019 – *the minutes were approved.*

4. Matters arising from the above minutes not on the agenda – *none.*

5. Public participation:

- A resident thanked the council for putting on the Senior Citizens Party, and commented that people were pleased with both the event and the gifts that were given out.
- A resident representing Read and Simonstone Village Hall welcomed the council to the hall, explained that the heating was set to go off at 8:30pm, and reminded those present of the procedure in case of emergency.
- A resident involved with the Martholme Greenway Project commented that they had visited the land relevant to item 11f with the Footpaths Officer. They claimed that the Footpaths Officer would prefer Martholme Greenway's proposal, but found both proposed diversion routes acceptable. The resident noted that the signs showing the current route of the footpath, which ought to be in place until the footpath diversion officially takes place, are currently missing. The resident also discussed a plan by Martholme Greenway to put up an information board.
- A member of the public representing Read Cricket Club discussed item 11m. The representative noted that the Cricket Club is currently applying to join the Lancashire League, and so are trying to enhance their training facilities. Regarding the proposal, the area would be multi-use, and the Cricket Club is willing to take input from the council regarding what sort of uses should be considered. There was a discussion on the possible uses. It was noted that cricket nets can be removable. A meeting date and time was suggested for the representative to meet several of the councillors for further discussion.

6. Borough Councillor's Report – *Councillor Bennett was absent, but passed on the following report via email:*

The only matter I have to report is a continuation of the matter I raised in my report at the last meeting.

You will recall I was representing the Village of Read and Simonstone and the Hammond Ground Objectors to RVBC proposals to follow the Turley report recommendations that the National Planning Policy Framework Government methodology as to the minimum number of dwellings be increased to a figure of 280 dwellings per year as opposed to the Government's recommendation of a minimum of 148.

I made representations to the Planning and Development Committee meeting on 28 November and as a result the decision was deferred to 9th February where I will make further representations opposing the adoption of the Turley's proposals.

I will report in due course.

7. Clerk's Report - none

8. Reports from external meetings – LALC

The minutes of the most recent LALC meeting were passed on to the Clerk. The issues discussed that were relevant to Read Parish Council were that documents were circulated on how to deal with councillor intimidation, that there was a discussion on shared knowledge of parish council funding, and that the installation of the Remembrance day artwork featuring the black soldier cut outs by Read Parish Council was noted.

9. Playground:

a) To receive the playground inspection report – there are currently no major issues. The ground is saturated, as is normal for this time of year, and there is some litter.

b) Repairs and maintenance – reinstating the stile is on the lengthsman's list of tasks.

10. Allotment Management Committee report – there has been no formal meeting since the last Parish Council meeting. There was an issue with a tenant who had given up their plot leaving rubbish on the plot for the next tenant. A letter has been written to the departing tenant. There was also an issue regarding one of the allotments which backs onto the field. Councillor Anderson has spoken to the relevant person to get this issue resolved. There have also been some reports of possible theft of scrap metal from some allotments.

11. Decision Items

a) Senior Citizen's Party

A thank you letter had been received from some residents thanking the Parish Council for putting on an enjoyable Christmas party, and also for the gifts that were sent out afterwards. Regarding why the event had been changed from previously, this was discussed in the newsletter. Councillors Greenhough and Ridge agreed to liaise with Simonstone Parish Council to begin preparing for next year's event.

b) Tree Light Up event

Councillor Hanson was thanked for organising the Christmas Tree and the lights. The event went well, and included local children from the school singing carols. A resident had offered a tree from their garden, but this would need to be dug up and replanted and it is unlikely a tree of that size would survive the process, as the tree is around 20 feet tall. If the resident is willing to wait until the time of next year's event to chop the tree down, then it could be used in the already-felled state.

c) Logo design

Councillors Anderson and Pollard had met with the design company, who had created a redesign based on the most popular of the previous designs.

RESOLVED: To accept the new redesign as the final logo design.

d) Car park

The council has now received three quotes for the work. Councillors Anderson and Pollard have a recommendation to the council, and this will be circulated in writing along with all three quotes before the next meeting.

e) Asset register

There was some discussion of the most recent asset register available.

f) Footpath diversion at Dunkirk Farm

It was noted that the council had previously resolved to support the footpath diversion at the meeting on 4th September 2019. There was an extended discussion regarding whether this support should be continued or not. In the end, no further resolution was made.

g) Donation to Read School

Councillor Hacking proposed donating £100 to Read School, in recognition of their students singing at the Tree Light Up event.

RESOLVED: To donate £100 to Read School.

h) Gin festival donation

The Clerk had contacted the organiser of the festival regarding the release of the donation, but had not yet received a response.

i) Grant from RVBC

The council had received a grant of £200 from Ribble Valley Borough Council.

RESOLVED: To donate £100 of this grant to the Salvation Army, and for the other £100 to be used to fund the donation to Read School that was resolved under item 11g.

j) Storage of Xmas table decorations

Councillor Hacking has 2 boxes of council Christmas decorations currently stored at her house. There was discussion of whether there were any alternative locations to store these.

k) Trestle tables

The trestle tables have not yet been moved to the Village Hall, but the Village Hall will move these the first time they are needed for an event.

l) Payment of Village Hall for PC meetings

It was noted that it would be preferable for the Village Hall invoices to be split by financial year. The Village Hall will send the council an invoice.

m) Cricket Club proposal

This was discussed during the public participation section of the meeting.

n) Read Motor Bodies

There had been a complaint from another resident regarding Read Motor Bodies, which included a picture of the complaint. An unknown person has also complained to Ribble Valley Borough Council. Councillor Bennett will review the rental contract with Read Motor Bodies to check if they are in contravention of it. There was further discussion of the issue. It was noted that Read Motor Bodies has expressed willingness to contribute to the costs of resurfacing the road.

o) Low Wood, Whins Lane

Councillor Bennett had requested more information on this issue before responding. Councillor Hanson also agreed to make enquiries.

12. Correspondence – a thank you note was received from a resident regarding the tins of biscuits that were distributed. A request had been received for nominations of council Chairs to attend an event at Buckingham Palace, but this was not something any of the current councillors were interested in.

13. Planning Applications/Decisions/Enforcements – There were two planning applications received since the time of the last minutes, as follows:

Application 3/2019/1031 Plot 1, 8 Hammond Drive, Read BB12 7RE

Proposed two-storey dwelling house with integral garage, parking and drive access.

Read Parish Council Planning Committee

No objections to this application.

Application 3/2019/1032 Plot 2, 8 Hammond Drive, Read, BB12 7RE

*Proposed two-storey dwelling house with integral garage, parking and drive access.
 Read Parish Council Planning Committee
 No objections to this application.*

14. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payments

11/10/19	Jason Shaw – hedge cutting	£48.00
31/10/19	Glasdon UK – dog bags	£378.72
20/11/19	DM Payroll 2nd half year	£40.50
20/11/19	Revive - bus shelter clean	£40.00
20/11/19	L Foster Salary November 2019	£242.22
06/12/19	Christmas Party expenses	£156.38
06/12/19	Christmas party buffet expenses	£90.00
06/12/19	RSVH hire costs Christmas Party and Tree Light Up	£50.00
17/12/19	HMRC Qtrly payment	£50.40

b) Income

6/11/19	Allotment rent	£22.00
8/11/19	Allotment rent	£22.00
11/11/19	Allotment rent	£16.50
13/11/19	Allotment rents	£33.00
18/11/19	Allotment rents	£82.50
25/11/19	Grant for Christmas lunch from RVBC	£200.00
28/11/19	Allotment rents	£33.00
29/11/19	Allotment rents	£44.00
2/12/19	Allotment rent	£33.00
2/12/19	Allotment deposit	£50.00
2/12/19	Allotment rent	£16.50
4/12/19	Allotment rent	£16.50
9/12/19	Allotment rents	£476.50

c) Bank reconciliation as at 31st October, 2019

Opening Balances 01.04.19			
Community Account	£1,159.16		
Business Saver Account	£11,546.16		£12,706.04
Add: Receipts			£27,239.01
Less: Payments			£21,924.41
Balance			£18,020.64

15. Items for the next agenda

- **Cricket Club proposal**
- **Senior Citizen's Party**
- **Car park/allotment road**
- **Gin festival donation**
- **Read Motor Bodies**
- **Feedback from Simonstone Parish Council**

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.