

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2016 at 7pm.**

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

4 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Councillors Harrison, Bennett and Hanson.
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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016)** – the minutes were approved with the following amendments: -
  - 8) **Borough Councillor's Report**  
Borough Councillor Richard Bennett confirmed that he is now the Deputy Mayor of Ribble Valley.  
**13h) (Part 1) RESOLVED:** It was resolved to not replace the existing board on Jubilee Street but request that the Lengthsman looks at the possibility of making improvements to the notice board.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** – there were no matters arising.
5. **Public participation:**  
A resident had contacted Councillor Albert Atkinson regarding the provision of a street light on back Whalley Road. Councillor Atkinson had expressed support for this idea and will visit the site once the nights are darker and he is able to assess the situation.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – no report
7. **Clerk's Report** – in support of Item 11i)
8. **Reports from external meetings:** -
  - PCLC 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016
  - PACT 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016
9. **Playground:**
  - a) **To receive the playground inspection report** – no problems reported.
  - b) **Repairs and maintenance** – no repairs required.
10. **Allotment Chairman's report**
  - Complaint regarding reported excessive use of water from the bottom tap by an allotment holder. Allotment Chairman to draft a letter to the allotment holder.
  - 5C – existing allotment holder has given notice and this allotment will be re-let.
11. **Decision Items**
  - a) **Church Path costings**- Councillors consider the two quotes that had been received for the surfacing of part of the Church Path.  
**RESOLVED: It was resolved to accept the quote from Miles Fox (Haulage) Limited – estimated cost £2,200.00 + VAT.**
  - b) **Picnic bench for Playground** – Councillor Rostron had looked at several design of picnic bench and will investigate the costs for a picnic bench manufactured from recycled materials.

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- c) **Meeting venues with costs** – not all venues have submitted costs and availability as requested. This item to be carried forward to the next meeting.
- d) **Parish Plan update** – Councillor Collinge reported that a meeting of the working group had taken place where the group had looked at various examples of other plans. They will circulate a first draft of the draft plan when this is complete.
- e) **Hammond Ground** – this is due to be submitted to RVBC Planning Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Read Parish Council submitted their response on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- f) **Communications Working Group** – Councillor Collinge had circulated a draft Communications Policy and Social Media Policy to the working group and a meeting is planned for July where these items will be discussed by the group.
- g) **A joint Civic Service with Simonstone PCC** – Councillor Collinge outlined the proposal from the PCC for a joint service with Simonstone Parish Council and Read Parish Council.

**RESOLVED: To support this proposal for development.**

- h) **Read Cricket and Bowling Club proposal** – Councillors Collinge and Hanson had recently been invited to attend a meeting with Andy Turner, Read Cricket and Bowling Club to discuss a proposal to redevelop the cricket pavilion and develop an all-weather pitch on the existing kick-about area. This proposal would also incorporate plans to resurface the existing public car park and road leading down to the car park. This proposal may entail leasing the kick-about area to the Cricket and Bowling Club as they would be willing to caretake the proposed new facilities.

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council are supportive of the outline proposal and will be involved in further discussions and developments.**

- i) **National Salary Award for Clerk** – Councillors received details of the recently agreed salary award for the clerk.

**RESOLVED: To note the salary increase and incorporate the revised salary figure into any future budget planning.**

### 12. Correspondence

**RVBC – Fly tipping** – *Councillors noted correspondence from RVBC outlining the launch by RVBC on a clampdown on people who foul backstreets and country lanes. Penalty notices of between £150 and £400 will be issued to offenders. Any residents who witness fly-tipping are asked to report a vehicle's registration number in complete confidence to Ribble Valley Borough Council on 01200 425111.*

**British Heart Foundation** – *Councillors received a letter from the British Heart Foundation outlining the latest development in the parish council's bid to install an extra defibrillator in the village. The British Heart Foundation requested that the defibrillator that has been donated to the parish council should be installed in a central position near St Johns and St Peters Church, Read. The church is currently asking permission from the Diocese for the defibrillator to be positioned on the church wall, near the main gates.*

**Fracking** – *Councillor Collinson asked for more information regarding any proposed fracking in the area. No further information has been received by the parish council regarding this*

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**13. Highways Matters** – the Clerk reported on highways issues that have been reported since the last meeting.

## **14. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements**

Planning Application No: 3/2016/0296

Proposal: Erection of two detached dwellings

Location: 8 Hammond Drive, Read BB12 7RE

Response required by: 16th May 2016

**RESPONSE**

The Parish Council object to this proposal and feel that this proposal is an over-development and is not in keeping with the surroundings.

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Planning Application No: 3/2016/0330

Proposal: Application for retention of unauthorised change of use from bakery to on-licensed and off-licensed premises

Location: Read Ale and Wines, 116 Whalley Road, Read BB12 7PN

Response required by: 25th May 2016

**RESPONSE**

Although the Parish Council are supportive of the application the main issue is for neighbouring residents and the late closing hour of 11pm.

We would wish to have noise abatement after 9pm.

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Planning Application No: 3/2016/0350

Proposal: Erection of a summerhouse and garden tool shed in the rear garden

Location: Teckelmount, 42 George Lane, Read, Burnley BB12 7RQ

Response required by: 31st May 2016

**RESPONSE**

The Parish Council have no objections to this proposal

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Planning Application No: 3/2016/0421

Proposal: Outline residential development for 50 units (33 bungalows and 17 houses) including reserved matters for access at Hammond Ground, Read

Location: Hammond Ground, Whalley Road, Read BB12 7QN

Response required by: 10th June 2016

**RESPONSE**

The parish council objects to this development on the following grounds:

1. The location is outside the settlement boundary and in an open countryside location. Hammond Ground is part of Read Park, an ancient and historic landscape. There are stunning trees set within this designated landscape which would be spoiled by being surrounded by modern housing. Many people enjoy the green vista of Hammond Ground from public highways around Read and also from as far away as Great Harwood and Altham.

2. The adopted core strategy, based on objectively assessed housing need, identifies the overall minimum housing target for Read and Simonstone of 45 dwellings over the plan period 2008-2028. As of December 2015 19 dwellings remain to be provided in Read and Simonstone over the plan period. The current proposal would contribute up to 50 dwellings, which along with the planned development at Worthalls Farm of 15 dwellings would greatly exceed the objectively assessed need and the

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principle of sustainable development in housing numbers terms is therefore considered not to be in accordance with the adopted Core Strategy. Approval of the application for Hammond Ground could mean we get more than double the number of houses deemed appropriate for Read and Simonstone less than half way through the plan period.

3. A key part of this application is a claim that much of the housing will be for elderly people yet we have no doctors, opticians or dentists in the village and our bus service has recently been cut. The Core Strategy concentrated development on settlements with better infrastructure. It cannot meet any suggested need that elderly residents find themselves living on a sloping site outside the village boundary with inadequate services.

### 15. Finance & Accounts:

#### a) Payment of accounts

4/4/2016	RVBC – litter bins	£213.20
4/4/2016	RVBC – dog waste bins	£1,279.20
4/4/2016	Petty Cash	£40.00
5/4/2016	Nu-Age Print and Copy	£100.00
24/4/2016	Petty Cash	£40.00
3/5/2016	Came and Company - Insurance	£305.60
16/5/2016	RVBC – grass cutting	£786.66
16/5/2016	Sabden Parish Council – Lengthsman Scheme	£600.00
7/6/2016	G Lambert – Internal Audit	£60.00
7/6/2016	URC – room hire	£87.50
7/6/2016	United Utilities – allotment water	£153.16

#### b) Income

11/4/2016	RVBC Precept	£8,056.00
11/4/2016	Grant for localised support	£93.00
28/4/2016	Simonstone Parish Council – playground support	£300.00
3/5/2016	HMRC Vat repayment	£1,801.81
23/5/2016	Allotment rent	£12.50

#### c) Bank reconciliation as 31/5/2016

Opening Balances 01.04.16		
Community Account	£5,296.14	
Business Saver Account	£2,521.23	£7,817.37
Add: Receipts		£11,350.63
Less: Payments		£4,009.90
Balance		£15,158.10

### 16. Items for the next agenda

- Picnic bench for playground
- Meeting venues
- Hammond Ground update
- Parish Plan update

The meeting ended at 7.50