

READ PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on Wednesday 25th June, 2014 at 7pm.

Present: Chairman Councillor Doreen Collinson
Councillors Councillors Davies, Pollard, Nichols, Rostron

In attendance: Shirley Bridge (Clerk),

8 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**
 - 2.3 **To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate**
3. **To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting (14 May 2014)** – the minutes were approved
4. **Matters arising** – f) Planning enforcement – Councillor Pollard was concerned that no reply had been received following the letter to Ribble Valley Borough Council dated 3rd June 2014 concerning planning enforcement.
5. **Public participation:**

One member of the public reported that there were bird droppings on the benches in Church Street Gardens and asked if they could be cleaned. Councillors replied that they did not currently have the resources to consider cleaning bird droppings from benches.

Mr Richard Hanson, Bridge Heywood Caravan Park asked if the Parish Council is aware that 3 weeks ago they had vandalism on their site and access was gained along the railway line. Mr Hanson also brought to the attention of councillors that considerable publicity in the local press and local newsletters has highlighted that some residents are not favour of the path opening and also believes that support has been withdrawn for the campaign.

Mr Hanson invited all the Parish Councillors to visit the site so that they would all have an overview of the layout and general issues concerning this matter. This visit was set for Monday 28th July at 7pm.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – Borough Councillor John Hill gave apologies for the meeting but submitted a written report.
7. **Clerk's Report** – in support of Items of 10b) and 10d).
8. **Reports from external meetings:-**

Councillor Alun Davies submitted a report from the Parish Council Liaison Committee he attended on June 12th 2014.
9. **Playground:**
 - a) To receive the playground inspection report – broken glass was reported on the playground but this has now been cleared.
 - b) Repairs and maintenance – no repairs required.

10. Decision items

a) Gate from Children's Playground to Cricket Club car park

Representatives from Read Cricket and Bowling Club and Read Football Club attended the meeting and discussions took place regarding the gate which gives access to the football from the Cricket Club car park to the football field. The gate was originally installed by the

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Parish Council to facilitate access by the footballers on match days but the gate has been locked by the Cricket Club.

RESOLVED: The Cricket Club and the Football Club will engage in discussions to decide how this issue will be managed in the future.

b) Casual Vacancy - Councillor Richard Bennett tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. Councillors thanked him for his input since becoming a parish councillor and hope that within his role as Borough Councillor he will continue to support the work of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: To register the resignation of this councillor and set in motion the casual vacancy procedures.

c) Register of Attendance

The clerk had prepared a register of attendance for the previous 12 months. The report was noted.

d) Replacement bench at Mary's Farm

The wooden bench at Mary's Farm was found to be rotten and unusable. Following approval by three Councillors a new bench was sourced by the Clerk. The new bench has been installed by the Lengthsman and the old bench disposed of. Total cost for the replacement bench was £455 + VAT. This cost will be allocated to the Capital Replacement Fund.

e) Hammond Drive – dog bin

Councillor Rostron has met with the landowner and he has no objections to the dog bin being moved further down Hammond Drive on the grass verge. The Clerk will make arrangements for this to be moved.

f) RVBC – Oak Tree Siting – Ribble Valley Borough Council have requested that the Parish Council identify a site for the planting of the Oak Tree that is being donated to the village.

RESOLVED: Councillors will inform the Clerk of suggestions for a suitable site for the oak tree.

11. Correspondence

i) RVBC Dog Control Orders – A letter received from Ribble Valley Borough Council outlined the five Dog Control Orders which will come into force on 1 August 2014.

ii) Peter Green, SUSTRANS – an e-mail has been received from Peter Green, Sustrans regarding Martholme Viaduct and Greenway connection to Padiham. Peter offered to attend a forthcoming Parish Council meeting to discuss the current position and future way forward. Parish Councillors wished to thank Peter for his input but would not take up this offer at the moment pending further developments.

iii) Lights Out – a letter has been received outlining the 'Lights Out' project. The letter outlines the invitation to everyone in the UK to turn off their lights from 10pm until 11pm on 4th August 2014. The Clerk was asked to publicise this project.

12. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

Applications

3/2014/0448

East Cottage, George Lane, Read BB12 7RD

Proposed front porch

Response required by 27th June 2014

Enforcements

3/2008/0777 White Hill – following a report of a possible breach of planning consent this issue will now be reported to the Enforcement Officer at Ribble Valley Borough Council.

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3/2013/085 The Whins – Following continuing complaints of mud on the road and inappropriate parking by contractors the Clerk was requested to write to the developers outlining these complaints.

Members of the Planning Committee also raised issues concerning the lack of information received when retrospective conditions are applied. The Clerk was requested to pass on these comments to the Planning Department.

13. Finance & Accounts

a)

Payments to be authorised

Payee	Type of expenditure	Amount
Lancashire County Training Partnership	Councillor Training	£33.00
R Anderson	Allotments	£21.47
United Utilities	Water allotments	£121.91
G Lambert	Internal Audit	£60.00
Broker Network Ltd	Insurance	£278.95
Streetmaster Ltd	Replacement bench	£546.00
Sutcliffe Play	New springie toys	£1,705.03
RVBC	Replacement dog bins	£540.00

b) Income – none to report

14. Items for the next agenda (Wednesday 6 August at 7pm)

- Visit to Bridge Heywood Caravan Park
- Casual Vacancies
- Oak Tree Siting
- Cricket Club Gate

The meeting ended at 8.35