

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

28/11/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **St John's Church (Vestry), off George Lane, Read BB12 7RL on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 7pm.**

**Present:** Chairman: Peter Collinge  
Councillors: Anderson, Gandy, Hanson, Hacking, Rostron  
**In attendance:** Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

10 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Councillors Ridge and Bennett.
2. **Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations**
  - 2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
  - 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 meetings held on – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018** - the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** - none
5. **Public participation:**

One resident complained that Read Motor Body Centre are again leaving plastic bumpers and car body pieces at the side of their premises on the road to the car park/playground. The Clerk will e-mail the company again to complain about this. The resident had complained to Ribble Valley Borough Council who had inspected the site but no action has been taken.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – Hammond Ground appeal – Borough Councillor Bennett sent information via the Clerk and reported on the Hammond Ground Residents' Group success in having the appeal dismissed.
7. **Clerk's Report** – none
8. **Reports from external meetings:** None – PCLC minutes circulated to all councillors)
9. **Playground:**
  - a) **To receive the playground inspection report** – (all equipment in working order.)
  - b) **Repairs and maintenance** –. No essential maintenance required this month
10. **Allotment Management Committee** – The Clerk provided a report concerning the recent skip hire for allotment holders. The skip was again overfilled and also asbestos sheets were put in the skip. These needed to be removed before the skip could be taken away. Asbestos sheets have now been left on the allotment car park. Councillor Anderson will remove these sheets and will dispose of them appropriately. It was disappointing to note that the waste material in the skip contained some household waste and also some compostable material. The issue of skip hire to be reviewed.

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## 11. Decision Items

**a) Date and venues for meeting in 2019** – the dates and venues for meeting in 2019 were approved. These will be displayed on the website and in the noticeboards.

**b) Precept setting** – Councillors considered the report provided by the Clerk regarding the level of precept required for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019-31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

**RESOLVED: To now apply for a precept of £9,806 – the Clerk will apply to RVBC for this level of precept.**

**c) Church Street gardens project** – Councillors considered the report regarding planned refurbishment of the flagged areas in Church Street gardens. Councillor Hanson advised that if the flags are re-laid they may well be damaged again when the Christmas tree is delivered as the machinery needs to run over the flags.

**RESOLVED: The quotes for re-laying and cleaning of the flags to be considered at the next meeting. Councillor Hanson will provide a quote for a permanently planted tree to avoid having machinery running across the flags.**

**d) Senior Citizens Party** – update – the SCP will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Chairs for the event have been ordered and will be delivered on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. The catering and entertainment have been booked. All councillors are invited to assist in setting up for the party 9.15am onwards – and in serving and washing up for the meal served at 1pm. The Deputy Mayor of Ribble Valley + guest will attend along with Rev Robert and Jane Fielding.

**e) Christmas Tree switch-on** – update – The Christmas Tree switch on event is planned for Friday evening 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. Unfortunately, the school choir are unable to attend this year. Rev Robert will bless the tree and provide the countdown. Mulled wine, tea and coffee, chocolates will be served.

**f) Comms Group** - update – the Communications Group have not met.

**g) URC, RSVH** – *Councillors had received a draft letter from RSVH Trustees. This letter headed up as Read Parish Council was requesting a vesting document from the solicitors of the Synod. Other elements of the draft letter included details of the research carried out by RSVH.*

**RESOLVED: The Clerk advised the parish councillors present that if the letter was to be headed up from Read Parish Council it would be inappropriate for them to take credit for the research. The Clerk to draft two separate documents. One, a letter to the Synod's solicitors from Read Parish Council requesting a copy of the vesting document and two, the research document clearly signed as from the RSVH Trustees.**

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**h) Resident survey** – update – closing date for returns is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**RESOLVED: An extraordinary meeting of the parish council to be called where councillors will review the returns.**

**i) Casual Vacancy** – The recent Casual Vacancy resulted in an election being held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018. Bob Anderson was duly elected and has now signed the Acceptance of Office declaration. The Chairman welcomed Councillor Anderson to the Parish Council.

**j) Music Festival 2019** – update – also Item 12 Correspondence. A letter of complaint had been received from Read Cricket and Bowling Club. The wish to inform us that the planned Music Festival in 2019 may clash with two home matches to be played on the nearby cricket field.

**RESOLVED: The Clerk to write to the Cricket Club outlining the fact that the dates for the Music Festival are already set.**

**k) Logo design** – update – Media Village have now invited councillors to visit them at their premises and to work closely with the designers to hopefully create a logo that is suitable for the Parish Council

**RESOLVED: Councillors Gandy, Rostron and Anderson to arrange this visit in the New Year.**

**l) Hammond Ground – update** – see Borough Councillor’s report Item 6.

**m) Waste bins in the village** – Councillor Hacking reported that the litter bins at the two bus stops/shelters on Whalley Road are constantly full. These are emptied by RVBC on Fridays but are very soon full to overflowing. The Clerk will report this matter to RVBC Waste Management Section.

**12. Correspondence** – Letter from Read Cricket and Bowling Club – (dealt with at Item 11 j).

**13. Highways** – no report

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

Planning Application No: 3/2018/0959
Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to side/rear of dwelling
Location: 21 Greenacres, Read BB12 7PT
Response required by: 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
<b>RESPONSE</b> <b>No objection to this application</b>

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Planning Application No: 3/2018/0655
Proposal: Removal of existing shop front and insertion of domestic window and door to match neighbouring houses
Location: 3 Whalley Road, Read BB12 7PB
Response required by: 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018
<b>RESPONSE</b> <b>No objection to this application.</b>

## 15. Finance & Accounts:

### a) Payment of accounts –

15/10/2018	Clerk salary	£196.51
15/10/2018	Admin expenses	£80.82
16/10/2018	Frank Barnes Skip hire allotments	£270.00
22/10/2018	British Legion poppy wreath	£20.00
5/11/2018	Petty cash	£50.00
7/11/2018	Allotment Waterplus	£176.10
7/11/2018	Nu-Age Printers Autumn Newsletter	£110.00
7/11/2018	Trapp Forge WW1 metal soldier	£240.00

### b) Income –

3/9/2018	Bank interest	£6.25
12/11/2018	Allotment rents	£406.50

### c) Bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018

<b>Opening Balances 01.04.18</b>			
Community Account	£17,998.11		
Business Saver Account	£2,523.86		£20,521.97
Add: Receipts			£23,498.72
Less: Payments			£28,686.67
Balance			<b>£15,334.02</b>

## 16. Items for the next agenda

- Church Street gardens
- Christmas Tree switch-on/SCP reviews
- Comms Group
- Litter bins

*The meeting ended at 20.15 pm*