

READ PARISH COUNCIL

15/01/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on Wednesday 15 January, 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Shirley Bridge (Clerk), Borough Councillor John Hill

19 members of the public attended

- Before the start of the meeting 2 former councillors (Waterhouse and Mashiter, former Allotment Chairman) who had both served for many years were presented with commemorative shields. Mrs Waterhouse collected the shield on behalf of David Waterhouse who sadly passed away in November 2013.
- 1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies for absence were received from Councillors Snape and Bennett.
- 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 (20 November 2013) – the following amendment to Item 5) Matters arising 12b) Martholme Viaduct – Councillor Pollard requested the following to replace the existing minute –**
 - *Following the talk by Nigel Brooke and his pending meeting with Mr Hanson we agreed to postpone sending the Parish Council's submission to our County Council representatives and it was resolved to send the letters to Mr Hanson explaining the Parish Council's position on the matter.*
- 4. **Matters arising** – Councillor Pollard expressed concerns regarding a meeting that had taken place with the Chairman, Clerk and Mr Hanson, Bridge Heywood Caravan Park regarding the proposed All-weather pitch development. Although this was an informal meeting between Mr Hanson and the Chairman, Councillor Pollard asked that this type of meeting would not take place in the future. The Chairman reiterated that she visited Mr Hanson to thank him for his contribution to the 'Fun Day' and that she and the clerk also discussed with Mr Hanson his possible support for the digging of foundations for the proposed All-weather pitch development.
- 5. **Public participation:**

With regard to the recent consultation regarding the proposed changes to Church Street Gardens the following points were made by residents of Church Street:-

 - The gardens are regularly used by children as a play area,
 - Concerns regarding any wider implications for this proposed change,
 - Historically the gardens were used for village events including band concerts,
 - A proposal was made to widen Church Street to increase the space for parking of cars,
 - Concerns raised regarding the parking at the flats and business premises at the bottom of George Lane.
- 6. **Borough Councillor's Report – Borough Councillor John Hill**
 - RVBC have been praised by Eric Pickles regarding the continued weekly domestic bin collection.
 - Core Strategy – consultation regarding this commenced on 14 January 2014
 - 240L Green Bins – these are still available if any residents wishes to receive one

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- RVBC are now undertaking public consultation on 5 Dog Control Orders
- 29 January 2014 – Stan the Van will visit the villages – Health and Homelessness are their priorities.

7. **Clerk's Report** – in support of Items 11b, 11c, 11e, 11f.

8. Reports from external meetings:-

PACT

6 crimes reported from December 2013 to 9th January 2014

Action points – speeding on Fountains Avenue

Simonstone Parish Council

David Peat (Chairman, Simonstone Parish Council gave a report on how the parish council is supporting the Snow Angels initiative from Ribble Valley Borough Council. Simonstone Parish Council are also hoping to improve the footpath from Harewood Avenue across the school field.

LALC

Councillor Davies attended the LALC meeting in December 2013. There had been a presentation given regarding the Traffic Master Plan but this had already been presented at the previous Parish Council Liaison meeting.

9. **Playground:**

- a) To receive the playground inspection report – no report given
- b) Repairs and maintenance – no report given

10. **Decision items**

a) Footpath Survey

The survey has not been completed and will be discussed once all survey reports are submitted.

b) Tennyson Avenue

The footpath/walkway from Jubilee Street to Fort Street has been the subject of stone theft and some damage has been done to the existing tarmac.

RESOLVED: To request that the Lengthsman repair the damaged walkway.

c) Review of Senior Citizens' Party

The clerk supplied a breakdown of the attendance numbers and also the cost involved.

Review of Senior Citizens' Party held on Saturday 7 December 2013

Costs:-

Catering 67 meals & £8 (64 attended)	£536.00
Raffle prizes and sundries	£92.72
Gratuity for Caretaker	£20.00
Entertainment	£50.00
Sundries	£49.43
TOTAL	£748.15

RESOLVED: To invite Simonstone Parish Council to have a joint village event for Christmas 2014.

d) Church Street Gardens

i) The Chairman explained to the residents who attended the meeting the reasoning behind the suggestion to convert part of the gardens to a car park in the hope of alleviating car parking problems. From the replies received it is obvious that this is not supported by residents.

ii) Concerns were raised regarding the parking at the flats at the bottom of George Lane and if this contravenes the original planning permission that was granted.

RESOLVED:

i) That this suggestion is taken no further due to lack of support from residents,

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ii) the clerk is requested to investigate the original planning permission that was granted by RVBC for the parking provisions at the flats at the bottom of George Lane,

iii) to write to landlord of the flats requesting that the deep holes at the edges of the car park are improved.

e) Read Motor Body Lease

Despite repeated request from our legal representation the tenant at Read Motor Body has not signed the revised lease.

RESOLVED: To request our legal representation to ask the owner of Read Motor Lease that the revised lease is signed off by 31 March 2014.

f) New toys for the playground

The clerk had obtained costing for replacement of the two springie toys in the playground.

RESOLVED: To support the purchase and installation of the two springie toys at a cost of £2,861+vat. Councillor John Hill mentioned that some funding may be available from the RVBC through the village amenity grant. The clerk to investigate this with RVBC.

11. Correspondence

- Mr B Black, Allotment Holder – a letter was received from Mr Black thanking the parish council for the repair of the perimeter fencing which was carried out by the Lengthsman.
- Little Green Bus – the Little Green Bus requested a donation of £150 for 2013/2014.

RESOLVED: to contribute £150 to the Little Green Bus initiative.

- LALC have asked parish councils to nominate attendees to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2014. The deadline for applications to be included in the ballot is Friday 7th February 2014. The Chairman has been nominated for this event.

12. Planning Applications & Decisions – none to consider

13.

Finance & Accounts

a)

Payments to be authorised

Payee	Type of expenditure	Amount
S Bridge	Petty Cash	£40.00
Nu-Age Print & Copy	Newsletter	£95.00
United Utilities Aug-Nov	Water costs	£96.19
D Collinson	SC Party Sundries	£49.43
H Spurgeon	SCP Entertainment	£50.00
D Collinson	SC Party Sundries	£92.72
W Prosser	SCP Catering	£536.00
Signs of the Times	Plaque	£354.00
Heys Sheet Metal	Bus Shelter repair	£79.20
SLCC	Membership	£76.00
Clerks Salary Oct-Dec		£534.58
Clerks Expenses Oct-Dec		£171.55
HMRC Oct-Dec		£133.60
D Malley	Payroll services	£10.00

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Income:

Interest	£.31
Allotment rents	£1,288.50

Items for the next agenda (Wednesday 26 February 2014)

- Benches
- Church Warden's Way
- Parish Newsletter

The meeting ended at 9.10pm