

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at 7pm.**

**Present:** Chairman Councillor Doreen Collinson  
Councillors Rostron, Nichols, Harrison, Snape, Davies, Hanson

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

3 members of the public attended

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies for absence were received from Councillor Clifton Pollard.
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 (held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014)**– the minutes were approved
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** – there were no matters arising.
5. **Public participation:**

*One resident reported that she feels the bus shelter on Whalley Road is not fit for purpose and of a bad design.*

*One resident wished to report that she had attended the Oak Tree Planting and had enjoyed this well attended event.*

*The following Highways matters were reported:*

*Noisy grates at:-*

*72/74 Whalley Road*

*Victoria Lodge*

*Whalley Road – junction of Church Street.*

## 6. Borough Councillor's Report –

- Councillor Hill had given support to the issue regarding the overhanging trees around street light at the Fort Street garage site. RVBC have given assurances that this matter will be dealt with.
- Fort Street garage site – Councillor Hill reported that RVBC are willing to look at different options regarding this issue either to strengthen the monitoring of the terms of the licences or to revisit the idea of clearing the site and using as a car park. The Parish Council need to make a strong representation to the Community Committee at RVBC outlining their requests.

## 7. Clerk's Report - in support of Agenda Item 10b).

## 8. Reports from external meetings:-

- Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – attended by Councillor C Pollard
- Play Area Alliance RVBC 11 November 2014 – attended by Councillor G Rostron
- PACT meeting held on 13 November 2014 – attended by Councillor G Rostron

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- Simonstone Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – attended by Councillor G Rostron.

## 9. Playground:

**a) To receive the playground inspection report** – nothing to report although litter continues to be a problem.

**b) Repairs and maintenance** – the Clerk has ordered additional “smoke free play area” from RVBC. Replacement signs are required for several of the other signs in the playground as the lettering has peeled off. Quotes will be obtained for new signs

## 10. Decision Items

**a) Planning Enforcement** – Councillors considered a report from John Heap, Director of Community Services, Ribble Valley Borough Council regarding planning enforcement at Bridge Heywood Caravan Park.

**RESOLVED:** Councillors are satisfied that this matter is now dealt with.

**b) Read Motor Body Lease** - Councillors considered a report from Richard Pallister regarding the Read Motor Body Lease issue.

**RESOLVED:** The clause concerning the road is to be taken out and the lease to state that the land at rear is cleared of rubbish and vehicles if they should leave the property and as the Parish Council may incur legal costs in negotiating this change to the lease it should be stipulated that the Ledger’s should bear any costs incurred.

**c) Parish Plan Review** – Councillors considered the current Parish Plan which was compiled and adopted in 2012 following a survey of residents.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved to look at compiling a new Parish Plan and to use an independent facilitator/consultant to make a new plan. Until the new plan is adopted the old plan will be in force. Councillors Rostron, Hanson and Harrison to form a working party to take this issue forward.

## d) Senior Citizens Party

The Chairman outlined the arrangements to date and asked for additional volunteers for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 – setting up and also for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014 - helping at the event.

## e) Black Hill Road/CarPark

The Chairman outlined this proposal from the PACT meeting. The police are looking for support to close this short stretch of road because of reported anti-social behaviour in this area.

**RESOLVED:** The Councillors resolved to give support to this initiative.

## 11. Correspondence

### E-mail from Dr John Barker, Martholme Greenway Group

Dr Barker requested that Read Parish Council nominate a member of the Parish Council to become a member of this group. Councillors discussed this matter and it was resolved that there was no support for this group from the Parish Council and the group were requested not to attend the next Parish Council meeting as the Parish Plan is being reviewed.

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## Street lighting

Following a request from a resident for an additional street light on back Whalley Road the Clerk had sought the support of LCC and the Cllr Dereli (Parish Champion). Nigel Lodge, Street Lighting Engineer, LCC replied to this request stating that there is no funding for new additional street lights.

## Martholme Viaduct

A letter from Mike Kirby, Director of Transport and Environment, LCC has been received by the Parish Council in response to our letter to Jo Turton, LCC dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September regarding Martholme Viaduct. LCC does not feel it can justify spending a significant amount of staff time organising and leading a survey of the residents and visitors of Bridge Heywood Caravan Park.

## 12. Highways Matters

- Councillor Davies was disappointed that to date no reply has been received to his e-mail dated 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to LCC Highway Services. A further e-mail to be sent requesting a response to the issues raised by Councillor Davies.

### Issues raised by residents:

- Noisy grates on Whalley Road – this matter will be reported to LCC by the Clerk.

## 13. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

None received

## 14 a) Payments

| Payee                | Type of expenditure        | Amount  |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| URC                  | Room hire                  | £146.90 |
| Royal British Legion | Wreath + donation          | £20.00  |
| Nu-Age Print & Copy  | Printing Winter Newsletter | £95.00  |
| D Collinson          | SCP + daffodil blubs       | £45.84  |

## b) Income

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Football Club rent   | £250.00 |
| Cricket Club rent x2 | £120.00 |
| SCP Fund             | £10.00  |

## c) Bank reconciliation as 2014

| Opening Balances 01.04.14 |            |            |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Community Account         | £12,328.77 |            |
| Business Saver Account    | £2,518.71  | £14,847.48 |
| Add: Receipts             |            | £11,200.51 |
|                           |            |            |
| Less: Payments            |            | £11,552.73 |
| Balance                   |            | £14,495.26 |

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## d) Finance report

| Cost centre |                                | Budget<br>2014 2015 | Expenditure<br>to date<br>(net of VAT) | Residue |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|---------|
| 100         | Clerk's Salary                 | 2,759               | 1,385                                  | 1,374   |
| 101         | General Admin                  | 2,345               | 959                                    | 1,386   |
| 102         | Grass cutting                  | 634                 | 633                                    | 1       |
| 103         | Lengthsman Scheme              | 700                 | 670                                    | 30      |
| 104         | Dog Bin Collection             | 1,044               | 1,040                                  | 4       |
| 105         | Allotments water + maintenance | 750                 | 333                                    | 417     |
| 106         | Playground ROSPA + maintenance | 92                  | 92                                     | 0       |
| 108         | Senior Citizens Party          | 500                 | 36                                     | 464     |
| 109         | Donations S137                 | 315                 | 0                                      | 315     |
| 110         | Audit                          | 325                 | 160                                    | 165     |
| 111         | Training                       | 130                 | 63                                     | 67      |
| 112         | Legal Fees                     | 200                 | 0                                      | 200     |
| 113         | Contingency                    | 700                 | 442                                    | 258     |
| 199         | VAT                            |                     | 1,401                                  |         |
| 200         | Capital Replacement            | 7,730               | 4,849                                  | 2,881   |
| 201         | Whatmore Funding               | 11,284              | 0                                      | 11,284  |

## 15. Items for the next agenda

- Parish Plan review
- SCP report

**The meeting ended at 8.32pm**