

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at 7pm.**

**Present:** Chairman Councillor Doreen Collinson  
Councillors Gill Rostron, Lisa Snape, Clifton Pollard, Gerald Nichols,  
Richard Hanson, Alun Davies

**In attendance:** Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

3 members of the public attended

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Councillor William Harrison and Borough Councillor John Hill.
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 17<sup>th</sup> September 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 an old car had been abandoned by the launderette (off Whalley Road). This will be reported to PACT.*

*Also a large piece of wood has also been left against the wall in this area. Ribble Valley Borough Council will be asked to remove this.*

**6. Borough Councillor's Report – Borough Councillor John Hill was unable to attend the meeting but gave a written report -** *I can confirm that I spoke with John Heap the Director of Resources at Ribble Valley who told me that the Council's social street lighting fund no longer existed and that any requests for street lighting would need to be made to Lancashire County Council as street lighting authority. He suggested that we contact the Whalley highway depot in the first instance and suggest that a formal approach is made directly by the Parish Council. The request will carry some weight if supported by any incidents that have occurred because of the lack of lighting along the back lane. John Heap felt that the Fort Street overhanging trees had been cut back and this needs checking.*

**7. Clerk's Report** - in support of Agenda Items 10b and 10e.

**8. Reports from external meetings:-**

- Simonstone Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – Councillor Rostron – nothing to report
- PACT – Councillor Rostron - meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 – 9 incidents were reported during August and September. There were 8 actions which required a follow up from the previous meeting.
- LALC – Councillor Davies – meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 – 3 agenda items were cancelled and nothing relevant to report. The next meeting is the AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at County Hall, Preston. The Chairman and Vice-Chair to attend if possible.

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## 9. Playground:

**a) To receive the playground inspection report** – a cider bottle was smashed on the small children's play area which covered a large area and the slide was splintered with glass. This was reported to the Clerk by a resident. The area was cleaned and glass swept up.

**b) Repairs and maintenance** – the gate and fence have now been fully repaired. Lettering on the signs is peeling off and will need replacing.

## 10. Decision Items

### a) Cricket Club/Football Club – Playground gate

New hinges and a digital lock have now been fitted to the small gate from the Cricket Club car park into the playground and both Cricket Club and Football Club officials have been given the required code for unlocking on match days.

**b) Cricket Club Lease** – the new lease began in 2009 and is for 30 years with a rent review required in 2015. The official name is now Read Cricket and Bowling Club and this may require changing on the lease.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk was requested to investigate this matter

### c) Calendar of meetings for 2015

**RESOLVED:** The following dates for meetings were agreed for 2015:-

14<sup>TH</sup> January

25<sup>TH</sup> February

*No meeting in March*

15<sup>TH</sup> April – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

13<sup>TH</sup> May – ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

24<sup>TH</sup> June

22<sup>ND</sup> July

*No meeting in August*

16<sup>TH</sup> September

28<sup>TH</sup> October

25<sup>TH</sup> November

*No meeting in December*

### d) Parish Plan review

**RESOLVED:** All councillors will review the Parish Plan and will bring ideas for amendments/additions to the next meeting.

### e) Precept setting for 2015-2016

**RESOLVED:** To agree the outline budgets for 2015/2016 and agree a precept at an increase of 2%.

### f) Fundraising for Kick about Area

**RESOLVED:** The committee will review the current plans and decide if a staged approach to this development would be more manageable.

### g) Fort Street Garage site

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk was requested to contact John Heap, RVBC regarding this issue to look at the possibility of the Parish Council administering the site.

### h) Newsletter – Distribution List

**RESOLVED:** The changes to the distribution list were agreed and the Winter Newsletter can now be distributed.

**i) LCC survey letter** – no reply has been received following a letter to Jo Turton on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk to contact Jo Turton regarding this matter

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## 11. Correspondence

Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau have requested a donation to support their work.

**RESOLVED: To donate £100 to the RVCAB.**

## 12. Highways Matters

Following e-mail correspondence with Simon Bucknell, LCC regarding the requested kerbside waiting restrictions on the junction of Whalley Road and George Lane the Parish Council are not satisfied with the response from LCC and Cllr Davies was nominated to write a strong letter of complaint to LCC regarding this matter.

## 13. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

Planning Application No:3/2014/0751
Proposal: Erection of single, detached dwelling
Location: 8 Hammond Drive, Read Burnley BB12 7RE
Response required by: 23 September 2014
<b>RESPONSE</b> <b>The Parish Council have no objection in principle to the development but are concerned that additional traffic will be generated onto Whins Lane and that residents will suffer disruption during construction.</b>

## Enforcements

No reply has been received to the letter regarding planning enforcement for 3/2012/0910. The Clerk was instructed to request that Borough Councillor John Hill investigate why no response has been received to our correspondence to the Planning Department regarding this matter.

## 14 a) Payments

Payee	Type of expenditure	Amount
Playsafety Ltd	ROSPA report	£110.40
S Bridge Salary July-Sept	Staff costs	£554.04
S Bridge Expenses & Printing	Admin costs	£137.95
S Bridge – Purchase of Shredder	Capital costs	£119.95
A Parkinson	Playground repairs	£153.00
Fortress Wrought Iron Ltd	Playground repairs	£226.80
HMRC	PAYE Quarter 2	£138.60

## b) Income

RVBC Concurrent functions grant	£953.70
Publication sale	£4.00
SCP Fund donation	£10.00
Allotment Rent	£12.50

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## c) Bank reconciliation as 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014

Opening Balances 01.04.14		
Community Account	£12,328.77	
Business Saver Account	£2,518.71	£14,847.48
Add: Receipts		£11,173.67
<b>Less: Payments</b>		<b>£11,141.18</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£14,879.97</b>

## d) Finance report

	<b>Budget 2014 2015</b>	<b>Expenditure to date (net of VAT)</b>	<i>Residue</i>
Clerk's Salary	2,759	1,385	1,374
General Admin	2,345	687	1,658
Grass cutting	634	633	1
Lengthsman Scheme	700	670	30
Dog Bin Collection	1,044	1,040	4
Allotments water + maintenance	750	333	417
Playground ROSPA + maintenance	92	92	0
Senior Citizens Party	500		500
Donations S137	315		315
Audit	325	160	165
Training	130	63	67
Legal Fees	200		200
Contingency	700	442	258
	10,494	5,505	4,989
VAT		1,343	
Capital Replacement	7,730	3,991	3,739
Whatmore Funding	11,284	0	11,284

## 15. Items for the next agenda

- Planning Enforcement
- Read Motor Body lease
- Parish Plan Review

The meeting ended at 8.45pm