

READ PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish meeting was held in Read United Reformed Church on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.00pm. Councillor Peter Collinge presided and there were 9 electors, 6 Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk present.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting** - minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 18th April, 2018 were approved.
2. **Matters arising from the minutes** – there were no matters arising.
3. **Chairman's Report** – the Chairman gave the Chairman's report on the work carried out by the Parish Council during the past 12 months and thanked all the Parish Councillors for their work over the last twelve months. Councillor Gandy would not be standing for the next election and Councillor Rostron has resigned owing to other commitments.
The Chairman also raised an issue that had arisen in the village over the last few days. Three leaflets had been delivered together to residents across the village. This consisted of a Martholme Greenway leaflet, a RSVH leaflet and a leaflet which contained incorrect information regarding candidates for the forthcoming election to be held on 2nd May, 2019. RSVH had not given permission for their leaflet to be distributed along with the election canvassing material. This matter has been reported to the Returning Officer at RVBC who is investigating.
4. **Matters raised by residents:**
One resident complained that the footpath on the South side of Woodhead Road is in a very bad state of repair. The Chairman replied that this is a matter for Lancashire County Council and should be reported to them.
The resident also reported that the waste bin at the end of Hambledon View seems to be constantly full to overflowing. This is an ongoing matter and RVBC are aware of the situation. It may be that larger bins are required.
One resident complained that a large number of cars are being left on the car park overnight and sometimes for weeks at a time. The Parish Council own the car park and encourage residents to park on there to alleviate street parking. Read Motor Body Centre continue to be a problem as they leave damaged cars awaiting repair on the car park during the day.
This resident complained that the stile from the playground to the football field had been closed off. The Chairman explained that this had been done to safeguard children on the playground. The small side gate onto the allotment road had also been closed off for the same reason. The resident complained that the shortcut to the allotments through the playground had been closed off by taking away the stile and objected to walking around the playground as she felt the carpark is busy and dangerous.
One resident requested that the Parish Council consider donating to the Little Green Bus Project. The Clerk to receive information and distribute to Councillors.
One resident asked if the Parish Council are supporters of the Martholme Greenway project. The Chairman explained that during his time as Chairman and Councillor this issue had not been discussed and that as far as he was concerned the parish council had no position at this time..

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35pm.