

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

20/11/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on Wednesday 20 November, 2013 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Chairman Councillor Doreen Collinson  
Councillors Lisa Snape, Gill Rostron, Alun Davies, Tony Wilkinson, Clifton Pollard

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

4 members of the public attended

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Borough Councillor John Hill and Councillors Nichols and Bennett.
2. **Information Item:** Nigel Brooke from Hyndburn Ramblers gave a presentation regarding the ongoing campaign to open up the viaduct along by Bridge Heywood caravan site. Hyndburn Ramblers fully support the ongoing work of the Parish Council in this matter. Hyndburn Ramblers plan to approach Mr Hanson at Bridge Heywood Farm with a view to discussing this matter further.
3. **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**
4. **To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting (2 October 2013)** – the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of proceedings.
5. **Matters arising**
  - Councillor Davies – the issues he raised at the previous meeting he feels have not been resolved. These items were holes in the car park behind We-fit.com premises and also bad state of road at Cob Car Nook road. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that both these issues have been reported but not resolved.
  - Councillor Pollard – 12b) Martholme Viaduct – Councillor Pollard had drafted a letter to be sent to Lancashire County Council regarding this ongoing issue. This will form part of the ongoing campaign and will link into the supporting work with Hyndburn Ramblers.
6. **Public participation:**

Issues raised by residents:

  - One resident requested that another side panel is fitted to the bus shelter to give residents protection from the weather.
  - The bus stop on Whalley Road, outside the Village Bakery is causing problems for waiting passengers due to the amount of cars and lorries parked on the main road. This matter will be reported to PACT.
  - Newsletters – some residents have not received their newsletters with the invite to the Senior Citizens' Party. There have been some delays with the deliveries in certain areas but all have been delivered now. The newsletter omitted to inform residents that transport is available to and from the event.
7. **PACT report**

The Chairman gave a report from the recent PACT meetings.

Crimes reported  
Buckingham Drive – burglary – jewellery taken  
Whins Lane – theft from a garage  
Fountains Avenue – 4 chainsaws taken

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Hambledon View – timber taken

Whalley Road – parked vehicle damaged

Whins Lane – stone theft – 13 coping stones taken.

Dog Fouling – please report anyone not cleaning up after their dogs

Ring 101 for non-urgent issues

**8. Borough Councillor's Report** – none received. The Parish Council were disappointed that no report had been received from the Borough Councillors.

**9. Clerk's Report** – in support of Item 13g).

## **10. Reports from external meetings**

- Mayoral Reception for Parish Councils – Councillors Collinson and Rostron attended this event on 6 November 2013 and reported that some changes to the planning regulations have been agreed. There will not be as many restrictions in the future, applications will be processed more quickly and it will be easier to apply for change of use.
- Parish Council Liaison Committee – Councillors Nichols and Davies attended this event on 14 November 2013. Councillor Davies gave a written report on the main topics. Highways Schemes Requests – this is an invitation from Lancashire County Council to Parish and Town Councils to identify highways schemes for potential inclusion in their 2014/205 Draft Environment Directorate Commissioning Plan. Suggestions to be e-mailed to Andy Ashcroft no later than Friday 22 November 2013.

## **11. Playground:**

**a) To receive the monthly inspection report** – no problems to report.

**b) Repairs and maintenance** – all equipment in good working order.

**12. Allotments' Committee** – the Clerk reported on the meetings to date and reported the following issues.

**AGM planned for 17 April 2014** – it is proposed to have the AGM at the Cricket Club and to provide a pie and pea supper. The costs for this will be paid for from ticket sales.

**Allotment Rents** – the allotment rents are due and invoices will be forwarded to allotment holders during the first week of November.

## **13. Decision Items**

**a) Precept setting** – Councillors reviewed the proposed budgets for the financial year 2014/2015 as presented by the Clerk.

### **RESOLVED:**

- **To keep the precept at the same level as 2013/2014 with no increased costs for residents,**
- **to increase the allotment rents from £42 for full plot to £50, with other allotment rents increased on a pro-rata basis,**
- **to purchase two new spring toys for the playground from the Capital Replacement Fund. The Clerk to obtain costings for these toys.**

**b) Review of benches** – the Clerk had prepared a report on all the public benches in the village.

**RESOLVED: To request the Lengthsman to undertake any required repairs/maintenance in the Spring. The bench on Church Street Gardens is in a very poor state of repair. It was resolved to purchase a new bench but to ask the Lengthsman to retrieve the engraved plaque from the old bench and add it to the new bench.**

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**c) Bus Shelter** – residents have requested that an additional side panel is erected.  
**RESOLVED: To order this additional side panel to be manufactured and fitted.**

## **d) Calendar of meetings 2014**

**RESOLVED: The following dates were agreed for meetings of the Parish Council in 2014**

Wednesday 15 January 2014	7.30pm
Wednesday 26 February 2014	7.30pm
Wednesday 9 April 2014	Annual Parish Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 14 May 2014	Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 25 June 2014	7.30pm
Wednesday 6 August 2014	7.30pm
Wednesday 17 September 2014	7.30pm
Wednesday 29 October 2014	7.30pm
Wednesday 26 November 2014	7.30pm

**e) Back Hambledon View** – residents have reported that a builder's skip which is full and overflowing has been on Back Hambledon View since February.

**RESOLVED: To write to Ribble Valley Borough Council to request that the skip is removed.**

**f) Jubilee Street** – this matter was resolved before the meeting – no further action required.

**g) Read Motor Body lease** – the Clerk reported on correspondence received from Keith Bagot, Steele and Sons regarding this matter. The owners of Read Motor Body have failed to respond to the draft documentation regarding the new lease.

**RESOLVED: The Clerk to ask Mr Bagot to look at the option of withdrawing the draft lease and for the Parish Council to take back the land for its own use.**

**h) Lengthman's Role** – Councillor Davies asked if the Lengthsman role could be expanded to include minor road repairs around the village. There are some Health and Safety concerns regarding this matter and the Lengthsman is not able to undertake this type of work. Councillor Davies also reported some overgrown trees which are obscuring the street light outside White Gables, George Lane.

**RESOLVED: The Clerk was requested to write to the occupier of White Gables requesting that the trees be cut back.**

## **i) Highways Issues**

i) it was noted that following a very frosty night the roads in the village did not appear to have been gritted.

ii) Following Councillor Davies's report from the Parish Councils Liaison Committee to respond to the request for suggestions for highways schemes.

**RESOLVED:**

**i) To write to Lancashire County Council highlighting this fact and to ask if this is a result of a new gritting schedule,**

**ii) to contact Andy Ashcroft and put forward a potential highways scheme for road improvements for the highway from Whins Lane (Berkeley Drive) to the Old Roman Road. Deadline for this application is 22 November 2013.**

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## j) Village Parking/Church Street Gardens

i) Fort Street – Ribble Valley Borough Council have previously agreed to monitor the situation regarding garages being used only for storage. It was reported to the Parish Council that there are still some garages being used for storage.

- i) Councillor Collinson had drafted a letter and comment sheet to assess the views of Church Street residents regarding the proposal to convert the South end of the gardens to a car park.

### RESOLVED:

- i) **To request that Ribble Valley Borough Council review their agreement to monitor the Fort Street garage site**
- ii) **To write to all Church Street residents to receive their comments on the proposal.**

## 14. Correspondence – nothing to report

## 15. Planning Applications and Decisions

### 3/2013/0851

Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 16 dwellings with associated access and ancillary works – The Whins, Whins Lane, Read

#### Parish Council response

The Parish Council are satisfied that the plan's amendments address highways issues and reiterate our original response that this development on the edge of the settlement boundary is preferable to previously suggested sites at Hammond Field and Whalley Road.

### 3/2013/0870

Change of use from agricultural pasture land to equine facilities at Land adjacent to White Hill, Trapp Lane, Read

#### Parish Council response

Read Parish Council feel the proposal will improve the area. The land to be developed is however in Simonstone Parish.

## 16. Finance & Accounts

### a)

#### Payments to be authorised

Payee	Type of expenditure	Amount
Clerk's Salary July - September		£534.58
Clerk's expenses July-September		£189.65
Playsafety	ROSPA	£110.40
RVBC	Dog Bin collection 2013/2014	£1,216.80
D Malley	Payroll services July-Sept	£10.00
HMRC	PAYE July-Sept	£133.60
White Re-cycling Ltd	Skip hire for allotments	£190.00
Sabden Parish Council	Lengthsman Scheme 2013/2014	£600.00
Royal British Legion	Wreath + donation	£20.00

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**b) Income:**

RVBC – Concurrent functions grant	£1,382.29
Simonstone Parish Council – contribution to Playground costs	£210.00
Book sale	£4.00

**17. Items for the next agenda (meeting date Wednesday 15 January 2014)**

- **Footpath survey**

*The meeting ended at 9.15pm*