

READ PARISH COUNCIL

03/04/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read United Reformed Church on Wednesday 3 April 2013 at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present: Chairman Councillor Clifton Pollard
Councillors Richard Bennett, Gerald Nichols, Lisa Snape, David Waterhouse

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

Public participation: 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Councillors Collinson, Mashiter and Wilkinson.
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 (27 February 2013)** – the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising** – there were no matters arising.
5. **Public participation:** None
6. **Police Report** – PACT meeting held on 20 March 2013
Crimes reported in Feb/March
 - Paving slabs taken and top stones loosened at Wickentree Row
 - Theft of a washing machine and strimmer East View
 - Drive off at SPAR petrol station – the vehicle had stolen number plates
 - Scam builder took money from an elderly lady in Whalley Road
 - Theft of wrought iron garden bench, Whins Lane
 - Bridgehey Wood caravan park – 4 caravans broken into
 - Dawson Avenue – house broken into

Other issues

Parked vehicles at the junction of George Lane/Whalley Road. This has been reported to the Highways and the Traffic Unit.

20mph restrictions – all the signs which indicate the new 20mph areas are now in place.

Speeding through the village is still a problem. The Parish Council could consider SPID.

PACT PRIORITIES

- Speeding
- Dog Fouling

Next meetings 24 April 2013 and 22 May 2013

7. Borough Councillor's Report – Borough Councillor John Hill expressed concerns regarding police support for village events in particular the annual Procession of Witness through Read & Simonstone.

Emptying of the Parish Council owned dog waste bins will be carried out by Ribble Valley Borough Council from 1 April 2013 but there will be a charge made for this service.

No response has been received from John Gorton regarding the Fort Street garage site. Councillor Hill will look into this matter.

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Councillor Hill outlined the roll out of the larger bins for green and food wastes. It is important that any resident who does not want to participate in the scheme must contact Ribble Valley Borough Council to opt out.

.8. Allotment Chairman's Report – no issues to report.

9. Clerk's Report – for information

10. Playground:

a) To receive the monthly inspection report – the monthly inspection report was received.

b) Repairs and maintenance – no issues to report

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a) Youth Council

The Read and Simonstone Youth Council outlined some of their work to date. They had done a litter pick in the area by the Cricket Club but were very disappointed to find that the area has become strewn with litter again within a very short space of time. A sign to help deter litter dropping could help with this matter.

RESOLVED: The Youth Council will supply a design for a sign for the next meeting.

b) Review of Risk Assessment, Standing Orders, Financial Standing Orders, Insurance Cover and Register of Interests.

These documents were reviewed by the parish council.

RESOLVED: No amendments were necessary.

c) Footpaths

i) Annual footpath review - The annual footpath review will be undertaken by Councillors Pollard, Bennett and Snape.

ii) Closure of concessionary footpath in Shady Walks – the parish council wrote to Mr Whittaker in February requesting that the concessionary be re-opened. No reply has been received.

RESOLVED: ii) The Clerk will request that both Simonstone and Sabden Parish Council are involved in assimilating historic evidence of use which will be submitted to Lancashire County Council for consideration.

d) Bus Shelter – following a request from residents the parish council reviewed the need for a side panel to be fitted to the bus shelter on Whalley Road.

RESOLVED: To purchase a side panel at a cost of £45.

e) Read Motor Body Lease

The Parish Council has written to Mr Ledger, Read Motor Body centre requesting that he tidy the area by 30 April 2013.

f) Hambledon View – creation of parking spaces

Residents of Hambledon View have requested that a parking area is created at the end of Hambledon View. Although the Parish Council are supportive of any measures to alleviate parking this matter will need to be resolved by the residents.

g) Correspondence

The e-mail from Mr Porter regarding his report concerning access by the ambulance service. A reply has been received by the parish council from the North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust to confirm that there would be no delay getting anyone from the Mr Porter's property because of the siting of the bus shelter.

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12. Planning Applications and Decisions

Applications

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Glenlivet, Straits Lane, Read BB12 7PE

Proposed two-storey and single storey extensions and proposed drive.

Parish Council response

No observations

13a)

Payments to be authorised

Payee	Type of expenditure	Amount
United Utilities	Water charges Nov - Feb	£75.90
LALC	Annual subscription	£219.83
SLCC	Membership 2013	£75.00
S Gidley	Dog Bin collection Feb - 4 weeks	£48.00
C Pollard	Perspex sheets for Bus Shelter repair	£142.97
S Bridge	Clerk's salary Jan-March	£515.45
S Bridge	Expenses Jan-March	£89.45
HMRC	PAYE Jan-March	£128.80
S Gidley	Dog Bin collection March – 5 weeks	£60.00
F Brewer	Hedgecutting	£30.00
Nu-Age Print & Copy	Newsletter printing	£90.00

b) No receipts

14. Items for the next agenda:

- Review of the Lengthmans Scheme

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm