

A meeting of the Parish Meeting was held in Read School, Straits Lane on Thursday, 05 April 2007 at 7.45pm.

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mr. B. Jeffery, Mr. C. Law, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. C. Pollard and Mr. D. Waterhouse.
District Councillors J. Hill and Mrs. C. Bartrop and PCSO Williams also attended the meeting.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillor's Report:**
 - a) The hedge will be planted on Church Street this month.
 - b) A cheque for £1,000 has been authorised from LCC towards the improvement of Tennyson Avenue. The money to be transferred to Mr. Jagger, RVBC, who will make arrangements for the work to be carried out.
5. **Tennyson Avenue:**
Councillor Waterhouse proposed that the Parish Council writes to the Chief Executive, RVBC, requesting that an investigation be made as to the officers responsible and the reason for the delay in resolving the ownership of Tennyson Avenue. The legal document relating to Tennyson Avenue has been located by Mr. Gorton, RVBC, which confirms that the land was transferred to RVBC from Burnley Rural District Council in 1974. It was resolved that Councillor Waterhouse's proposal be approved and the correspondence be deferred until work on Tennyson Avenue has been completed.
6. **Donation to Childline:**
A donation of £30 to Childline North West was approved.
7. **Public Benches:**
These are in urgent need of varnishing and it was agreed to ask local decorators for estimates.
8. **Read Cricket Club Lease:**
The Cricket Club has advised that it is unlikely that plans to build a nursery will go ahead and that the Club's solicitor will be preparing a thirty-year lease for the land. As the land will not be used for commercial purposes, it was agreed to continue with present lease which the Parish Council will review when it expires in September 2014.
9. **Representative's Meeting Reports:**
Parish Council's Liaison Meeting: Matters discussed included a presentation on the Borough Council's proposed transfer of housing stock to a private company; 'umbrella' insurance from Zurich for small parish councils; procedures for Parish and Borough Council elections and Speed Indicator Detectors.
10. **Playground Report:**
 - a) Two gates have been vandalised and bottles smashed on the playground and car park. A new gate will be required and estimates will be requested from local businesses.
 - b) The catch on the playground gate has been broken again.
 - c) The Borough Council has granted £8,000 towards the new playground equipment and Simonstone Parish Council will give a further £1,000. Wicksteed Leisure to be asked for a revised quotation.
11. **Allotments:**
 - a) Two allotments are not being kept in a satisfactory condition. The Allotments Chairman has approached both tenants and requested early action to be taken.
 - b) An tenant has been requested to keep his dog secure in his allotment as there have been

complaints about dog fouling.

12. **Finance & Accounts:**

The following payments were authorised prior to the meeting:

- a) United Utilities - £35.37
- b) Lancashire Playing Fields Association - annual subscription - £13.00
- c) Lancashire BKV Competition - £10.00
- d) Glasdon UK - dog waste bin liners - £43.76

Payments to be authorised at the meeting:

- e) Lancs. County Council - use of room - £120.00
- f) Ribble Valley Borough Council - grass cutting - £598.02
- g) Allianz Cornhill - insurance - £448.86
- h) Laser printer cartridge - £17.02
- i) RVBC - transfer from LCC - £1,000

13. **Items for next Agenda:**

There were no items requested for the next agenda.

14. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 09 May 2007 at 7.30pm

Before the meeting closed the Parish Council expressed its appreciation to District Councillor Bartrop for the work she had carried out over the past 4 years on behalf of the residents.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.