

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School, Straits Lane on Wednesday, 19 December 2007 at 7.30pm

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mrs. J. Forster, Mr. B. Jeffery, Mr. C. Law, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. G. Nichols and Mr. C. Pollard
Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D. Waterhouse
Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Waddington
2. There were no declarations of Councillors' interests.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillors' Report:**
 - a) RVBC has been urged to trim the cherry trees on Fort Street
 - b) Arrangements will be made for a meeting with Mark Zetland in January to discuss the progress of the proposed racecourse application.
 - c) RVBC Community Council has been made aware of the growing concern at the absence of receptacles for the deposit of discarded cigarettes outside public premises where smoking is prohibited. It was noted that there is a particular problem in Read in the bus shelter outside the Constitutional Club and that the club be asked to address its responsibilities by providing a suitable bin.
5. **Senior Citizens' Party:**
Residents attending the party complimented the Parish Council on the organisation, food and entertainment and the Chairman expressed thanks to all those who had assisted with the party. The cost of the party was £840.39.
6. **Dog Waste Bin Collection:**
The District Councillor put a question to the Community Council Meeting on 18 December concerning inconsistencies regarding the disposal of dog waste from parishes. The Budget Working Group was requested to ascertain whether the Borough Council will take responsibility for the collection and disposal of dog waste during the Municipal Year 2008/09 at no cost to those parish councils currently precepting for this service.
7. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**
Applications
07//1149 Change of use from vacant retail unit to restaurant with proposed opening hours Mon-Thurs, 5pm-10pm; Fri-Sat, 5pm-11pm and Sun, 12pm-9pm at 72a Whalley Road -
Observations:
the Council is extremely concerned about the proposal to use the village car park for the facility of patrons attending the restaurant. The car park is maintained by the Council and during the summer months it is used extensively for visitors to the Cricket Club, Bowling Green and Playground. During the winter months it is used for those attending Football matches and also by visitors to the Constitutional Club. Straits Lane is congested with parked vehicles at all times and there would be no facility for parking during the evenings.
Decisions:
The following applications have been approved
07/0497 - 27 Greenacres
07/0499 - Service Station, Whalley Road
07/0640 - 1 Whalley Road
07/0644 - White Hill, Back Lane
07/0673 - 15 Windsor Close
07/0702 - 1 Read Hall Cottages, Hammond Drive
07/0709 - Heywood Bridge Caravan Park
07/0838 - 22 George Lane

07/0867 - Kams Service Station (installation of ATM and user protection bollards)
07/0936 - 44 Woodhead Road
07/0968 - The Barn, Dudley Hill
The following applications have been refused:
07/0609 - 118 Whalley Road
07/0841 - 27 Jubilee Street
07/0886 - Meadowlands, Dudley Hill

8. **Representatives Report:**

a) **CAB Presentation:** - funding is entirely from voluntary donations and the Borough Council. b) **RVBC Play Strategy:** - Chris Hughes, RVBC, reported that it had been decided to purchase a mobile skateboard unit with the money the Borough Council has received from the lottery. This will be available for use by all parishes, the only requirement being a flat area the size of a tennis court for siting the unit.
c) **Concurrent Functions:** - Marshal Scott, RVBC, reported that this matter will be considered by the Council's budget working group to enable an appropriate scheme to be introduced for the 2009/10 precept.

9. **Playground Report:**

a) The monthly playground inspection found no faults with the equipment
b) The Cricket Club has received a grant from Padiham Life for the installation of CCTV equipment and a meeting will be arranged to discuss the project.

10. **Allotments Report:**

There are two outstanding rents.

11. **Finance & Accounts:**

Payments authorised prior to the meeting:

S. Robinson - SCP - £50.00

L. Prosser - SCP - £575.00

Payments:

S. Sturrock - SCP - £109.41

A. Mashiter - SCP - £95.33

Pollard Bros. - SCP - £78.71

SLCC - Annual Subscription - £45.50

Receipts:

Allotment Rents - £143.00

12. **Items for the next Agenda:**

A. Recreation Ground Fence

B. Victoria Lodge Hedges

13. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 30 January 2008 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.