

READ PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School on Wednesday, 06 December 2006 at 7.30pm.

1. **Present:** Councillors Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), B. Jefferey, C. Law, A. Mashiter, G. Nichols, C. Pollard and D. Waterhouse
District Councillors J. Hill and Mrs. C. Bartram also attended the meeting
A letter of resignation was received from Councillor W. Greenhalgh
2. There were no declarations of members interests.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillor's Report:**
 - a) 72 Whalley Road has been sold. Should the sale not materialize the Borough Council will make a compulsory order.
 - b) A representative from the Borough Council has met a householder on Whalley Road and discussed the problems with her surveyor. Work will be carried out this property and the adjoining house to resolve the difficulties being experienced.
 - c) The promoters of the proposed race course have met representatives from the Economic Partnership Partnership and Blackburn Unitary Authority and are preparing to submit a detailed plan for approval. The development will be considerable and the District Councillor will ascertain the time frame prior to arranging for a Public Meeting for Read and Simonstone residents to state their views. The Marquis of Zetland and his associates will be present at the meeting which will be held prior to the submission of the plan.
 - d) It was reported that the Martholme Viaduct will be reopened and established as a cycle track.
 - e) The District Councillor reported that had explored three avenues to resolve the problem of Tennyson Avenue. Mr. Nugent and Mr. Cook, LCC, had attended a site meeting and advised that this road is not the County Council's responsibility. Mr. Gorton, RVBC, will take a report to the Community Committee requesting that the Borough Council accepts responsibility for Tennyson Avenue and clears the area. It was also reported that Lancashire Locals have a sum of money available for environmental works and the scheme could qualify for a grant. The Parish Council expressed disappointment that both the Borough and County Councils have a responsibility to assist parishes and are failing to do so.
 - f) It was reported that the Fort Street garage site will be retained by the Borough Council as it was providing a valuable service.
 - g) The speed restriction signs on Straits Lane and Dudley Hill should now be addressed to the Lancashire Locals as LCC advise that the accident rate criteria has not been met and there is no flexibility in the regulations for side stepping the criteria.
 - h) Lancashire Locals has agreed to fund the painting of the gateway signs on the Devil's Elbow and has granted £450 towards the cost. The District Councillor will discuss the arrangements with Mr. Finch, LCC.
 - i) Mr. Nugent and Mr. Cook, LCC have been consulted concerning the proposal to paint white lines on the road between George Lane and Dunkirk Farm where there have been fatal accidents.
 - j) The District Councillor is looking into the possibility of the Borough Council providing dog waste bins for all parishes and to take responsibility for emptying them.
 - k) The Parish Council was asked to support the opposition to the closure of the Petre Arms waste disposal facility and other sites in the area.
 - l) The Borough Council is currently undertaking a review of the wheeled bin trial period and a decision will be taken to increase the size of the bins which may result in a fortnightly collection. There have been operation difficulties particularly with the black refuse sacks.
5. **Read United AFC Licence:**

The licence is due for renewal in January 2007. It was agreed not to increase the rent but Read United AFCE to be advised that this will be reviewed prior to renewal in January 2010.

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6. **Naming of Streets in Ribble Valley:**
RVBC has formed a working group to consider suggested names for streets and Parish and Town Councils have been requested to submit up to 6 names for inclusion in the list. Names of persons, living or deceased, were not suitable and the Parish Council had no immediate suggestions.
7. **Senior Citizens' Party:**
The party was attended by 90 Senior Citizens and the sub-committee will meet to discuss arrangements for the 2007 early in the new year. It was agreed that the committee purchase new table decorations.
8. **New Playground Equipment:**
It was agreed to apply to the Borough Council for a 100% grant to replace the infant's drawbridge. A quote has been received from Wicksteed Leisure for £11,024.00 which includes the installation of a safety surface.
9. **Representative's Meeting Reports:**
 - a) **RVBC Parish Councils' Liaison Committee** - Items discussed were reports of the recent Lancashire Locals meeting, Training for parish Councillors and Quality Parish Council status. The meeting began with a presentation on the Clitheroe Castle project.
 - b) **Padiham Fire Station** – The meeting was well attended and several points were raised. It is Burnley Borough Council's intention to build a new fire station closer to the motorway which will serve the entire local area. This may result in the closure of Padiham fire station but there are no imminent plans to do this.
10. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**

Applications:
06/0745 - Retention of security fencing and provision of security gates to match at Coal Staithe Garage, Old Coal Staithe, Accrington Road - no observations
06/0772 - Proposed conservatory to west elevation at New Hall Cottage, Back Lane – no observations
06/0941 - To add a porch to the front of the property at 4 Masterson Avenue – no observations

Decisions:
06/0603 - Amendment to approval 05/0571 for extension on south elevation of detached garage at Hammond Field, Hammond Drive - approved
06/0675 - Remove existing garage and re-build a new one built onto the dwelling. Rear extension to the living room with a balcony on top at 113 Whalley Road - approved
06/0725 - Garden wall/fence on north boundary of property at 30 Straits Lane - approved
06/0745 - Retention of security fencing and provision of security gates to match at Coal Staithe Garage, Old Coal Staithe, Accrington Road - approved
06/0035 - Proposed two storey extension with replacement garage and downstairs toilet at 1 Turner Fold - refused
11. **Playing Field & Allotments:**
 - a) It was suggested that the lock from the barrier at the top of the allotments be used for the new barrier across the recreation ground road and that the allotment one be replaced with a combination lock. Read United AFC to be consulted about this proposal.
 - b) The monthly inspection found all the equipment to be in good order but it was noted that top-up bark was required around the swings.
 - c) Most of the allotment rents have now been paid and those outstanding to be sent a reminder.
 - d) It was agreed to purchase road scrapings to fill the potholes on the allotment road.
12. **Land adjacent to the Motor Body Centre:**
A request to purchase this land to be referred to Miss Pallister for attention. The potential purchaser to be advised that all legal fees are the responsibility of the purchaser if this should go ahead.

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13. **Finance & Accounts:**
Payments authorised prior to the meeting:
United Utilities - £51.67
D. Bridge - dog waste bins - £117.00
Royal British Legion - £30.00
Payments authorized:
SLCC - annual subscription - £42.50
Senior Citizens' Party - £808.18
14. **Precept 2007/08:**
It was agreed to precept for £6,500.
15. **Items for next Agenda:**
a) Land adjacent to the Motor Body Centre
b) Traffic problems between Nowell Grove/Woodhead Road.
c) Co-option of Parish Councillor
16. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 24 January 2007 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.