

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School on Wednesday, 24 January 2007 at 7.30pm.

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mr. B. Jeffery, Mr. C. Law, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. G. Nichols, Mr. C. Pollard and Mr. D. Waterhouse.
District Councillor J. Hill also attended the meeting
Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor C. Bartrop
2. There were no declarations of members interests.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillor's Report:**
The Parish Council received a written report on the following:
 - a) Read & Simonstone Racecourse - Public Meetings will be held on Monday, 12 March 2007 at 2.00pm in the United Reformed Church and 7.00pm in Read School to give residents the opportunity to express views on the proposal.
 - b) RVBC will plant the Church Street hedge no later than the end of March 2007.
 - c) Fort Street Garage Site - letters have been sent to all garage site tenants advising them of their responsibilities under their Licence Agreement with the Borough Council
 - d) Lancashire Local Meeting, 31 January 2007 - matters to be raised at this meeting include:
Road Markings on Whalley Road; Improvements to the Straits Lane/Whalley Road junction; Enforcement of parking restrictions; Extension of the 30mph speed restrictions on Straits Lane, Whins Lane and Dudley Hill; Retention of village post office services.
 - e) RVBC has approved the provision of an additional 20 Dog Waste Bins to be provided, maintained and cleaned by the Borough Council.
5. **Land adjacent to Read Motor Body Centre:**
An offer has been made for the purchase of the land which was acceptable to the Parish Council. It was agreed that no further action be taken until plans for the development have been viewed. Pallisters to be advised that all costs incurred to be met by the developer irrespective of the outcome of the proposal.
6. **Read School Playground:**
A letter was received from a resident expressing concern about the new play equipment recently installed in Read School playground. Older youths are causing nuisance and disturbance outside school hours. This was reported to ECSO Williams who was aware of the problem and gave assurance that the situation will be monitored by the police and persons removed from the equipment outside school hours.
7. **A671 Signs - Devil's Elbow:**
LCC has advised that the £450 grant from Lancashire Local will not now cover the cost of painting the gateway signs as it had been the intention of the County Council to include this in remedial work on the A671 which has now been carried out. As the cost is now in excess of £1000 it was agreed that this could not be justified and that the signs remain unpainted. The Chairman will attend the Lancashire Local meeting on 31 January 2007 to request that the grant be transferred towards a scheme for the improvement of Tennyson Avenue.
8. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**
Applications:
06/0965 - Install "windsave WS1000" domestic turbine on east gable of house at 5 Masterson Avenue
06/1053 - Demolition of existing detached garage and construction of new attached garage extension at Spencer Farm, Whins Lane
06/1040 - Clear existing storage yard. Erect new storage building including staff facilities at Read

Garden Centre, Whalley Road

Decisions:

No decisions have been received

9. **Playground Report:**

- a) A new catch has been fastened to the east playground gate.
- b) The monthly report found the equipment to be satisfactory

10. **Allotment Report:**

- a) The allotment road potholes have been filled.
- b) The tap was found to be leaking and has now been repaired.

11. **Finance & Accounts:**

The following payment was authorised:

Allotments - £13.28

Receipts:

Read United AFC - £250.00

12. **Items for next agenda:**

- a) Land adjacent to Read Motor Body centre.

13. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 28 February 2007 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.