

READ PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School, Straits Lane on Wednesday, 20 June 2007 at 7.30pm.

Before the meeting commenced the Parish Council discussed the possibility of drawing up a new lease for the Cricket Club.

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mr. B. Jeffery, Mr. C. Law, Mr. G. Nichols, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. C. Pollard and Mr. D. Waterhouse.
District Councillors J. Hill and J. Waddington also attended the meeting.
2. There were no declarations of Councillors' interests.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillor's Report:**
 - a) **Dudley Hill** - Mr. Nugent has ordered the introduction of additional "Bend Warning" signs and "Slow" markings to encourage motorists to modify their speeds in this area. It was agreed that the Parish Council write directly to Brian Cooke, LCC, requesting an on site visit to view the anomalies in the speed signs.
 - b) **Martholme Viaduct:** - REMADE is currently progressing with a scheme to create a footway/bridleway/cycleway along the length of the former Great Harwood - Burnley railway line. There has been some opposition from several land owners but it is hoped that a satisfactory agreement can be reached.
 - c) **Recreation Ground CCTV Cameras:** - The mobile Borough Council CCTV cameras are no longer in use and it was suggested that the Parish Council approaches a private company for advice and the cost of installing suitable equipment. PC Sherratt to be requested to make more frequent visits to deal with alcohol related problems on the recreation ground.
 - d) **Church Street Hedge:** - Mr. Hewitt, RVBC, confirmed that the hedge has been set back from the road to allow for expansion in growth.
 - e) **Lancashire Locals:** - The Standard Allocation Budget has money available for parishes to be spent on areas of work within the highway environment which are of insufficient priority to be included in a programme of works. Councillor Hill was requested to put forward additional street lighting on back Whalley Road and painting the Devil's Elbow signs.
 - f) **Fort Street:** - The Borough Council has been requested to trim the cherry trees.
 - g) **Racecourse:** - Councillor Hill advised the Parish Council to write to the promoters of the racecourse requesting regular updates on the progress of the proposed planning application. It was imperative that public opinion is expressed prior to the submission of the application.
5. **Revision of Code of Conduct:**
It was resolved to adopt the revised Code of Conduct unamended with the exception of paragraph 12(2) and to amend the Parish Council Standing Orders to include this.
6. **Clerk's Contract:**
The revised Clerk's Contract was approved by the Parish Council.
7. **Co-option of Member:**
A resident has expressed interest in the Parish Council and the Chairman will invite her to be co-opted as a member.
8. **Relocation of Post Office:**
Read Post Office will be relocated to the newly refurbished premises at the Service Station, Whalley Road, Simonstone. It was agreed to write to the Field Change Advisor requesting that the post box at the junction of Straits Lane/Whalley Road be retained.
9. **Revised Rules of Tenancy:**
The revised allotment rules of tenancy were approved by the Parish Council.
10. **Councillors' Reports:**

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a) RVBC Standards Committee: - the Legal Services manager presented a report on the revised Model Code of Conduct 2007 and the arrangements made by the Borough Council to adopt the revised code.

b) RV Parish Councils' Liaison Committee: - Items discussed were "No Cold Calling Zones"; Speed Indicator Detectors; Public Payphones and the Parish Charter. Marshall Scott, RVBC, was sympathetic towards the problem of concurrent functions and will report back to the Liaison Committee later in the year.

c) Land Adjacent to Read Car Park: - There have been problems establishing the recipient of the Motor Body Shop ground rent. This has now been resolved and it is anticipated that negotiations for the sale of the land will now proceed.

d) Tennyson Avenue: Mr. Corrigan, RVBC, has agreed to clear the site, reduce the wall height, grass the area and install bollards at either end to prevent vehicular access. Future maintenance of the area to be undertaken by the Borough Council.

11. Planning Applications & Decisions:

Applications:

07/0418 - Single storey extension to the front of the dwelling and internal remodelling. Flat roof on garage to be replaced with pitched roof at 7 Nowell Grove Read - no observations

07/0497 - Conservatory to rear of house at 27 Greenacres - no observations

07/0499 - Change of use from workshop to store and office. Change of use from showroom to

retail. Partial change of use from body shop to retail. Siting of Portacabin at Service Station, Whalley Road - no observations

Decisions:

The following planning applications have been approved:

06/0772 - New Hall Cottage

06/0941 - 4 Masterson Avenue

06/0965 - 5 Masterson Avenue

06/1053 - Spencer Farm, Whins Lane

06/1040 - Read Garden Centre, Whalley Road

07/0026 - 34 Berkeley Drive

07/0123 - The Barn, Turner Fold

12. Playground Report:

The small swing requires a minor repair. The Clerk to make arrangements to have this attended to.

13. Allotment Report:

The bottom allotment is in a unsatisfactory state of cultivation. The tenant was requested to advise the Council of his intent and he has brought in sheep to graze the land. It is uncertain whether the tenant is still a Read resident and it was agreed that this situation should be reviewed before the payment of rents in November.

14. Finance & Accounts:

The following payments were authorised:

Cattermoles Ltd. - posts and gate - £52.87

LAPTC - Training Course - £50.00

Receipts

There are no receipts

15. Items for the next Agenda:

A. Proposed Racecourse

B. Buses Whins Lane

C. RVBC Planning

16. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 01 August 2007 at 7.30pm
The meeting closed at 9.15pm.