

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School, Straits Lane on Wednesday, 05 March 2008 at 7.30pm

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mr. B. Jeffery, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. G. Nichols and Mr. C. Pollard
District Councillors J. Hill and J. Waddington also attended the meeting
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. J. Forster, Mr. C. Law and Mr. D. Waterhouse
2. There were no declarations of interest
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillors' Reports:**
 - a) The order to have the 30mph signs resited will be made this month.
 - b) It was reported that the Lancashire County Council Sure Start programme did not include Read and Simonstone. District Councillor Waddington has queried this and to put his concerns in writing to the County Council and he suggested that the Parish Council also writes to query the Geographic inequality of the scheme.
5. **Read School Chairs:**
Adult sized renovated office chairs are available for purchase at £10 each and a request has been made for a donation towards the purchase of 100 for Read School to be used for theatrical productions, Senior Citizens' Party and other events. The Parish Council agreed to make a contribution provided that other village organisations were willing to share the cost.
6. **CCTV - Recreation Ground:**
The CCTV cameras have been installed on the Cricket Club pavilion and are functioning satisfactorily. One camera is permanently switched on and the second camera is activated by movement. A second handset control to be purchased for the Cricket Club.
7. **Sale of Land adjacent to the Recreation Ground:**
The developer has drawn plans for the development of affordable housing on the Motor Body Centre land and is currently discussing these with the Borough Council.
8. **Removal of Parish Council Property from Read Allotments:**
The gate has been returned to the top of the allotments and the outstanding rent has been paid. It was agreed that no further action be taken to secure the return of the remaining two gates.
9. **Playground Surface Refurbishment:**
Two quotations for the removal of the bark and laying of turf between the wet-pour play equipment surfaces have been received. A further quotation has been requested and it was agreed to discuss this item at the April meeting.
10. **Victoria Lodge Hedges:**
Letters have been sent to the occupiers of Nos. 18 and 19 Victoria Lodge requesting urgent attention to the pruning of the overhanging shrubbery. As there has been no improvement this matter to be referred to Lancs. County Council for attention.
11. **Post Box Petition:**
It was agreed that Parish Councillors will take round the petition when delivering the Annual Newsletters and invite residents to add their signatures.
12. **RVBC Naming of Streets:**
A further letter was received from Mr. Jagger, RVBC, inviting suggestions for suitable names for developments in Parishes. It was agreed that the Parish Council must take into consideration the

- location of any development before a suitable name could be suggested. However, Mr. Jagger to be informed that the recreation ground road was locally referred to as Worthalls Road.
13. **Motor Body Centre Fence:**
It was reported that this has been replaced along the existing site line by the builder proposing to develop the site for affordable housing.
14. **Whalley Road - back street light:**
It was agreed to request Lancs. County Council to provide a further light on the back street between 72 Whalley Road and the launderette.
15. **Representative's Reports:**
RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee:
a) Geoff Lawson, RVBC Emergency Planning Officer, gave a presentation on Local Implications for Communities arising from the Pitt Report into flooding in 2007. Information leaflets have been produced and circulated.
b) Other items discussed were issues around planning applications for licensed premises; the proposed closure of rural post offices; changes to local authority electoral arrangements; update on Speed Indicator Devices and Planning Training for Parish Councillors.
b) **RVBC Standards Committee:**
Complaints concerning Councillors will be initially dealt with at a local level. The present committee will be increased by four and there will be three sub-committees each comprising four persons.
c) **Lancashire Local:**
The REMADE scheme for the creation of a cycle track/footway across Marthome Viaduct was discussed. The Rosegrove/Padiham section will be completed this year but there are problems with the Read area where sections of the track are privately owned. The owner of Dunkirk Farm advised the Local meeting that he had provided a nature trail and planted trees and had indicated that he was not willing to sell the land. It was agreed to invite Mr Halliday to a future Parish Council meeting to discuss the matter with Councillors.
d) **Chairman's Workshop:**
The Chairman attended the workshop at Penwortham and reported that she had found the evening informative.
16. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**
Applications:
07/1155 - Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a two storey house at 6 Hammond Drive - no observations
Decisions:
Approved:
07/0908 - Westways, Straits Lane
07/1072 - 20 Buckingham Drive
07/1116 - Meadowlands, Dudley Hill
Refused:
07/1149 - 72a Whalley Road
Due to lack of any off-road parking provision at the site, the proposed change of use to a restaurant will result in on-street parking on the main Whalley Road and nearby side streets adversely affecting the visibility of drivers, particularly at the junctions of the side streets with the main road, to the serious detriment of highway safety contrary to Policy G1 of the Ribble Valley Districtwide Local Plan.
17. **Playground Report:**
a) The spring has been repaired and secured
b) The monthly inspection found no faults with the equipment
18. **Allotments:**
a) All allotment rents have now been collected.

b) The bottom allotment has been relet and renumbered No. 22 - previously Nos. 33 & 34.

19. **Finance & Accounts:**

Payments authorised:

United Utilities - £27.39

Channel 6 (Europe) Ltd. - CCTV - £2902.25

Sutcliffe Play - £11.57

Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition - £15.00

Lancs. Playing Fields Association - £15.00

Playground Safety Surveys - £48.00

Receipts:

Read Allotments - £394.00

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

A. Playground Surface

B. Straits Lane Traffic

21. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 09 April 2008 at 7.30pm following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.