

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School, Straits Lane on Wednesday, 4 March 2009 at 7.30pm

1. **Present:** Mrs. D. Collinson (Chairman), Mrs. J. Forster, Mr. B. Jeffery, Mr. C. Law, Mr. A. Mashiter, Mr. G. Nichols, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Waterhouse  
District Councillor J. Hill and PCSO M. Thornton also attended the meeting  
Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor J. Waddington
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillor's Report:**
  - a) The 30mph signs have been resited on Whins Lane and Dudley Hill. Repeater signs have been placed in accordance with LCC policy but it was felt that the County Council had not taken into account the amenity aspect and local neighbourhood when placing these signs. It was agreed that a safety measure would be ignored should these be removed but the District Councillor will determine the criteria for the distance required between each repeater sign.
  - b) Two Parish Councillors and the District Councillor will meet Mr. Cooke and Mr. Nugent, LCC, to press for the installation of double white lines on Whalley Road where motorists continue to speed and overtake on the blind bends.
  - c) The loading and unloading of delivery vehicles to the Convenience Store is to be discussed with Simonstone Parish Council and the store proprietors.
5. **Martholme Viaduct:**  
The District Councillor will arrange a meeting with local landowners to discuss the benefits of opening the footpath across the Martholme Viaduct. Roy Halliday, LCC, to be requested for an update on what progress is being made and when a further meeting will be held to discuss this.
6. **Cricket Club Lease:**  
Representatives from the Cricket Club attended the meeting to discuss the amended lease. The District Councillor agreed to read this and to make written comments before circulating the lease to Councillors for approval.
7. **Motor Body Centre Lease:**  
It was agreed to invite the proprietor to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the continuation of the present lease.
8. **Best Kept Village Competition 2009:**  
It was agreed to enter the Best Kept Village Competition.
9. **Grass Cutting 2009:**  
It was agreed to accept the Borough Council's grass cutting maintenance contract for 2009.
10. **Representatives Reports:**  
**Lancashire Local:** Items discussed were the installation of double white lines on Whalley Road, the resited 30mph village signs and the provision of grit bins. A grant for these is outside the remit of Lancashire Local but the District Councillor is investigating funding from another source. However, it was noted that there could be problems filling the bins and there may be other related safety issues.
11. **Recreation Ground:**  
The monthly inspection found no problems with the playground equipment.

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12. **Allotments:**  
a) The contractor had made progress installing the new fencing and the redundant greenhouse bases will be removed when the weather improves.  
b) It was reported that two allotments are not being kept in accordance with the rules of tenancy. The Council to ascertain whether the tenants are intending to continue to use their plots as there is a long waiting list of applicants.
13. **Finance & Accounts:**  
A payment was authorised prior to the meeting:  
a) Glasdon UK - p - £47.26  
The following payments were authorised:  
b) D. Bridge - £122.00  
c) Lancs. Best Kept Village Competition - £15.00  
d) Lancs. Playing Fields Association - £15.00  
e) United Utilities - £46.45  
f) F. Brewer & Son - £500.00  
**Receipts:**  
There were no receipts
14. **Appointment of Internal Auditor:**  
Mr. G. Lambert was appointed Internal Auditor for the year ended 31 March 2009.
15. **Items for the next Agenda:**  
A. Martholme Viaduct  
B. Fort Street Garages  
C. LCC Site meeting
16. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 15 April 2009 at 7.30pm. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.  
  
The meeting closed at 8.50pm.