

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in Read School, Straits Lane on Wednesday, 19 November 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
Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor J. Hill
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. **District Councillor's Report:**
The District Councillor gave a written report which was circulated to Councillors at the meeting. The points raised concerned were:
 - a) Report on the Lancashire Local meeting where approval was given to the installation of double yellow lines at the junction of Victoria Court.
 - b) A complaint has been made to Martin Nugent requesting an explanation for his lack of response to issues raised by the District Councillor and the Parish Council.
 - c) Simonstone Parish Council is meeting with the owners of the Village Store to discuss the obstruction of Whalley Road when deliveries are made.
 - d) A report on the Fort Street garage site tenancies will be given at the next Parish Council meeting.
5. **Clerk' Report:**
In addition to the written report the Clerk advised the Council that Marshal Scott, RVBC, would be presenting a Concurrent Functions Grant Scheme Report at the Parish Council's Liaison Committee Meeting on 20 November 2008. It will be recommended to the Committee that a Concurrent Functions Grant Scheme be introduced.
6. **Representatives Reports:**
 - a) Lancashire Local: LCC is reluctant to carry out minor remedial work on the Stork Fields footpath and has suggested that Read and Simonstone Parish Councils apply to the LCC Public Rights of Way Committee for possible financial assistance.
7. **Martholme Viaduct:**
A meeting was held in Read United Reformed Church to discuss the Simonstone Greenway project with representatives from REMADE. Local representatives urged REMADE to address the Martholme Viaduct section of the project as a priority and to discuss the proposals with land owners who should be invited to attend future meetings. Mr. Halliday, LCC, agreed to consult land owners and to convene a further meeting early in 2009.
8. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**
No Planning Applications or Decisions have been received.
9. **Recreation Ground:**
 - a) The monthly inspection reported that the gate on the Cricket Club side will not fasten and that two of the black swings have been damaged with a knife.
 - b) The Borough Council is not emptying the playground bin on a regular basis and it was noted that other bins in the village are also full. A complaint to be sent to Mr. Knight, RVBC, requesting that he deals with the problem urgently.
10. **Allotments:**
 - a) A leak under the football field has been repaired**Allotment Rents:**
 - b) It was agreed to raise the Allotment Rents to £40 per full plot from November 2009.**Development of lower allotments:**

c) It was agreed to precept for an amount to create new plots on the lower half of the allotments. The land will have to be cleared prior to the erection of fencing. The allotments Chairman will obtain quotations and it was agreed that work will commence in the Spring 2009.

11. **Finance & Accounts:**

The following payments were authorised:

- a) F. Brewer - hedge cutting - £11.75
- b) United Utilities - £41.04
- c) G. Bentley - grass cutting - £210.00
- d) Royal British Legion - S137 - 30.00
- e) Mr. A. Mashiter - pipe repairs - £7.59

Receipts:

- i) Allotment rents - £213.00

12. **Precept 2009/10:**

It was agreed to precept for £7,000.

13. **Clerks Salary Annual Award:**

It was agreed to raise the Clerk's salary in accordance with the 2.45% recommendation by NALC and SLCC.

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

- A Vehicle Obstruction Straits Lane
- B. Senior Citizens' Party Report

15. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 7 January 2009 at 7.30pm.
The meeting closed at 8.45pm.