

READ PARISH COUNCIL

09/07/2021

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **Read & Simonstone Village Hall, 6 East View, Read, BB12 7PS on Friday 9th July, 2021 at 7.00p.m.**

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hacking
Councillors: Anderson, Bennett, Greenhough, Hanson, McKelvey, Pollard

In attendance: Lesley Foster (Clerk)
Sharon Troth (newly appointed Clerk)

3 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** – no apologies were received.
2. **Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations**
 - 2.1 **To receive declarations of interest from Councillors *on items on the agenda.*** – *Councillor Hanson declared an interest in item 11o).*
 - 2.2 **To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)** – *none*
 - 2.3 **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate** – *none*
3. **To approve the minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on 8th June 2021** – *the minutes were approved.*
4. **Matters arising from the above minutes not on the agenda** – *none*
5. **Public participation:**

- Councillor Hacking read out the following report that had been received from the PCSO:

“01/06-Greenacres Read, Sus male reported wearing a baseball cap, sunglasses, T-shirt with a waistcoat that said ‘water board’ on the back. Male knocked on a house then walked away. Informant thought this was suspicious. Officers attended male was no longer there. No further calls were made reporting this male.

05/06- Higher Trap, ASB large group of youths meeting up in cars playing loud music and general noise nuisance. Officers attended however the group had left when officers attended.

18/06- Whalley Road- ASB group of drunk males outside the pub walking into the road. Officers attended, the males were no longer there.”

6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – none

7. **Clerk's Report** – none

8. **Reports from external meetings** –

Simonstone Parish Council – Simonstone Parish Council had discussed the proposals by the Boundary Commission, and also the issue of speeding on the main road. They are planning to obtain community speed awareness signs. It was suggested that Read could also look into this. They had also discussed the option of creating a joint committee with Read for the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

9. **Playground:**

a) **To receive the playground inspection report** – Children are definitely climbing over the hedge to avoid going around, so installing a gate or stile would be wise. It was suggested that a gate would be preferable to a stile and that the lengthsman could be

asked to prioritise this. The playground bins are still often overfilled, especially after cricket matches. The cricket club had said they would keep an eye on this, but didn't seem to have done so.

b) Repairs and maintenance – The two seats are ready to be installed under the slide and just need installing. The cargo net has been taped, and it will be seen if this is sufficient as a repair.

10. Allotment Management Committee report – The waiting list now stands at 18 people. 2 evictions will be taking place by the end of the month due to lack of maintenance of the allotments, which is against the terms and conditions. The water leak has been repaired.

11. Decision Items

a) Councillor vacancy

No election had been requested, but one application had been received by Read Parish Council, from John Barker. He was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, but it was proposed to co-opt Mr Barker as a councillor. Due to his absence at the meeting the appropriate forms will be signed before the next meeting.

RESOLVED: To co-opt John Barker onto Read Parish Council as a councillor.

b) Footpath 34

There was further discussion about the possibility of installing a walkway across the boggy areas of this footpath. It may be possible to install a cheaper alternative, or to improve the issue by clearing out a drainage pipe.

c) Adoption of telephone kiosk

A response was received via email from the Village Hall. They are still interested in the telephone kiosk, but would not be able to accept responsibility for pavement repairs, nor for the cost of moving the kiosk. A discussion took place of whether to move the kiosk. It was suggested that it would be useful to find out how much moving the kiosk might cost.

d) Litter bins

Councillor Hacking had written to Ribble Valley Borough Council about the litter bin review, who had written back and informed her that the review was still ongoing.

e) Christmas party

The party will be held jointly with Simonstone Parish Council at Higher Trapp, on the first Wednesday in December. No parish councillors will be participating in the meal, as tickets need to be saved for residents, but councillors will help set up.

RESOLVED: To go ahead with the planned arrangements for the Christmas party.

f) Celebration Sunday

Celebration Sunday will be held on 26th September, jointly with Simonstone Parish Council, in the Village Hall from 11am to 3pm. There will be a programme of events, and refreshments will be available.

RESOLVED: To go ahead with the planned arrangements for Celebration Sunday.

g) Platinum Jubilee 2022

Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will take place in 2022. There was discussion of what was done at the time of the Golden Jubilee and what to do to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. It was suggested that councillors should think about ideas for this for further discussion in the future.

h) Read Motor Bodies

Several councillors had been to inspect the land behind Read Motor Bodies and discuss the lease. Currently the land is being used by Automotive Tools as agreed.

The issue of Read Motor Bodies' use of the land was discussed.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to Read Motor Bodies to say that the parish council will be inspecting again in September to see how they are using the land.

i) Automotive Tools

Automotive Tools had enquired about buying the land currently being rented by Read Motor Bodies.

RESOLVED: To send a letter to Automotive Tools saying that the parish council would not sell the land, and that if it became available it would be for lease only.

j) Football club lease

Councillor Hacking had spoken with a representative of the football club, who had informed her that the current lease amount is competitive compared to other suitable football venues.

k) Boundary Commission proposal

The council was informed about the nature of the Parliamentary Boundary Commission's proposal. There was discussion as to whether the council supported the proposal or not.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to the Electoral Commission before 2nd August expressing Read Parish Council's opposition to the proposal.

l) Future printing of minutes

There was discussion about whether it would be feasible to switch from delivering the agenda and minutes physically to delivering them digitally. The Clerk will research whether this is legally permitted.

m) Hospice Meals on Wheels

It was noted that Pendleside Hospice are now providing a Meals on Wheels service, which may be of interest to some residents.

n) Readstone Environmental Group

Readstone Environmental Group is applying to Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership for a grant, and had asked if the parish council would write a letter saying that the council approves of the group's litter picking efforts and would support the grant. They had also enquired whether the lengthsman would be able to build a brick or stone wall near some plant beds they had been working on. It was unclear whether the lengthsman would be able to help, but Councillor Anderson offered to help with this.

o) Proposed wood management of wood near caravan park

There had been some proposals for wood management near the caravan park. The reason this had not come before the planning committee is that planning requests that relate to tree preservation orders are under the purview of RVBC's tree officer and are not reviewed by parish councils.

p) Local Electricity Bill

A letter had been sent to Nigel Evans MP from the parish council about the Local Electricity Bill. He had responded via email. He is not able to take sides in the debate due to being Deputy Speaker, nor will the government necessarily be supporting the specific bill, but the government is planning to support community electricity solutions in general.

q) Clerk vacancy

Sharon Troth was welcomed as the new Clerk. A leaving gift was presented to Lesley Foster as the outgoing Clerk. The handover period will last until the end of July.

12. Correspondence – An email had been received from ROSPA confirming that the playground inspection will be going ahead in August.

Councillor Hacking had received a letter from a resident who lives near the car park who was concerned about the drain there. She will circulate this letter to the council.

13. Planning Applications/Decisions/Enforcements – There were two planning applications received since the time of the last minutes, as follows:

Application 3/2021/0570, Glenlivet Straits Lane Read BB12 7PE

Proposed dormer extension to front elevation. Internal remodelling to form bedroom in loft and summerhouse/hobbies room in garden.

Read Parish Council Planning Committee

No objections to this application.

Application 3/2021/0624 4 East View, Read BB12 7PS

Proposed single storey extension to rear.

Read Parish Council Planning Committee

No objections to this application.

15. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payments

08/6/21	Chair's printing expenses	£22.45
08/6/21	Items for Church St Gardens (reimbursed to Cllr Hacking)	£22.46
08/6/21	RVBC grass cutting	£847.34
14/6/21	R&S Village Hall booking room for Clerk job interview	£17.50
25/6/21	Gratuity for GA Lambert internal auditor	£60.00
25/6/21	L Foster salary May 2021	£248.82
25/6/21	L Foster salary June 2021	£248.82
25/6/21	Lengthsman scheme 2021/22	£900.00
29/6/21	Donation to Little Green Bus	£150.00
29/6/21	Came & Company insurance	£531.60

b) Income

There was no income since the time of the last meeting.

c) Bank reconciliation as at 31st May 2021

Opening Balances 01.04.21			
Community Account	£3,371.28		
Business Saver Account	£9,580.24		£12,951.52
Add: Receipts			£11,336.00
Less: Payments			£2,722.63
Balance			£21,564.89

15. Items for the next agenda

- Adoption of telephone kiosk
- Footpath 34
- Litter bins
- Christmas tree light up

- **Newsletter**
- **Christmas party**
- **Celebration Sunday**
- **Read Motor Bodies**

The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.