

READ PARISH COUNCIL

05/10/2022

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **Read & Simonstone Village Hall, 6 East View, Read, BB12 7PS on Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 7.00p.m.**

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

In attendance: April Collinson (Clerk)

1 member of the public attended.

1. Apologies for absence – Councillor Bennett had sent their apologies for their absence.

2. Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors *on items on the agenda.* – none.

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 7th September 2022 – approved

4. Matters arising from the above minutes not on the agenda –

07.09.22 11a) A laminated sign has been placed on the gates into the playground to encourage people to keep the gates closed, if these become damaged or removed then more permanent fixtures will be considered.

07/09/2022 11.b) It was noted that a triangle of grass near the boundary hedge had been cut unnecessarily, this will be maintained by the resident. This information will be fed back and updated for future reference.

07/09/2022 11.i) Residents of Turner fold have been consulted about the proposed fingerpost and feedback appears to be positive, the fingerpost will be edited and installed appropriately.

5. Public participation –

A representative from the cricket club brought forward a suggestion to look at a previous proposal for placing cricket nets and two cricket lanes onto the playing field along with a kick-about area. It was proposed that the nets would be fixed with a wire fence around them and there would be an all weather surface installed. Funding is available for the nets from the ECB.

A resident raised concerns about how difficult it is becoming to exit various streets onto Whalley Road due to a lack of visibility caused by parked cars. It was noted that a meeting with County Councillor Ged Mirfin will be taking place to discuss local Road Safety as part of Simonstone Parish Council's meeting on Thursday 13th October 2022.

A representative of the Football Club spoke regarding the proposal from the cricket club raising concerns that it could damage the football field surface causing it to become muddy and unplayable, concerns about traffic and parking were also raised along with litter, access, maintenance and drainage as well as how this may impact the football field and allotments.

6. Borough Councillor's Report – none.

7. Clerk's Report – none.

8. Reports from external meetings – Councillor Barker Reported that the Martholme Greenway Group have received an award from the Great Harwood and Rishton Rotary Club for improving the environment, thanks were expressed for the Parish Council's help.

9. Playground:

a) To receive the playground inspection report – during inspection it was noted that the middle set of bird spikes from above both sets of swings had been removed.

b) Repairs and maintenance – The situation regarding the bird spikes will be monitored and spikes will be replaced if necessary. The replacement cargo net is due to arrive in October.

10. Allotment Management Committee report – There are currently 14 people on the waiting list for an allotment and no current vacancies. It was reported that a window had been broken and this was reported to the police. An allotment committee meeting took place however an inspection could not happen due to adverse weather conditions. Invoices will be delivered to tenants shortly and these have a slip requesting contact details are updated. The Lengthsman has been requested to repair some fencing.

11. Decision Items

a) Cricket club proposed kick-about area

It was explained the new nets were required as the current moveable ones have become damaged over time and are now in need of replacement. Concerns were raised that should the cricket club not get new nets then users may be drawn to other cricket clubs resulting in a reduced uptake and the cricket club eventually failing. Councillors discussed that both the cricket club and football club need to be considered and any decision needs to ensure that neither club is disadvantaged. A query of funding was raised, the English Cricket Board would pay for the nets however the proposed all-weather surfaces would need to be funded separately. Questions were raised of who would be responsible for maintenance, would the cricket club be asking for funding from the Parish Council, how would heavy machinery access the site and would this affect the football pitch for which answers were currently unavailable.

RESOLVED – Further information is needed in order for a decision to be made, the cricket club were asked to provide further information regarding the above questions and how this will impact the football club, allotments and others.

b) Parish Plan

Councillors reviewed the previous Parish Plan and considered questions for the upcoming plan as well as when this should be delivered and how this could be collected back in and how much detail/explanation should be given for each question. The idea of incentivising the questionnaire's return was discussed however this would be problematic as the questionnaires are to be anonymous.

c) The Estate of Mr Summersgill

Councillors discussed the sale of Mr Summersgill's property had been completed and that an interim payment had been offered to be made while the remainder of the assets are being compiled to be distributed. The discussion turned to how best money received should be used and if Mr Summersgill had any wishes for this. Ideas of using the money for the car park or a kickabout area were suggested with a plaque confirming our gratitude.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council voted to receive an interim payment, no wishes from Mr Summersgill have been put forward from his will.

d) Telephone Kiosk

BT have advised they will disconnect the power from the telephone kiosk however this could take several weeks.

e) Litter bin by the Conservative club

The litter bins are still under review by Ribble Valley and no additional bins are being issued until the review is complete.

f) Celebration Sunday

Various organisations had stalls in the village hall showing what is on offer throughout the two villages. The children from both Read and Simonstone Schools had created artwork of the Village hall and the deputy Mayor of the Ribble Valley chose winners to be framed. Refreshments were served at no cost however donations to Pendleside hospice will be welcomed £143.96 was received in donations. It was proposed that a donation be made to the school.

RESOLVED: a £50 donation will be made to the school.

g) Christmas Tree Light up

The Christmas tree will be erected and if possible it will be blessed by the Vicar on Friday 2nd December and the lights will be switched on. It has been requested that the children from Read School sing and refreshments will be served at the Village Hall.

RESOLVED: the tree switch on will take place on Friday 2nd December at 6.30pm

h) Seniors Christmas Meal

The meal has been arranged for Thursday 1st December, tickets will be on sale following distribution of the newsletter at the end of October. The tickets will cost £12 per person. 40 places are available for each Parish, the meal is intended for residents ages 70 and over and their partners.

i) Newsletter

Nuage Printing have quoted £95 for the printing of the newsletter, this has gone up slightly from £90 last year.

RESOLVED: The Newsletter will be distributed in October.

j) Safety of streets approaching Whalley Road

A Meeting is planned to take place Thursday 13th October with County Councillor Ged Mirfin and Simonstone Parish Council about road safety locally. It was noted that there are general themes of issues with traffic, parking and speeding in the villages.

k) Car Park and Allotment Road

A quote of £29,000 has been received for the car park to install a grid similar to the ground of the community space by the Village Hall, kerbs are needed on all four sides meaning an additional two would need to be installed, the area would be dug up and put back down with the grid in place. It would be estimated to take 3-4 weeks where the car park would need to be closed, it may be possible that the car park could be worked in two sections allowing there to still be access to the allotments. It was understood that the grid may not be suitable for the road.

l) Read Motor Bodies

The lease has not yet been received; the lease will start from the date it is signed and last for one year. An inspection has recently take place following a complaint from a neighbour that earth has been pushed against their joining fence and this is causing it to rot. Read Motor bodies have since hired a skip to remove the earth which had been pushed against the fence along with overgrown brambles. Use of the land should it not be leased to Read Motor Bodies again was discussed, a resident has shown interest in planting trees on the land and also another local business has shown interest in using it for customer parking, alternatively the land

could be used to expand the car park.

m) Remembrance Sunday 13th November

In a previous year too many poppy wreaths were received and so one does not need to be ordered this year, it was suggested a donation be made instead. A Church Service will take place at 10.00 a.m. followed by the laying of poppy wreaths in the Church grounds following this Simonstone will also hold a service.

RESOLVED: A donation will be made to Royal British Legion of £25 in lieu of purchasing a wreath.

n) Parish Council Meeting dates 2023

Proposed dates for Parish Council meetings are;

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Wednesday 5th April 2023

Wednesday 3rd May 2023 – Annual Parish Council Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 7th June 2023

Wednesday 5th July 2023

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Wednesday 4th October 2023

Wednesday 1st November 2023

RESOLVED: The above dates were agreed.

12. Correspondence

A resident had been in contact about grit bins, particularly the one which has been moved from St. John's close. The grit bin had been moved previously and had been reported to Lancashire County Council. Upon further investigation it appears that Lancashire County Council are unlikely to start any action until the "Winter Work" begins. It appears that a new grit bin will be installed at St. John's close. It was noted that Simonstone do have more grit bins than Read, however Simonstone Parish Council have purchased these specifically and are kept with the condition the Simonstone Parish Council only fill the grit bin once and after this it is the responsibility of residents to refill the grit bin, these bins are green rather than yellow.

A resident had raised concerns about a neighbours fence erected on top of a garage which is blocking out their light, the planning department has been contacted about this but have not got back to them about this, the plans will be looked into to check whether the plans have been passed.

13. Planning Applications/Decisions/Enforcements – There was one planning application received since the time of the last minutes;

Planning Application No. 3/2022/0809 - Castlebank, Straits Lane, Read BB12 7PE

The application is for a proposed detached annex.

Planning committee – the building seems to have been built in a different orientation to plans, no objections have been received from the public. No objections.

14. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payments

05/09/2022	DM Payroll Services	£60.00
27/09/2022	50% deposit for Higher Trapp – Christmas party	£50.00
27/09/2022	Waterplus	£177.91
27/09/2022	Clerk's wage	£266.25

b) Income

No income for this period

c) Bank reconciliation as at 31 August 2022

Opening Balances 01.09.22			
Community Account	£12,224.88		
Business Saver Account	£9,581.92		£21,806.80
Add: Receipts			£15,185.56
Less: Payments			£6,262.00
Balance			£30,730.36

15. Items for the next agenda

- Telephone Kiosk
- Christmas Meal
- Christmas tree event
- Parish Plan
- Road Safety
- Read Motor Bodies

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm.

The Next Meeting will take place on 2nd November 2022.