

READ PARISH COUNCIL

10/01/2024

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **Read & Simonstone Village Hall, 6 East View, Read, BB12 7PS on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.00p.m.**

Present: Chairman: Councillor Pollard
Councillors: Anderson, Greenhough, McKelvey, R Hanson, A Hanson & Neary

In attendance: Graham Meloy. Clerk

4 members of the public attended.

Acting Chair CliftonPollard welcomed everyone to the meeting and on behalf of all the Councillors sent our best wishes to Marie Hacking.

1. **Apologies for absence** – *Cllr Malcolm Peplow. Marie Hacking*
2. **Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations**
 - 2.1 **To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda.** – Cllrs Pollard, Anderson, Greenhough and Neary declared an interest in Martholme Greenway.
 - 2.2 **To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)** – *Cllrs A Hanson and R Hanson declared a potential interest in the Bye pass.*
 - 2.3 **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate** – *none*
3. **To approve the minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on 3rd November 2023** – *approved. Cllr Hanson asked that on the Borough Councillors report show that the planning application was approved by the Planning Officer.*
3. **Public participation** – Member of the public mentioned that on George Lane that there is water pouring down George Lane and the state of the road. (Ref 519547) **Resolved** that the Councillors would send the issues to the Clerk.
 - a. Member of the public asked to see the parish plan responses, and was informed that some plans have people personal information on, which would be in breach of GDPR. The results of the parish plan would be made public.
 - b. Clarification on the Bye Pass survey was not indorsed by Simonstone Parish Council
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – No report Cllr Peplow sent his apologies.
7. **Clerk's Report** –
Cloud storage and the Cllrs gov.uk email address will be set up with Edge IT. **Resolved:** Parish Clerk engage with Edge IT.
8. **Reports from external meetings.**

RVBC Liaison meeting presentations from Citizen Advice Bureau and Little Green Bus asking for donations.

9. Allotment Management Committee report –

Allotment meeting was held in December. There are currently 8 people waiting for an allotment. One plot is vacant. Suggestion to use a WhatsApp Group with all the members rather than just the 6 members on the allotment committee. There is a Facebook page Read allotments. Bob Anderson is resigning as the Allotments manager and Steve Neary will be taking over as Allotments Manager.

Tree that has been growing by the wall by the Cricket Club has been removed, **Resolved** to thank Bob for his work for removing the tree. Roy Cattermole has been down to look at the trees and suggested that they are OK, but need some pruning above 15ft this would stop some of the pine needles blowing into the gardens but it would not stop it.

Village Green Trees Recommendation. Removal of dead branches is needed, Roy Cattermole to provide a price. We still have not had a price. **Resolved** Cllr Alex Hanson with contact Andrew Isherwood to obtain a price.

It has been reported that we have a consistent issue with dog fouling on one plot. The culprit has been identified. **Resolved:** The Clerk will write to the culprit warning them that they are in breach of the tenancy agreement, and if the fouling persists their tenancy will be removed.

10. Decision Items;

- a) **Camera for Car Park.** The Cricket Club have been contacted regarding the camera for the car park. A lamppost will need to be erected on a concrete platform. As the current light post is not adequate. Contact 3 companies for a quote.
- b) **Mr J Summersgill Estate**
The estate of Mr Summersgill has now been completed and Read Parish Council will receive £45560.05 as a legacy.
- c) **Meeting Dates**
The following dates have been proposed and the Village Hall booked.
7th Feb: 6th March: 3rd April: 1st May: 5th June: 3rd July: 4th Sept: 2nd Oct; 6th November.
- d) **BT Telephone Kiosk** .The Clerk has found a contact at BT and contacted BT to decommission the Kiosk. BT have responded and scheduled the work.
- e) **Cricket Club Lease;** Read Cricket club have now paid the £60 lease.
- f) **Tarmac of the Car Park;** The Clerk has contacted a couple of companies. The ground needs to be prepared properly, tarmac needs to be scrapped back and the ground sealed. Waiting for a cost of the work. Clifton Pollard has also found some companies. Also fit a base in for the lamp post.
- g) **Read Motor Bodies:** A copy of the new lease has arrived, however, the address of the Clerk is still wrong, and that Schedule 4 has been removed, which allows the Parish Council to increase the rent. **Resolved** the Clerk to make an appointment with Pallisters with Cllr. Pollard to resolve the issues.
- h) **Little Green Bus;** The Parish Council are considering making a donation and it was **Resolved** for the Clerk to find out what our last donation was. Also to add it as an Agenda item for the next Parish council Meeting.
- i) **Bus Shelter (Whalley Road).** The cost of the bus shelter is £7500, and Cllr A Hanson has contacted Rotary, which is more than they had budgeted for. **Resolved:** To try and find if Cllr. Peplow has any funds, and Heywood Caravan park can make a donation.
- j) **Rural Prosperity Fund. Newsletters;** **Resolved** The Parish Council will



14. Items for the next agenda

- **BT Box**
- **Car park**
- **Little Green Bus funding.**
- **Bus Shelter Whalley Road (Opposite the caravan park)**
- **Parish Plan**
- **Village Bypass**

The meeting ended at 8.19 pm.

The Next Meeting will take place on 7th February 2024 at 7pm at the Village Hall.