

You are invited to attend a Parish Council Meeting to be held at Read & Simonstone Village Hall, 6 East View, Read, BB12 7PS, on **Wednesday 7th May at 7.00pm**

Public participation: *This 15-minute session (time limit of 3 minutes per item/person) is to give members of the electoral public opportunity to indicate interests in the agenda items and/or put questions to the Parish Council that maybe answered at a later date or become an agenda item at the next meeting. If you wish to speak at the meeting, please contact the Chair (duncan.marie@talktalk.net) 24hrs before the meeting.*

AGENDA

1. List of Councillors
2. Apologies for absence
3. Appointment of Chairperson (Chairperson signs acceptance of office)
4. Appointment of Vice Chair and Councillors.

Vice-Chair	
Signatories/online bank authorisation	
Planning Committee	
Communications Group	
Lengthsman Co-Ordinator	
Allotment Management	
Playground Inspection	
Footpath Officer	
Parish Council Liaison Committee	
Business Link	
School Link	
Simonstone Parish Council Link	

5. Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations
 - 5.1. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda.
 - 5.2. To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).
 - 5.3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
6. To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 2nd April 2025.
7. Matters arising from the above minutes not on the agenda
8. Public participation: ***To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.***
9. Borough Councillor's Report
10. Clerk's Report/Correspondence
 - 10.1. Ribble Valley Settlement Review: Read Parish
 - 10.2. PCC Summer community fund – applications open 2/5/25, up to £3000
(<https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/community-fund/>)
 - 10.3. RVBC assistance with tree planting (Autumn/Winter)
 - 10.4. LALC clerk courses
 - 10.5. Old Mill
 - 10.6. Dog waste bags
11. Reports from external meetings
 - 11.1. Police Report

12. Playground report (update on playground equipment purchase)

13. Allotment Management Committee Report

14. Decision Items

- A. Football licence to be finalised
- B. Ribble Valley Shared Prosperity Fund: expression of interest deadline and details of bid
- C. Unity Bank/Barclays/finance update
- D. Back Street lighting
- E. Fort Street Garages decision on request to purchase land
- F. Lights on Fort Street
- G. Mirrors for side streets onto Whalley Road
- H. Planter to replace phone box
- I. Potential locations for additional housing
- J. Devil's Elbow road surface condition

15. Correspondence

16. Planning Applications & Decisions

- 16.1. High House Farm Back Lane Read BB12 7RY: Agricultural determination: Prior notification for open-fronted, steel-framed machinery shed 15.5m long, 10m wide, 4m high to ridge, 3.35m high to eaves.
- 16.2. High Meadow, Church Close, Read BB12 7RJ: Proposed demolition of a single-storey extension to side, conversion of existing integral garage to habitable room, erection of single-storey extension to side and front and erection of a porch/entrance extension to front.

17. Finance & Accounts

A. Payments:

08/04/2025	READ AND SIMONSTON	£60.50
08/04/2025	RVBC	£1,300.22
29/04/2025	Water Plus	£85.23
29/04/2025	Affordable Skips	£120.00
29/04/2025	RVBC	£1,934.41
29/04/2025	RVBC	£296.40
29/04/2025	LANCASHIRE ASSOCIA	£281.30
30/04/2025	Service Charge	£6.00

B. Receipts: N/A

C. Bank Accounts:

Unity Current:	£1,647.83
Unity Savings:	£50,060.48
Total	£51,708.31

18. Items for the next agenda