

You are summoned to attend a Parish Council Meeting to be held at Read & Simonstone Village Hall, 6 East View, Read, BB12 7PS, on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026 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 (cllr.hanson@read-pc.gov.uk) 24hrs before the meeting.*

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations
 - 2.1. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
 - 2.2. To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
 - 2.3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
3. To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 1st July 2026
4. Matters arising from the above minutes not on the agenda
5. Public participation: ***To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.***
6. Borough Councillor's Report
7. Clerk's Report/Correspondence
8. Reports from external meetings
 - 8.1. Police Report and Crime Statistics
 - 8.2. Parish liaison Committee Meeting
9. Playground report
10. Allotment Management Committee Report
11. Decision Items
 - 11.1. Playground inspection outcome
 - 11.2. Playground grant application
 - 11.3. LGR & Budget Considerations
 - 11.4. Parish elections in light of LGR
 - 11.5. Plans for Christmas meal
 - 11.6. Plans for Church Gardens light switch on/street light switch on/carols
 - 11.7. Plans for Remembrance Day, including ordering wreaths
 - 11.8. Overgrown hedge notices to be sent out
 - 11.9. Approving risk policy and register
 - 11.10. Tree inspection register
 - 11.11. Climate crisis action plan – report from the clerk on the status of projects discussed, including grant funding available for wildflowers and tree planting
 - 11.12. Lease update (RMB)
 - 11.13. Community allotment
 - 11.14. Read in Bloom 27/28

- 11.15. Clerk salary pay scale uplift for 2026/27
- 11.16. Outcome of the external audit
- 11.17. Website imagery upgrades
- 11.18. Path on Church Street
- 11.19. Donations/grants policy and grant towards Scout's new hut
- 11.20. Potential local wild fire risks, such as Leylandi hedges near houses
- 11.21. Meadow view (Whins Lane housing estate) situation
- 11.22. CILCA training
- 11.23. CCTV
- 11.24. Co-operation with Simonstone Parish Council
- 12. Read Parish Council Calendar – an opportunity for members to add or amend items
- 13. Planning Applications & Decisions
- 14. Finance Report – Cllr Hampson bank reconciliation, update to new allotment account
- 15. Status of agenda Actions agreed in July 2026/items not covered on the agenda
- 16. Items for next agenda: allotment rent notices, budgets, options for youths in village as per SLCC newsletter