

READ PARISH COUNCIL

03/04/2024

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **Read & Simonstone Village Hall, 6 East View, Read, BB12 7PS on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7.00p.m.**

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

In attendance: Graham Meloy. Clerk Cllr Malcolm Peplow 3 Members of the Public

Chair Marie Hacking welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence – None**
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 – *Clifton Pollard Martholme Greenway and Read Bowling Club***
3. **To approve the minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on 6th March 2024. Approved**
- 4) **Matters arising from the above minutes.**
 - a) Item 7B Any member of the public that wishes to speak at the Parish Council meeting must notify the Clerk 24 hours before the meeting. The agenda items must be sent the Thursday before the meeting.
 - b) **Easy Beats** to discuss donation at the next meeting for musical instruments

5) Public participation

Member of the Public spoke about the raised beds on Church Street they had leafleted the residents 2 against and 1 for the project. The Clerk has received a response of 2 residents against and 2 for the project. Residents need to come forward to take the project forward, at present 2 volunteers have come forward. The Environment Group don't have the capacity to look after the raised bed.

Village litter pick a bag is left for volunteers to pick up litter and place it in the litter bags in the park.

Asked if the Parish Council can provide a child friendly bin which cost £200 for 60L capacity,

6) Borough Councillor's Report –

Cllr Peplow

To be included on the web site.

7. Clerk's Report –

A) The parish Council has re-joined the Clerks association SLCC which will be able to provide advice when needed.

B) Water Bill the clerk has challenged the water bill and we are now in credit of £86. The water meter is not easy to access.

C) Bypass Submission this document has been submitted to RVBC and the MP without the document being approved by Read Parish Council. The document had been discussed

and agreed to follow up the plan but it had not been voted on. Cllr Pollard raised the issue that Simonstone PC had voted on the inclusion of Cycleway 685 to be added, but this has not been added to the Bypass plan.

D) The Lengthsman job has been advertised, the Clerk has recommend an experienced person for the role.

The Clerk has been working on the year end accounts and some of the invoices are missing. Cllr R Hanson is able to supply some of the invoices.

8. Reports from external meetings.

No external meetings.

9. Allotment Management Committee report –

Jobs have been building up since we have no Lengthsman, applicants are being interviewed. Plot 22A has been given up and relet. Plot 11 is flooding and would like another plot. Waiting list fir allotment is 10.

10. Decision Items;

- a) **BT Kiosk.** Clerk has contacted BT again and has had no response. A complaint has been raised as this has been going on for over 2 years.
- b) **Car Park Tarmac**
The Parish Council will need 3 quotes. Cllr Hanson is still waiting for a cost for the ground works. **Resolved;** to obtain 3 quotes. Cllrs Neary and Hanson to contact other suppliers.
- c) **Read Motor Bodies**
The Lease has been circulated to the Councillors. 5 year term starting in Jan 2022
Resolved: To sign the lease and obtain the moneys outstanding.
- d) **Bus Shelter Whalley Road.** Still trying to find funding
- e) **Village By Pass.** As discussed in the matters arising from the minutes.
- f) **Code of Conduct. Resolved:** to update the web site with the new Code of Conduct and send the Code of Conduct to RVBC .
- g) **Traffic Management.** A letter has been circulated to the Parish Council outlining the proposal, which will be circulated to residents. **Resolved.**To arrange a meeting to Nickola Hopkins at RVBC to discuss the proposal and discuss proposal with Ged Murfin. Write to the residents of the plan to introduce a one -way system, and invite residents to a public meeting to help the flow of the traffic and reduce the tension when park.
- h) **Safe Lane Sign:** Safe Lane signs have been placed on Whins Lane
Resolved to install signs on Black Hill.
- i) **Rural Fund.** The Rural fund can be used to improve amenities in the Village.
Resolved, 3 Councillors to visit the playground to look at what exercise equipment is needed,
- j) **Parish Plan Results.** The Parish Plan results finalised and will be made available on the web site as a working document. **Resolved** The results are to be stored on a memory stick and kept in a locked cabinet. The paper copies will be destroyed.
- k) **Park.** The Parish Council would like to spend some money on the outdoor play area. **Resolved** to make an application to the Rural Fund and the Cllrs to visit the park to decide what equipment is needed,
- l) **Lengthsman Jobs:** Waiting for the interviews to take place.
- m) **Street Lights.** On Back Street East View, Church Street and Jubilee Street.

Resolved to ask LCC if they can install street two street lights.

11. Correspondence –

Police have reported the following incidents in March

- 1) 1 Non dwelling burglary
- 2) 1 Road Related 1 Vehicle stopped no insurance
- 3) Readstone Summer Events Presentation Day 9th June Summer tournament 15th June.
- 4) Resident complained about horse manure on Woodhead and asked for the rider to pick it up.
- 5) Email from a resident on Nowell Grove asking to be included in the traffic management scheme as parking is an issue and her drive is blocked.
- 6) 4 emails from residents the raised beds, two in favour two against.
- 7) Consumer Alerts from LCC concerning the current scams
- 8) Email from Little Green Bus thanking the PC for the donation. .

12. Planning Applications/Decisions/Enforcements

None

13. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payments & Receipts

b) Balance £18,223.4719531.71

06/03/24	SLCC	£113
20/02/24	Ribble Valley BC Grass cutting	£1250.22
20/02/24	Jason Shaw Hedge trimming	£57.60
25/03/24	Clerk Salary	£256.80
25/02/24	Stamps	£12.00
	Receipts	
6/03/24	Allotments	86.00

14. Items for the next agenda

- 1) Annual General Meeting**
- 2) BT Kiosk**
- 3) Church Roof St Johns Church**
- 4) Playground**
- 5) Street Lights at East View and Church Street**



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- 6) The meeting ended at 9.500 pm.
The Next Meeting will take place on 8th May 2024 at 7pm at the Village Hall.