

READ PARISH COUNCIL

03/04/2024

A meeting of the Read Parish Council AGM was held at **Read & Simonstone Village Hall, 6 East View, Read, BB12 7PS on Wednesday 8th May 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 2 Members of the Public

Chair Marie Hacking welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for absence – None**
- 2. Appointment of Chairperson Marie Hacking**
- 3. Appointment of Vice Chair and Councillors.** Cllr Sally McKelvey was elected
- 4. Appointment of Councillors Cllrs Pollard, Anderson, Greenhough, R Hanson, A Hanson and Neary.** All Appointed
- 5. Appointment of Cllrs onto committees.** Signatories Cllrs Pollard & Hacking, Planning Cllrs R Hanson & Anderson. Lengthsman Coordinator Cllr R Hanson. Allotment Manager Cllr Anderson. Footpath Office Cllr. A Hanson Parish Council Liaison. Cllr Greenhough. School Link Cllr A Hanson. Simonstone Parish Council Link Cllr Pollard

6) Chairperson Report This year as previous years, I would like to start with thanking all the Councillors for their continued hard work and support.

Special thanks to Cllr Clifton Pollard, who is stepping down as Vice Chair, but will continue to serve on the PC. Clifton has given many, many years of service to the PC, and knows every footpath round and about the Village as he has walked them since being a lad! Thank you, Clifton.

We welcome Graham Meloy as Parish clerk, Graham took over from April in September 2023. Graham had served as a Cllr on Simonstone Parish council for a number of years, so brought with him a great deal of knowledge about the running of a PC. There have been a few hiccups with the online banking and the website, but hopefully these will soon be resolved.

The ten-year Parish Plan Questionnaire was delivered along with the Newsletter in November to all the residents in Read and thanks to Cllr's Sally McKelvey and Alex Hanson for collating all the replies. The information will be put on the website. 61% of responses were in favour of the PC looking at road safety issues. We continue to request that residents park with consideration and safely, space must be left on pavements for prams or wheelchairs to pass safely without residents having to go into the road because pavements are blocked with vehicles. We are consulting with residents and highways at the possibility of a one-way system which would take traffic up East View, along Greenacres and down Fort St, to help with both congestion and children's safety at school times.

Litter and dog fouling at times continues to be a problem, so we ask that people use bins provided around the village or take their rubbish home. Thanks to the environment group who continue their monthly litter picks.

Unfortunately, the telephone kiosk is still an eye sore, and we are still waiting for the electrics to be disconnected so it can be removed.

We are hoping to remove some of the adult equipment on the playground and replace it with children's play equipment. We request that people do not use the playground as a short cut to the field, and do not take dogs on the playground.

One of our biggest projects for this coming year will be to have the car park re-surfaced, and we are in the process of getting contractors to quote for the cost of the work involved. We intend to use the legacy left to the Parish from Mr Summergill to pay for this work.

Thanks must go to Cllr Bob Anderson, for overseeing the allotments, it is a difficult task at times, but he now has a helper on board with Cllr Steve Neary.

We continue to join with SPC for our annual Christmas meal, it has proved to be very successful holding the event at the Higher Trap. Over 80 people over the age of 70 years attended, and the feedback was very positive.

The Christmas tree planted on church St gardens in thanks for the many years of Parish Council work carried out by Doreen Collinson, has now grown enough to be decorated with Christmas lights and looked lovely. Thanks to Read School for singing carols and Rev Sue for blessing the tree,

refreshments were enjoyed in the VH.

Thanks to Cllr Hanson who has previously over many years donated a Christmas tree for Church St gardens.

I believe we are fortunate within the Village to have as many activities as we have on a weekly basis. Councillors from both Read and Simonstone, give time each week to help these events continue.

Both cafés continue weekly, Wednesday's at the VH and Friday's at the Con. Club both 10 am until 12 md, these are proving a great success for people to meet up for a cuppa, cake and chat. A warm welcome awaits any newcomers.

The Tots and Tea on Tuesday's at the VH operates from 10 am until 12 md, (term time) and has proved to be a well- attended and valuable weekly event, so thanks to Cllr Sian Greenough for all the time and effort put in to keeping it running.

The VH continues to be used for many weekly classes and events, and the Sleeping Beauty panto in Feb was well attended and enjoyed by all, showing off some real talent.

If anyone is having problems with blocked drains these can be reported to LCC via their website or I Love Clean Streets app.

Our local PCSO Katie Ferguson, sends the PC the monthly crime figures. If you wish to contact her on any matter her email is Katie.Ferguson@lancashire.police.uk Katie often calls into both café's to meet residents.

As a PC we will continue to do our best in and around the village. Residents are welcome to come to our monthly meetings, the agendas are displayed in the noticeboards on Jubilee St and Straits Lane. We ask that if anyone wishes to ask a question at our meeting that they email the clerk prior to the meeting on readparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com

7 Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations

7.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors *on items on the agenda.* –

7.2 To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary

interests (if any) – *Cllr Greenhough Easy Beats*

7.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate –

8. To approve the minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on 8th May 2024.

9) Matters arising from the above minutes.

a) 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 is being discussed under correspondence.

10) Public participation

Member of the Public spoke about the raised beds on Church Street pros and cons that they have received from residents. Proposal was made to move the raised beds to the allotment plot that is wet. The plot will take 20 raised beds.

Report of dog waste plastic bags, are being left, and the bench needs repainting. Also the flag stones some are broken and they need power washing as they are slippery. Child friendly bin on the playground.

11) Borough Councillor's Report –

Cllr Peplow report will be included on the web site under Borough Councillors Report

12. Clerk's Report –

A) Year End Accounts are proceeding well for the submission in June.

B) Appointment for two Lengthsman at £18.50 and £19.00 per hr.

C) Insurance cover quotes to come in. **Resolved** the Clerk to look at the most cover for the insurance

C) Web Site rolling 12 month contract to manage the web site,, as the Clerk has not been able to up load the minutes as there are steps missing in the process. **Resolved** the clerk to upload the minutes as soon as possible.

13. Reports from external meetings.

Cllr Hacking attended Simonstone Parish Council to express her concerns that Simonstone had jumped the gun on send in the report before Read Parish Council had voted on the proposal. Cllr Greenhough attended the RVBC Liaison meeting. RVBC has £10.1m for electric charging points for terraced houses. Tree planting for Redwoods are available . Survey on Ribblesdale school pool future is under consideration.

Police Crime Figures 2 Burglaries on integral garages: 1 Vehicle theft and tools taken from a vehicle. 1 vehicle stop and drugs found and an arrest for possession to supply.

14. Allotment Management Committee report –

Access to Plot 7D; 7D and 7C used to be one plot. Cllr Anderson has asked the tenant to allow side access to side gate, which they have refused. Two allotment holders don't want gates fitted to allow access to 7D. **Resolved.** The Parish Council will inform the tenant of 7D that access will be required.

19A the fences are down the lane will be maintained by the Council but not at the bottom of the plot. The materials are already available on the plot.

10 people are on the waiting list

15. Decision Items;

a) **BT Kiosk.** Clerk has contacted BT again and has had no response.. Passed to the escalation team, the contract says BT have to disconnect the power.

b) **Car Park Tarmac** .Quote for £22,000 plus vat for the car park and lane to the allotments. To complete the whole lane it will cost another £8,000 plus vat.

Resolved to accept RW Ramsbottom quote of £22,000 but the Parish Council needs a detailed description of what is being done. Access will be closed when the work is being done. The playground equipment has been inspected the bike and two piece of equipment are to be removed. **Resolved** for the Lengthsman to inspect this equipment and remove it.

c) Read Motor Bodies

The Parish Council have signed the Lease and sent it to Pallisters but we have not had any reply.

d) Bus Shelter Whalley Road. No funding from LCC on Random Bus shelters, but if funding does come available we are on the list. Money may be released that is not spent within the Council

e) Raised Beds has been discussed in Public Participation.

f) Traffic Management. Letter has been produced by the Children from the School and has been circulated. The aim to hold the Public meeting after the School holidays to enable the residents to endorse the scheme. **Resolved** to hold the meeting after the School Summer holiday **Resolved** Leaflet all the residents around the school and Straits Lane Online petition or sign a petition at the Public Meeting.

g) Lengthman Jobs have been identified. **Resolved** Cllr R Hanson to submit the jobs that are on our list. Bin at the Playground to be emptied.

16. Correspondence –

- 1) Letters from Residents regarding fly tipping on the back streets. Greenacres
- 2) Email from resident regarding a Motor Vehicle accident.
- 3) Email from residents regarding lighting on the back street East View
- 4) Resident complained about the playground. Clean up around the Playground
- 5) RVBC Grant for Redwood Trees
- 6) Easy Beat asking for a donation. **Resolved** to donate £100

17. Planning Applications/Decisions/Enforcements

None

18. Finance & Accounts:

- a) Payments & Receipts
- b) Balance £Current Account £20572
- c) Barclays £9775.75
- d) Skipton BS £46544.06

	DM Payroll	£60
	Ribble Valley BC Grass cutting	£1872
	Clerk Salary	256.80
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	Skipton BS	£10,000
	RVBC Bins	£291
	April Collinson	£115.27
	Read Christmas Party	66.00
	HMRC	92.80
	Receipts	
	Precept	14246



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	Interest	1544.06

19. Items for the next agenda

Red Wood tree

Church Roof Donation

BT

Car Park

Read Motor

Play ground equipment

Kissing gates locations

Rural Fund

Camera Cricket Club.

1) The meeting ended at 21.06.

The Next Meeting will take place on 5th June 2024 at 7pm at the Village Hall.