

READ PARISH PLAN ANALYSIS FOR WEBSITE

TOPIC	PRIORITY 1LOW, 5HIGH	PROPOSED TIMESCALE	ACTION	PROGRESS
<p>1. HOUSING</p> <p>Is there a need for additional housing in Read?</p> <p>Responses Yes (39) 33%</p> <p>No (75) 65% No response (2) 2%</p> <p><u>Key Themes</u></p> <p>a) affordable/starter homes b) bungalows c) sheltered housing/flats for the elderly</p>	2		<p>Respond to any future housing development planning applications in line with the views of the residents regarding the types of housing identified as needed</p>	
<p>2. TRAFFIC</p> <p>A) Should the Parish Council look at road safety issues?</p> <p>Responses Yes (71) 61% No (25) 22% No response (20) 17%</p>	1	<p>February 2024 onwards</p>	<p>Councillors Neary and Hanson to create a traffic subcommittee and liaise with Simonstone PC to find common areas to work on together as well as those specific to Read</p> <p>Traffic committee to meet with the school and to consult with residents around the school regarding specific traffic and parking issues that have been raised in council meetings over the past year</p>	<p>1st meeting held at Bridge heywood Caravan Park in Feb 2024 with Cllr Hampson from Simonstone.</p>

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<p><u>Key Themes</u> a) Additional Crossing on Whalley Road b) Speed reduction measures c) Dangerous/inconsiderate parking on side streets/A671</p>				
<p>B) Should the Parish Council support speed monitoring in the village?</p> <p>Responses Yes (99) 85% No (16) 14%</p>	<p>1</p>		<p>Explore the options available to us regarding speed monitoring equipment (both bought and rented) and whether there are any grants available to support us with this. Also work with Simonstone PC to see if there are joint initiatives we could share.</p>	
<p>C) Should the Parish Council lobby Lancashire County Council for a by-pass for Read & Simonstone?</p> <p>Responses Yes (71) 61% No (38) 33% No response (7) 6%</p>	<p>1</p>		<p>To monitor information that is presented by Lancs CC and RVBC as the by-pass was removed from the last public plan. Once we know whether or not the by-pass will be included in the next 10 year plan and where the LA's are suggesting it be routed we can revisit the question with residents.</p>	
<p>3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT</p>				
<p>If members of your household use the buses which serve Read, are you satisfied with the service (routes, timetables, cost, reliability, bus stop location, easy access)?</p> <p>Responses</p>	<p>3</p>		<p>As a Parish Council we undertake to submit responses to any/all requests for feedback etc regarding public transport that affect our village in line with the feedback we have received.</p>	

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<p>Yes (79) 68%</p> <p>No (7) 6% No response (30) 26%</p> <p><u>Key Themes</u></p> <p>a) Re-instate bus to Sabden</p> <p>b) Bus shelters at Bridge Heywood and in the village</p> <p>c) More regular service</p>				
<p>4. PLAYGROUND</p> <p>If members of your household use the Read & Simonstone Children's playground, do you feel it meets the needs of children and those with additional needs (up to age 11), Adults (accompanying parents/visitors)?</p> <p>Responses</p> <p>Yes (38) 33%</p> <p>No (16) 14% No response (62) 53%</p> <p><u>Key Themes</u></p> <p>Needs equipment for disabled children</p> <p>Needs upgrading</p> <p>Safety/Safeguarding issues</p>	<p>3</p>		<p>Accessibility to the playground and to the equipment for those with additional needs was a key theme - we undertake to submit an application to the Rural Access Fund to develop the existing offering to make it more accessible to all residents.</p>	
<p>5. PLAYING FIELDS</p> <p>If members of your household use the playing fields/kick-about area, does it meet your needs?</p> <p>Responses</p>	<p>3</p>		<p>Review the signs, gates, and fences and work with the lengthsman to ensure that the the area is safe and dogs are kept on leads and dog waste disposed of properly and hygenically.</p> <p>The themes of netted goalposts and flood lights have been discussed previously and they are too costly to install and maintain.</p>	

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<p>Yes (34) 29% No (16) 14% No response (65) 56%</p> <p><u>Key Themes</u> Netted goal posts & floodlights</p>				
6. CAR PARK				
<p>Do you use the village Car Park?</p> <p>Responses Yes (22) 19% No (78) 67% No response (16) 14%</p> <p><u>Key Themes</u> a) Surface is in poor condition b) Needs CCTV c) Road sign is required</p>	2		<p>Obtain quotes from a minimum of 2 tarmac contractors to tarmac the carpark and the approach road. If cost effective we will use the legacy left to us to undertake the work. Once the work is completed we will seek to put up a sign on the main road.</p>	
7. OPPORTUNITIES TO HOLD COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES				
<p>Are members of your household satisfied with the community opportunities in Read?</p> <p>Responses Yes (89) 77% No (21) 18% No response (6) 5%</p> <p><u>Key Themes</u> Singing for Demetia group Men's Shed/Men's activities</p>	3		<p>The council undertakes to work with the Village Hall to support any of their initiatives and signpost anyone looking to hold an event locally to the Village Hall.</p>	

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Luncheon Club/Bereavement Group				
<p>8. NEW/IMPROVED ROUTES FOR WALKERS, CYCLISTS AND HORSE RIDERS</p>				
<p>Are you happy for the Parish Council to continue its support of the Martholme Greenway Group?</p> <p>Responses Yes (64) 55% No (51) 44%</p> <p><u>Key Themes</u> Maintenance needed on some areas of the path/steps</p>	<p>3</p>		<p>Feedback highlighted the need to maintain what is already available to residents. Council happy to continue its support but will concentrate its efforts on financing and campaigning for the up keep of the footpaths and bridleways already available to residents that are falling into disrepair due to lack of funding.</p>	
<p>9. FOOTPATHS</p>				
<p>Are there any footpaths which require improvement?</p> <p>Responses Yes - the left hand side of the A671, towards the Devil's Elbow</p>	<p>2</p>		<p>Council to lobby Lancs CC and RVBC regarding regular drain clearing to reduce the significant excess water run off throughout the village that is currently causing the damage to pavements and main thoroughfare. We will also continue to report any/all areas of footpaths and pavements that require maintenace and/or replacing</p>	
<p>10. DOG FOULING</p>				

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<p>a) Do you think that regulations on dog fouling are adequately enforced?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Responses Yes (31) 27%</p> <p>No (62) 53% No response (23) 20%</p> <p>b) Does the village need a designated exercise area for owners and their dogs?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Responses Yes (26) 22%</p> <p>No (74) 64% No response (16) 18%</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Council to continue to lobby RVBC for more dual purpose bins throughout the village and to explore the possibility of purchasing extra bins for the kick about area and the playground. Also to lobby the council to empty these as part of the general waste management in the village, not to charge us extra per bin.</p>	
<p>11. VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS</p>			
<p>Have you any suggestions for village improvements?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Responses Yes (29) 25%</p> <p>No (6) 5% No response (81) 70%</p> <p><u>Key Themes</u></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Council to explore the possibility of installing electric charging points in the carpark (once resurfaced) and potentially the Village Hall carpark. The possibility of a joint bid for funding with Simonstone if Thwaites were agreeable to the installation of charging points in the Stork carpark</p> <p>As per point 10 regarding the increase in dual purpose bins</p> <p>Explore the possibility of recycling/upcycling bins in the village carpark - once resurfaced. The cost to install and empty on a regular basis needs to be understood</p>	

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Electric Charging Points Recycling/upcycling bins/more bins				
12. POLICING				
<p>Are you happy with the level of police interaction in the village/do you feel safe?</p> <p>Responses Yes 23 (20%)</p> <p>No 45 (39%) No response (48) 41%</p> <p><u>Key Themes</u> Police are not visible enough More patrols needed More PCSO visits</p>	2		<p>The council will continue to liaise with the PCSO and lobby for an increase in patrols at key times. Also to request a regular patrol around the school at drop off and pick up to encourage safer parking etc</p>	
13. SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY				
<p>Should the Parish Council continue to provide financial support for the Christmas Party?</p> <p>Responses Yes (75) 64%</p> <p>No (28) 25% No response (13) 11%</p> <p><u>Key Themes</u> Less funding - 6 (5%) More funding - 7 (6%)</p>	3		<p>We will actively improve our communication regarding the event in the run up to it so that more residents are aware of it and can access it if they so wish.</p> <p>We will continue to support the Christmas Party financially.</p>	
14. OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES				

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<p>Are you in favour of the Parish Council continuing to support and make occasional grants to various organisations in and around the village?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Responses</p> <p>Read Primary School - (63) 54%</p> <p>Little Green Bus - (61) 53%</p> <p>Readstone Environment Group - (65) 56%</p> <p>Read & Simonstone Village Hall - (72) 62%</p> <p>Community Café (1) 1%</p> <p>Tennis Club (1) 1%</p> <p>Other activites mentioned:</p> <p>Youth Group (44) 38%</p> <p>All weather area (4) 3%</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>We will continue to support the school, the Little Green Bus, the Environment Group and the Village Hall as and when we can both financially and by lobbying on their behalf for support and funding from other groups and organisations (including the local council)</p> <p>We will endeavour to publicise their work on our website including how residents can access the service and/or volunteer.</p>	
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