

READ PARISH COUNCIL

16/01/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **St John's Church (Vestry), off George Lane, Read BB12 7RL on Wednesday 16th January 2019, at 7pm.**

Present: Chairman: Peter Collinge
Councillors: Anderson, Bennett, Gandy, Hanson, Hacking, Ridge,
Rostron
In attendance: Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

10 members of the public attended, 1 by Skype

1. **Apologies for absence** – there were no apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations**
 - 2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda – ***Cllr Hacking declared an interest in Item 11f as she is a Trustee of the RSVH.***
 - 2.2 To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests – none received.
 - 2.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate
3. **To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings held on 28th November 2018 and an extraordinary meeting held on 6th December 2018** – 28th November – one amendment to Item 6 – *should read 'in having the appeal dismissed'. The minutes were approved.*
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** - none
5. **Public participation:**

Geoff Hodbod – Trustee of RSVH mentioned that their legal advisor has concerns regarding the timescale for submission of the final bid. He would like to see all the funding in place before the bid is submitted.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – nothing to report.
7. **Reports from external meetings:** none to report.
9. **Playground:**
 - a) **To receive the playground inspection report** – *grass has started to grow through the artificial surface. This is to expected and the Clerk will ask the Lengthsman to look at weeding the surfaces.*
 - b) **Repairs and maintenance** – *The Clerk had received reports through RVBC of malicious placement of razor blades on children's slides in the Ribble Valley and are asking anyone who is responsible for playgrounds to be vigilant in checking the children's slides. Cllr Hacking has put up a notice within the playground warning users of this and had also done additional checks of the playground equipment.*
10. **Allotment Management Committee** – Councillors received a report from the Allotment Management Committee meeting held on 4th December 2018. Councillors supported the decision that further skips were not required. The issue of the letting of the field and waiting lists to be an agenda item at the next parish council meeting in March.

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11. Decision Items

a) SCP + Christmas Tree event review – *the Christmas Tree event was not well attended this year. This was due to the school choir not being able to attend and also the rainy weather on the evening. The Senior Citizens party was well attended this year and was judged to be a successful event. Meal and entertainment were well received.*

RESOLVED: *To hold both events again in 2019. The Christmas Tree event to be held on Friday 6th December, 2019 and the Senior Citizens Party to be held on Saturday 7th December 2019. The format of both events to be discussed further by the Communications Group.*

b) Litter bins – Cllr Hacking – Linda Boyer from RVBC had given an explanation as to why the litter bin on Hambledon View was not being emptied. The lock for the bin was broken but has now been replaced and the bin is being emptied each week. Cllr Hacking also mentioned the litter bins at the bus stops. RVBC have said they are not able to replace them with larger bins but the Clerk will ask RVBC if there is any other solution to this problem.

c) Playground issues – *dealt with at 9a and 9b.*

d) Church Street gardens – review of previous quotes, Pointing people £3,500 inc vat, Complete Building Services £6,000 + vat – also consideration of a planted tree. Councillors discussed this item and decided that this matter will be put on hold pending further ideas/developments. The Clerk reported that the tree surgeon had been invited to inspect the state of the trees on Church Street gardens. He had noted that the tree roots under the existing flags are causing the problems with the flags becoming uneven.

e) Comms Group – no meeting – a meeting was planned for Thursday 31st January, 2019 7.45pm at the Stork Hotel. The Clerk will circulate a reminder of the date and also an agenda for the meeting.

f) RSVH

- Information sharing evening – Further to the information sharing evening held on 9th January 2019 councillors considered the notes from the meeting
- New Working Group – Cllrs Hanson and Anderson came forward to sit on the Working Group. This group will consider how the legal framework will take shape. This would then need approval by Read Parish Council's legal adviser.
- NALC application form – Councillors considered the form which will need submitting by the parish council to NALC.

RESOLVED: **That the necessary NALC form 'Application for borrowing approval for parish councils will be completed once the legal framework for the project is approved.**

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g) My first year as a Parish Councillor - Cllr Hacking gave a report of her thoughts on her first year as a parish councillor. The Chairman thanked her for this contribution.

12. Correspondence – Letter from Read Cricket and Bowling Club dated 7th January 2019. The Cricket Club advised the parish council of the need for the organiser of the Summer Music festival, to be held on 5/6th July 2019, to ensure that adequate Public Liability insurance is in place in the event that a cricket ball is hit out of the ground and injures a festival goer. The Clerk will pass this letter to Chris Bird the organiser of the festival.

13. Highways – no report

14. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

None to report

15. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payment of accounts –

14/11/2018	Clerk's salary	£196.31
14/11/2018	Admin exps, printing	£82.82
1/12/2018	SCP entertainment	£150.00
1/12/2018	Lisa Varo – SCP catering	£370.00
1/12/2018	G Rostron- sundries for SCP and Christmas Tree event	£132.30
2/12/2018	Petty Cash	£40.00
3/12/2018	D Malley Payroll admin	£81.00
10/12/2018	LALC subscription	£185.80
10/12/2018	SCP chair hire	£134.40
10/12/2018	RVBC domain name website	£4.80
17/12/2018	HMRC quarterly payment	£147.20
17/12/2018	Clerk's salary	£196.51
17/12/2018	Admin exps, printing	£89.82
2/1/2019	Bus shelter clean	£40.00
2/1/2019	Lengthsman scheme- materials	£359.44

b) Income –

12/11/2018	Allotment rents	£16.50
12/11/2018	Allotment rents	£50.00
22/11/2018	Allotment rents	£16.50
3/12/2018	Bank interest	£6.25
10/12/2018	Allotment rents	£1,320.54
3/1/2019	Allotment rents	£176.00

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c) Bank reconciliation as at 31st December, 2018

Opening Balances 01.04.18			
Community Account	£17,998.11		
Business Saver Account	£2,523.86		£20,521.97
Add: Receipts			£24,803.65
Less: Payments			£30,667.17
Balance			£14,658.45

16. Items for the next agenda

- Allotment issues
- Christmas Tree event and Senior Citizens Party
- Church Street gardens
- Communications Group
- Village Hall project
- Ideas for format of Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting ended at 7.50pm