

READ PARISH COUNCIL

29/08/01

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held at St John's Church Vestry, off George Lane, Read BB12 7RL on Thursday 20th September, 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

2 members of the public attended. Also, video link to Erling Mitton and Greera Norse both Trustees of RSVH.

1. Apologies for absence – none received

2. Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda – none received – *Councillor Hacking expressed a potential conflict of interest in the agenda items as she has an interest in becoming a Trustee of RSVH but has yet has not officially signed up as a Trustee. She still intended to vote on the decision items.*

2.2 To receive requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests – none received.

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

3. Public participation:

Geoff Hodbod gave an outline of fundraising developments to date and thanked Read Parish Council for their recent request to Ribble Valley Borough Council to register the United Reformed Church and Allotments as an asset of Community Value, which has been granted.

The Trustees also reported that Simonstone Parish Council had resolved to become a joint partner in applying for a Public Works Loan to purchase the building at the end of the 6-month moratorium.

4. Decision Items

a) To consider a request from the Trustees of Read and Simonstone Village Hall for Read Parish Council to tender a non-binding request in respect of the United Reformed Church and Allotments – now registered as an Asset of Community Value – this will trigger a six-month moratorium on the sale of the asset.

RESOLVED: *Councillors resolved to submit a written request to RVBC to be treated as a potential bidder for the community asset before 11th October. (This is non-binding)*

b) To consider a request from the Trustees of Read and Simonstone Village Hall for Read Parish Council to apply for a loan/mortgage to purchase the United Reformed Church and Allotments at the end of the six-month moratorium period.

RESOLVED: *Councillors resolved to ballot the residents of the village to see if they were in support of Read Parish Council taking out a loan for this purchase. This question will be included in the Autumn Newsletter and responses will be collated and reported back to RSVH Trustees.*

5. Items for the next agenda.

- URC -RSVH – draft question for Autumn Newsletter
- Allotment Road
- Venues for meetings 2019