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A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **Read Con Club, Whalley Road, Read BB12 7PB on Wednesday 4th September, 2019, at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hacking
Councillors: Anderson, Bennett, Greenhough, Pollard, Ridge,
In attendance: Shirley Bridge (Clerk)

10 members of the public attended

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies for absence were received from Councillors Collinge and Hanson.
2. **Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations**
 - 2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda – *Councillor Pollard is Secretary of the Martholme Greenway Project.*
 - 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 meeting held on 17th July 2019.** *The minutes were approved.*
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** – the allotment access is now in a very poor state of repair – *to be discussed at Item 10.*
5. **Public participation:**
 - One resident complained about cars being stored on the car park by Read Motor Body Centre. One car has been there since May 2019.
 - This resident asked for the playground stile to be reinstated as she feels it is dangerous for unsupervised children to be running around on the road to the football field.
 - One resident would like some provision to be made for teenagers. This could take the form of a Youth Shelter on the kick-about-area or within the new Village Hall complex.
 - A representative of Simonstone Parish council explained that there had been some mis-reporting in their recent minutes which are displayed on their website. Although this has now been amended the website is still showing the old version.
 - Allotments – a member of the public complained that he had assumed that allotment 1a would be passed over to him at the end of October. The rent for 1a is paid until the end of October by the existing tenant. The Allotment Management Committee have been consulted on this matter and will discuss further.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – no report.
7. **Clerk's Report** - *none*
8. **Reports from external meetings:** **None**
9. **Playground:**
 - a) **To receive the playground inspection report** – the Clerk had compiled a list of repair tasks that had been highlighted in the recent ROSPA report.
 - b) **Repairs and maintenance** – This list of required repairs to be passed to the Lengthsman.

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10. Allotment Management Committee –

- Allotment 5c now re-let
- Perimeter fencing for 12 and 14 now replaced
- Allotment road – Cllr Anderson is in the process of receiving quotes for repairs to the allotment road. The Clerk was requested to ask both Read Cricket and Bowling Club and Read Motor Body Centre if they would donate funds to repair the access road from Hambledon View. Cllr Bennett would make enquires with Ribble Valley Borough Council to determine if there are any grants available to enable repairs to the Car Park which is in a very poor state.

11. Decision Items

a) Environmental Group – Penny Gilpin attended the meeting to give an overview of a the newly formed Environmental Group. They are hoping to become a constituted group and join the CVS network. Their main aim is to raise awareness and help people to reduce their carbon footprint. They also would like to promote bio-diversity and reduce single use plastic. To date they have held 3 litter picks and have highlighted that the road at the side of the Con Club is very overgrown and littered with rubbish. They also have concerns that Read Motor Body Centre leave a pile of old car parts outside their premises. They claim to have these removed at regular intervals but the area is unsightly.

A resident would like to see more bulbs planted on the grass verges approaching the village. The group/parish councillors may help with this.

RESOLVED: To give support to the work of this group and receive regular reports on their development.

b) Parish Clerk - recruitment update – the advert is out for the recruitment of a replacement clerk for the parish council. Ribble Valley Borough Council are helping with the interviews for this position. Closing date for completed applications is 13th September with interviews being held on 26th September. The current clerk will retire on 31st October, 2019

c) Litter bins – to consider replacing the litter bin at the Con Club bus shelter – increased costs for collection – Post mounted £3.60 per week, Free standing £4.40 per week – the cost of a new bin would be dependent on the choice of bin.

The Premier store, Whalley Road have been asked if they would also consider having a floor standing bin outside their shop. They are considering this and will inform the parish council of their decision.

Cllr Anderson would like to see the floor standing bin at the end of Hambledon View to be moved further along the access road. This needs further discussion.

RESOLVED: From 1st April, 2020 - To purchase a new floor standing bin to be placed near the bus shelter and to arrange weekly collection by RVBC. This is an issue for Financial Year 2020 onwards as no provision has been made in the current financial year.

d) Grot spots – already discussed

e) Communications Group – the Communications Group met on the 26th August, 2019 and discussed the following items.

Senior Citizens Party Saturday 7th December, 2019. A different format was proposed with the event being held at the Village Hall and a buffet type meal with tea/coffee to

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be served. They also propose to reach out to housebound resident and distribute a small gift to them.

Christmas Tree switch on – Friday 6th December – refreshments to be served in the Village Hall after the event. The planted tree has not full matured and it was felt that it is too small to be used this year.

Dates and venues for next year's meetings

It was proposed that all meetings next year be held in the Village Hall – start time 7pm and that meetings are held over 10 months and on the second Wednesday of every month.

Meetings for 2020

All meetings to be held at RSVH

Meetings held on second Wednesday of each month

No meetings in August or December

Start time: 7pm

Wednesday	8 th January	
Wednesday	12 th February	
Wednesday	11 th March	
Wednesday	8 th April	Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday	13 th May	Annual Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	10 th June	
Wednesday	8 th July	
	No meeting in August	
Wednesday	9 th September	
Wednesday	14 th October	
Wednesday	11 th November	
	No meeting in December	

The Autumn Newsletter is being compiled and will include details and invites to the planned events.

RESOLVED – To agree to the new format/venue for the Senior Citizens' Party. To agree the dates/venue for meetings in 2020. Room hire for RSVH for parish council meetings will be £10 per session.

f) Air Monitoring – Councillor Pollard has asked for the issue of air quality in the village considering the large amount of traffic through the village at busy periods. This has been requested as an agenda item at the forthcoming Parish Council Liaison Meeting at RVBC.

g) Support for moving of footpath – Councillor Hanson had presented information in support of the request to move a footpath on his land.

RESOLVED: The parish council supports this project to move the footpath.

h) Read Motor Bodies site – A local resident reported that the small piece of land at the rear of Read Motor Body Centre premises which is owned by the parish council and leased to Read Motor Body Centre is now overcrowded and accessible to children who climb through the fence and play amongst the scrap cars.

RESOLVED: To report this matter to the relevant authorities.

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i) **Boundary fence** – update – hedge trimming now booked for September with Jason Shaw contractors

12. Correspondence – A letter from a resident regarding the noise levels during the recent Music Festival which was held on the Football Ground had been received. Parish councillors noted the letter and believe that the Music Festival is seeking an alternative venue for next year.

13. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

Enforcements – Read Parish Council Planning Committee had recently raised a planning enforcement Stage One objection to a recently erected boundary fence at Lowood, Whins Lane, Read BB12 7RB. A reply from RVBC Planning indicated that they were already aware on this matter and are currently discussing the matter with the resident.

Application 3/2019/0566 25 Greenacres, Read BB12 7PT

Two storey extension to side with excavated banking to increase parking.

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No objections to this application.

14. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payment of accounts –

9/7/2019	C Bird Security Deposit returned	£10,000.00
17/7/2019	Clerk – Salary July	£201.61
17/7/2019	General admin, exps	£68.42
17/7/2019	HMRC Quarterly payment	£151.20
19/7/2019	Revive – cleaning at Church St gardens	£220.00
30/7/2019	Isherwood Tree care	£120.00
31/7/2019	PKF External audit costs	£240.00
6/8/2019	Traffic mirror – double payment – one payment to be reclaimed	£228.00
14/8/2019	Clerk Salary August	£201.61
14/8/2019	General admin, exps August	£55.92

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b) Income

3/6/2019	Bank interest	£6.98
28/6/2019	C Bird Security Deposit	£10,000.00
28/6/2019	Allotment rent	£5.50
28/6/2019	Allotment deposit	£50.00
26/7/2019	Allotment deposit	£50.00
2/7/2019	Allotment deposit	£50.00
2/7/2019	Bank compensation	£45.00
18/7/2019	Cricket Club rent 2019	£60.00
18/7/2019	Read Motor Body Rent	£539.93

c) Bank reconciliation as at 31st July, 2019

Opening Balances 01.04.19			
Community Account	£1,159.16		
Business Saver Account	£11,546.16		£12,706.04
Add: Receipts			£24,307.06
Less: Payments			£15,669.84
Balance			£21,343.26

15. Items for the next agenda

- Car park
- Read Motor Body Centre
- Dog bags
- Allotment Policies/Agreements
- Teenage meeting area
- Read Football Club

The meeting ended at 8.55pm