

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

13/03/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **St John's Church (Vestry), off George Lane, Read BB12 7RL on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at 7pm.**

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

7 members of the public attended

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bennett and Hanson.
2. **Declarations of Councillors' Interest and dispensations**
  - 2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda – none received.
  - 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 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.** *The minutes were approved.*
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** - none
5. **Public participation:**

Geoff Hodbod from RSVH gave an update of recent developments. A Public Works Loan will now not be needed as an anonymous benefactor has supplied the funds for the purchase of the URC building and allotments. The Synod regarded the RSVH bid as the most appropriate bid to retain the building as a community asset.

One resident brought a complaint regarding the two large conifers by the side of the allotment road. These trees have large overhanging branches and teenagers have made a den in the centre and this has resulted in anti-social behaviour. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report** – no report.
7. **Reports from external meetings:** none to report.
9. **Playground:**
  - a) **To receive the playground inspection report – b) Repairs and maintenance** – all equipment in working order. Water bottles are being left by the footballers. Cllr Hacking to mention this to the club manager.
10. **Allotment Management Committee** – the latest report to be discussed at 11b.

## 11. Decision Items

a) **Village Hall project** – update – covered in Item 5. Public Participation.

b) **Allotment issues - enc**

i) Is the field tenancy transferable from father to son?

The tenancy for the allotment field has been rented to the same tenant for over 25 years. They would now like to transfer the tenancy to their son.

**RESOLVED: To allow the tenancy to be transferred from father to son but a new tenancy agreement specifically for the field to be drawn up. This will lay down terms and condition for the rental of the field to the new tenant.**

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

13/03/02

**ii) Should the waiting lists of Read and Simonstone be combined?**

Councillors discussed the proposal to combine the waiting list for allotments. Historically the lists have been separate for Read and Simonstone residents.

**RESOLVED: To combine the two lists once the Read list has been fully allocated.**

**c) Church Street gardens** – update – Cllr Hanson has sourced a small rooted Christmas Tree which will need planting. Costings for the planned picnic tables to be considered at the next meeting.

**d) Communications Group issues - enc**

**i) Planned dates for events** – potential clash with Simonstone Parish Council for Senior Citizens Party – **7<sup>th</sup> December 2019** – thoughts are to keep the date – no clash with caterers or entertainment but potential clash for Mayor and also Rev Robert.

**RESOLVED: To request that a joint party be held to combine Simonstone and Read eligible residents.**

**ii) Age range** – perhaps needs reviewing – would over 70 be more appropriate?

**RESOLVED: To increase the eligible age to over 70 for the 2019 SCP party.**

**iii) Ideas for format of Annual Parish Meeting – meeting to be held at Con Club – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

Councillors discussed the format of the planned Annual Parish meeting and also the format of the meeting.

**RESOLVED: To purchase a banner to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting and display the banner on the Cricket Club wall. Tea, Coffee and biscuits to be supplied at the meeting.**

**iv) Civic Sunday** – proposed date Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 - date needs checking with Church – format – either normal Cricket Club do or perhaps something different – after the Church service a full village event on Church Street Gardens – something like a Summer Fair? New proposed date: **9<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

Councillors discussed the format for the planned Civic Sunday event. The Clerk was requested to check availability at the Cricket Club for 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 and also obtain costings for catering.

**RESOLVED: Confirmed date to be 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The Clerk to investigate the possibility of hiring the Cricket Club for this event.**

**e) Allotment Road quote – enc** – Councillors had received a quote for further improvements to the allotment road which has deteriorated since it was last improved. Cllr Anderson will investigate other methods of improving the road.

**12. Correspondence** – The Clerk had received a letter from the school bursar outlining letters that had been compiled by Year 3 pupils. These had unfortunately been forwarded to the previous Chairman and so had not been received by the councillors. Year 3 pupils were very unhappy that dog poo is being left around the village and on the school path and asked if they could produce posters asking dog owners to pick up after their dogs. The Clerk will reply to this letter outlining the

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

13/03/03

measures already taken by the parish council but that we are always looking for new ideas to help alleviate this nuisance problem and would be pleased to receive posters that could be displayed around the village.

## 13. Highways

Residents reported overhanging shrubs at Victoria Lodge. The Chairman stressed that any resident can report these matters on the Lancashire County Council – Report It application and this is the most effective way to get these issues resolved. The Clerk will also report this issue on this occasion.

## 14. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

Planning Application No: 3/2018/1135
Proposal: Single-storey extension to rear
Location: 34 Woodhead Road, Read BB12 7PH
Response required by: 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>RESPONSE</b> <b>No objections to this proposal.</b>

## 15. Finance & Accounts:

### a) Payment of accounts –

14/1/2019	Clerk Salary January 2019	£196.31
14/1/2019	General admin, Printing	£69.92
15/2/2019	Glasdon Dog Bags	£378.72
15/2/2019	Clerk Salary February 2019	£196.51
15/2/2019	General admin, Printing	£71.92
15/2/2019	Allotment Water Qtrly account	£88.41

### b) Income – none

### c) Bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019

<b>Opening Balances 01.04.18</b>			
Community Account	£17,998.11		
Business Saver Account	£2,523.86		£20,521.97
Add: Receipts			£25,499.21
Less: Payments			£31,492.96
Balance			£14,528.22

## 16. Items for the next agenda

- Venue and arrangements for Civic Sunday
- Allotment Road
- Church Street Gardens
- Conifers on Allotments
- Village Hall update
- Litter Bins
- Fly Tipping

# READ PARISH COUNCIL

13/03/04

- Bus Shelter noticeboard
- Parking on pavement on Playground road

*The meeting ended at 8.30pm*