

READ PARISH COUNCIL

17/10/01

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at **St John's Church (Vestry), off George Lane, Read BB12 7RL on Wednesday 17th October, 2018 at 7pm.**

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

15 members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Councillor Hanson.
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 Agenda Item 11a) as she is now a registered Trustee of the Village Hall Committee.*
 - 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 29th August and 20th September 2018**– the minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda** - none
5. **Public participation:**
 - RSVH Trustees discussed the approved 6-month moratorium for the URC building and how that would work and stressed the urgency for a decision from both parish councils to move forward with applying for a Public Works Loan for the purchase of the building. An early offer would not be accepted but left on the table. The most recent funding bid to the Weston Anniversary Fund for £90,000 has been unsuccessful.
 - A resident explained the new arrangements for the Community Café. This event now held at Read Constitutional Club, Whalley Road every Friday morning and is becoming a popular event. A book swap is also available at the event and is well used.
 - The President of Read Constitutional Club offered the club as a venue for future parish council meetings.
6. **Borough Councillor's Report – Hammond Ground appeal**

Borough Councillor Richard Bennett explained the current position following the appeal which opened on 9th October and lasted for 2 days. A decision will be made within a couple of months.
7. **Clerk's Report** – none
8. **Reports from external meetings:** None
9. **Playground:**
 - a) **To receive the playground inspection report** – all equipment in working order although some equipment is looking dated.
 - b) **Repairs and maintenance** – the stile and small gate have now been removed and replaced by fencing.
10. **Allotment Management Committee** – no meeting held this month. A skip has been ordered for 27th October, 2018

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11. Decision Items

a) URC – RSVH update – Councillors had received the updated business plan and now need to formulate the question for insertion within the Autumn Newsletter to gauge the support from residents.

b) Autumn Newsletter content + question to residents regarding support for RSVH – Councillors considered the timetable for producing the Autumn Newsletter. Other content to include a report from Borough Councillor Richard Bennett regarding the Hammond Ground appeal. The Autumn Newsletter will include an invite to the Senior Citizens party for over 65s and an invite to all villagers to the Christmas Tree switch-on and the question to residents regarding support for the RSVH project.
RESOLVED: The question to residents regarding support for the RSVH project will be drafted, circulated and approved prior to insertion in the Newsletter.

c) Dates and venues for meeting 2019 - Councillors considered the availability of the different venues available. Final dates and venues to be submitted to the next meeting.

d) Casual Vacancy – 2 candidates have come forward for election. The election will be held on Thursday 1st November 2018. The candidates are Robert Anderson and David Sagar.

e) Music Festival 2019 – Councillors reviewed the proposed arrangements for the planned festival in 2019. Chris Bird outlined the proposed arrangements.
RESOLVED: To support this event by hiring the football field to Mr Bird over the two days. Final arrangements to be confirmed and lease amended and approved.

f) WW1 metal sculpture project – the metal sculpture commissioned by the parish council is almost complete and just needs to be galvanised. It will be placed in situ in time for the November Memorial Service.

g) Communications Group – update – no meeting this month

h) Proposed building development – no further updates on this issue

i) Senior Citizens Party 2019 – Councillor Hacking brought forward ideas to possibly replace the Senior Citizens Party arrangements. Other thoughts might be to give out food hampers to elderly residents. This matter to be discussed by the Communications Group and ideas brought back to be considered by Councillors.

j) Allotment Road – letter from Mrs Thompson – Councillors considered a letter from Mrs Thompson who had complained that the new surface on the allotment road was creating problems when the surface was wet. The new surface was chosen by Councillors as the most affordable option and have not received any other complaints. The Clerk will reply to Mrs Thompson.

k) Logo design – Councillors consider the logo designs that had been produced by Media Village. Councillors were not keen on any of the designs although Concept 1 may have possibilities if the artwork was improved. and asked the Clerk to relay this to Media Village designers.

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l) Recognition of long service – D Collinson

RESOLVED: To purchase a new bench to be sited within Church Street Gardens. The bench will have a plaque mentioning the long service of Councillor Collinson.

m) Church Street project – Councillors have decided that they will review the costs of the different options for the flagged areas when the quotes are received.

RESOLVED: To purchase two picnic tables similar to the one purchased for the playground. These to be sited within the grassy area.

12. Correspondence – none

13. Highways – Councillors reviewed the latest Highways report supplied by the Clerk. Worthalls Road continues to be a grot-spot within the village and as the road is unadopted it is unlikely that LCC will repair the potholes. The Clerk to approach Read Motor Body and the Cricket Club to investigate the possibility of a joint project to improve the general area. The litter bin which is currently sited next to the sub-station is not well used and might be better re-sited nearer to the Cricket Club entrance as the playground bin is often full to overflowing on match days.

14. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements

Hammond Ground 3/2016/1192

Inquiry into this appeal to resume on 9th October 2018 at 10.00am in the Council Chamber at Ribble Valley Borough Council offices. The enquiry is scheduled to resume for 4 days.

15. Finance & Accounts:

a) Payment of accounts –

23/8/2019	ROSPA report	£113.40
23/8/2018	External auditor	£240.00
23/8/2018	Allotments water	£447.90
30/8/2018	Media Village – logo design	£480.00
6/9/2018	Room hire URC	£66.00
18/9/2018	Clerk Salary	£196.31
18/9/2018	Admin exps	£76.92
18/9/2018	HMRC Employers NI Jul-Sep	£147.40
18/9/2018	Jason Shaw - Hedge cutting	£48.00
18/9/2018	Sabden Parish Council – Lengthsman Scheme	£900.00

b) Income –

16/8/2018	RFC rent	£250.00
7/8/2018	Read Motor Body rent	£539.93
10/8/2018	Cricket and Bowling rent	£60.00

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c) Bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2018

Opening Balances 01.04.18			
Community Account	£17,998.11		
Business Saver Account	£2,523.86		£20,521.97
Add: Receipts			£23,654.50
Less: Payments			£27,136.74
Balance			£17,039.73

16. Items for the next agenda

- Comms Group update
- URC, RSVH
- Update on resident survey
- Date and venues for meeting in 2019
- Casual Vacancy
- Church Street gardens project
- Music Festival 2019
- Precept setting
- Logo design

The meeting ended at 8.50pm