

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019
AT 7.30 PM

Present: Bob Whittaker (Chair), Ian Brown, Kate Hooper, Jacqui Lynch, John Parker
Tony Perry, Chris Smith, Clerk, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras and one member
of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 NOVEMBER 2018

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 November 2018 were accepted as a true record of
proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Bob Whittaker declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 (i) and John Parker declared an interest in
Agenda Item 6 (ii).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account: £7,420

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Mrs C A Holmes	Reimbursement for domain name renewal	£34.74
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REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- i) *Rimington Memorial Institute*
(Bob Whittaker declared an interest in this item, remained in the room but took no
part in the discussion)
(John Parker took the Chair)
A letter from Rimington Memorial Institute requesting financial support of £1,250 was
tabled and considered. It was agreed that Parish Council support of £1,250 be
provided for the financial year 2018/19.
- ii) *Rimington Recreational Association*
(John Parker declared an interest in this item, remained in the room but took no part
in the discussion)
(Bob Whittaker re-assumed the Chair)

A letter from Rimington Recreation Association requesting financial support of £1,250 was tabled and considered. It was noted that any financial support forthcoming would be used for maintenance and upkeep of the recreational facilities and thus would be eligible expenditure for the purposes of a RVBC concurrent functions grant. It was agreed that Parish Council support of £1,250 be provided for the financial year 2018/19.

YEAR END MATTERS 2018/19

Risk Assessment

The Clerk tabled a draft risk assessment schedule which was duly considered, amended as appropriate and adopted.

Asset Register

The Clerk tabled an asset register which was considered. It was noted that boundary stones at various locations in the parish should be added to the register but it was further noted that these had been gifted to the Parish Council so would need to be shown at nil purchase cost and value.

Appointment of internal auditor

Due to the illness of the previous internal auditor it was agreed that an alternative auditor should be sought for the 2018/19 internal audit and the Clerk agreed to find a suitable individual.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Susie Cottage, Rimington Lane

It was noted that work continued on Susie Cottage and it was believed this was all in accordance with appropriate planning applications.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that an e-mail had been forwarded from Borough Cllr Sherras regarding a potential licensing application from the organisers of the Beat Herder Festival which would allow the Festival to begin on Thursday instead of Friday. Appropriate licensing applications would be made for the sale of alcohol and the playing of music and Festival goers would be allowed access to the site from Thursday morning. It was agreed that the Parish Council wished to object to these proposals as it would lead to another day of noise for the village and traffic disruption on the A59. Cllr Sherras was asked to co-ordinate a response to the proposals which he agreed to do having ascertained the thoughts of other parish councils in his ward.

REPORTS

1. *Borough Councillor*

Borough Cllr Richard Sherras advised of the situation regarding the appeal on Tithe Barn.

2. *RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee*

Bob Whittaker reported on matters covered by the most recent PCLC in January 2019, most notably an address from the Police/Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

3. *Rimington Recreation Association*

John Parker advised that the formal opening of the RRA's new pavilion would take place on 23 March 2019.

4. *Rimington Memorial Institute*

Bob Whittaker advised that a decision had been taken to suspend the monthly whist drives as they were no longer economically viable. The Institute was quiet regarding forthcoming functions although a presentation on Coast to Coast by Derry Brabbs was due in the near future.

5. *Clerk*

The Clerk advised that details of the nomination process for the May 2019 parish council elections would most probably be released by RVBC in March 2019. The Clerk stressed the importance of returning the completed forms directly to RVBC by the closing date or an individual would lose the chance to stand in the elections.

6. *Highways and Footpaths*

It was noted that Lancashire Highways had re-done Rimington Lane near Downham Bridge and had made a significant improvement to the condition of the road which was appreciated.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15 May 2019

Annual Parish Meeting at 7.15 pm

May 2019 Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 pm

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved: That by virtue of s 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

REMUNERATION OF CLERK

It was agreed that the Clerk's salary be increased to £600 pa before tax. The Clerk advised that it was acceptable to continue to pay the salary on an annual basis, rather than quarterly, as this made life easier in terms of returns to HMRC.