

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2018
AT 7.30 PM

Present: Bob Whittaker (Chair), Ian Brown, Kate Hooper, Tony Perry,
Chris Smith, Clerk and one member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jacqui Lynch, John Parker, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

The Minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2018 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was explained that salt was regularly stolen from the grit bin on Station Road in icy/snowy weather and that the amount of salt stolen would suggest the person was using a mechanised method to remove the salt. It was suggested that a notice be placed on the inside of the lid advising that the Parish Council was aware salt was being removed and that the culprit could be prosecuted for theft. The speed of vehicles using Station Road was also raised but it was explained that the Parish Council could do little about this. The condition of the road near Downham Bridge was also raised and the Chair advised this would be discussed later in the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

It was agreed that the CPR session arranged by the Chair and Ian Brown in conjunction with NWAA had been a success and had been unexpectedly well-attended. It was suggested that another session be arranged to include other resuscitation techniques.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account: £7,576

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

YEAR END MATTERS 2017/18

The Clerk advised that nothing had been heard from the external auditors so it was to be assumed that the Parish Council's exemption from audit certificate had all been in order.

PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2019/20

The Clerk tabled a draft budget for the financial year 2019/20 explaining income and expenditure year to date and projected income and expenditure for the following year. It was agreed that provision should be made for jobs around the parish to be undertaken by a self-employed workman. It was also suggested that the Clerk's salary may need revision in order to bring it into line with appropriate salary scales. It was noted that, in order to meet the additional, planned expenditure, it would be necessary to raise the precept and it was accordingly agreed that the precept request to RVBC should be revised to £6,500 for 2019/20.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The Chair reminded members that a decision had been taken at the previous meeting to only make grants to the Memorial Institute and Recreation Association upon receipt of a request for a donation which had to include information as to how the grant was to be used. It was agreed that it was likely that grants would be made to both institutions for 2018/19 and that it should not be a hardship for a request for money to be made to the Parish Council which included information as to how the funds would be applied. It was reiterated that it was important for the Parish Council to have information as to how public money – in the form of a donation from the parish council - was being used, especially as a claim could be made to RVBC under the concurrent functions grant scheme for certain types of expenditure.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Susie Cottage, Rimington Lane 3/2018/0745

It was noted that, despite an objection from the Parish Council, this application had been approved by RVBC.

The Chair updated the meeting on other applications received since the last meeting on 12 September 2018, most of which concerned Mulberry Grange.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk confirmed that a claim would be made to RVBC under the concurrent functions grant scheme and the claim, if successful, would result in a similar grant to that received in 2017/18.

REPORTS

1. *Borough Councillor*

In the absence of Borough Cllr Richard Sherras this item was not considered.

2. *RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee*

Bob Whittaker reported on matters covered by the most recent PCLC. A presentation had been made by representatives of Lancashire Highways.

3. *Rimington Recreation Association*

In the absence of John Parker this item was not considered.

4. *Rimington Memorial Institute*

Bob Whittaker advised that, as events were not attracting the same numbers as previously, it was likely that instead of monthly whist drives these would be held on certain occasions only during the year, as occurred in other nearby villages. The Chair also noted that the new pavilion at the Recreation Association could potentially compete with the Institute regarding the types of event it could host.

Clerk

5. *Highways and Footpaths*

The Chair advised of the exchange of correspondence between himself and Lancashire Highways regarding the state of the roads in the parish, especially the section of road near Downham Bridge. It was hoped that Lancashire Highways would undertake a proper repair of this section of road in the near future as it would be highly dangerous in icy conditions. Tony Perry advised that this section of road was already unsafe for cyclists, even those from the village who knew of its condition and informed the meeting of a recent incident where he had fallen from his bike whilst traversing this section of road.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 7.30 pm