

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 09 FEBRUARY 2022
AT 7.30 PM IN THE PAVILION, RIMINGTON

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), David Briscoe, Rosemary Duckworth, Stan Fitzgerald,
Jacqui Lynch, Keith Pilkington
Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk and three members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ian Brown

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 01 DECEMBER 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of 01 December 2021 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Clerk advised that certain members would have to declare an interest in item 8, Parish Council grants and donations, if this item were to be discussed in terms of the Recreation Association and Institute.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Trevor Marklew reported on the success of the upgrading of several footpaths and stiles within the parish using Pendle Hill Partnership monies. Five hundred leaflets had originally been published advertising the Heritage Trail and had been stocked by Clitheroe Tourist Information and other outlets. A request was made to the Parish Council for a donation towards the cost of another print run of the leaflets. It was agreed that a donation of £200 would be made by the Parish Council towards the costs of a re-print of the leaflets.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Yorkshire Bank £12,225

The Clerk advised that she was shortly to receive a bank mandate form to change the signatories on the bank account. A new cheque book was needed but this had to be ordered by one of the existing signatories so the Clerk had accordingly sent an appropriate e-mail asking for a book to be ordered.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Rosemary Duckworth	Plants	£44.70
Tony Perry	Plant bulbs	£29.98
Rimington Recreation Association	Room hire	
Cathy Holmes	Reimbursement for domain name charge	

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SpIDs) AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

It was reported that the SpID continued to work without incident. It was noted that the policeman working with a resident regarding road safety issues appeared to have retired and it was agreed another contact should be made within the police. Further conversations had taken place between representatives of the Parish Council and the firm using Stoops Farm for storage regarding the regular parking and unloading of HGVs at the blind bend. The firm had advised that they were looking to buy a storage property within Clitheroe but it was noted that this could mean the facility in Rimington being used for storage by others so the problem could remain. Photographs had been taken of a large HGV in the road and the fork lift unloading. It was agreed that the matter was essentially one for the police rather than the planning or highways authority and the Chair agreed to call in to discuss the problem at Clitheroe Police Station.

It was noted that both Tony Perry and Stan Fitzgerald would be attending the forthcoming Lancashire County Council conference on highways.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS AND DONATIONS

It was agreed to make a donation of £400 to the North West Air Ambulance. It was noted that neither the Rimington Memorial Institute nor the Recreation Association had requested a Parish Council grant and it had been agreed some years ago that grants would only be considered on receipt of an appropriate request. It was agreed Parish Council grants would be considered at a future meeting if requests were received.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

None

The decision of the local planning authority to allow the building of a house on a brown field site with a significantly larger footprint than the previous building was queried, in particular the dangerous precedent this could set for future development around the village. It was explained that planning law and regulations must have allowed this to occur or the application would have been refused. Borough Cllr Sherras offered to raise the matter with the local planning authority.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ("PROWS") AND PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk confirmed that there remained £266 of the Parish Council's money in the Pendle Lengthsman Scheme which could be used for projects around the village. Suggestions as to people who could undertake the necessary repairs to footpaths, stiles and signs were offered and it was agreed to report back to the next meeting.

RVBC TRAINING AND RVBC REGISTER OF INTERESTS FORMS

The Clerk advised that she and Councillors Briscoe and Fitzgerald had attended the RVBC Code of Conduct training on 30 November 2021. As a result of the adoption of the new Code RVBC had revised the Register of Interests forms so all Councillors would be required to complete a new form. Forms were distributed and completed and the Clerk offered to return the forms to RVBC.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Sherras advised the meeting that a Local Development Plan was being devised by RVBC and the draft would be circulated for consultation when ready. It was important that the Parish Council studied the Plan and made any comments considered necessary.

RIMINGTON WEBSITE

The Clerk advised she often received requests via the website e-mail to add links to the site directing users to other organisations, not necessarily with any connection to the parish council or village. It was agreed that such links should not be added as it could lead to a proliferation of such links. It was noted that anyone with access to the internet could look up other organisations directly so did not need to go via the village website.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk advised that the RVBC Platinum Jubilee grant of £500 had been received. Plans for the Jubilee were briefly discussed and it was noted that various village organisations would be involved with the plans. It was noted that the planned celebrations may end up costing more than £500.

Rosemary Duckworth advised of a tree with dieback which was potentially dangerous. It was noted that the tree was on Lancashire County Council land and that it needed reporting to the County Council who could remove it.

The cleaning of the four parish boundary signs was discussed. It was noted that the two signs on minor lanes could be cleaned easily but that the signs on the A682 could prove problematic due to safety issues.

It was reported that the notice board outside Cosgroves was in a bad state of repair and needed repairing or replacing so it was agreed quotations should be obtained for this work.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 23 March 2022 at 7.30 pm in the pavilion

Part II

The Clerk advised that her current salary was £600 per annum and it was agreed that this should be raised to £650 per annum.

The way of determining a Clerk's rate of pay was queried and the Clerk explained it was complicated due to the different sizes of parish and differing responsibilities of parish councils. The Clerk agreed to provide some further information on Clerk's pay in the future.