

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2021
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 five members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ian Brown

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 26 MAY 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of 26 May 2021 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and were signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Liz Holgate gave a presentation on her findings to date with respect to road safety issues in the parish, particularly along the A682. Liz Holgate provided an update on her liaison with Lancashire Highways and Lancashire Police regarding road safety. It was suggested that the Parish Council liaise with Liz Holgate regarding writing to both the police and county council about road safety issues, but that it could be more effective to send separate letters rather than sign the same one.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Yorkshire Bank £12,364

The Clerk confirmed that the current balance was after the cheque for the SpID had been cashed.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2021/0642 8 Back Lane, Rimington

There were no objections to this application.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SpIDs) AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

The Chair advised that the new solar SpID had been installed and was working appropriately until the onset of spring/summer when the foliage on the neighbouring tree began to prevent sufficient sunlight reaching the device. The issue had been raised with Lancashire Highways who had stipulated where the device could be situated and its current location had been deemed the most

suitable position. Lancashire Highways would not allow the device to be situated on the opposite side of the road where there was more sunlight. It was suggested that the owner of the tree be approached to see if he would consider cutting the branches back but it was acknowledged that any work agreed in this regard would have to be paid for by the Parish Council.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (“PROWS”) AND PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk confirmed that LCC would once again be offering the PROW Parish Lengthsman grant of £500 for 2021/22 so an application would be made. Suggestions regarding repairing stiles around the parish were made as it was noted that there remained some hours outstanding from the previous year’s Pendle Hill partnership work.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Borough Cllr Sherras advised that an informative document regarding affordable housing in rural areas had been issued by RVBC and should be circulated to councillors.

Borough Cllr Sherras also advised that the HARP planning applications had been submitted to RVBC. Although not directly impacting Rimington parish there would be increased traffic in Chatburn and on the A59 as a result of the proposals.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The issue of large HGVs and fork lift trucks using the area immediately beyond the left hand bend on Newby Lane, thereby constituting a road safety hazard, was raised. It was agreed that the business owner responsible be made aware of the concerns raised. It was also suggested that, if the practice were to continue, the business should use hazard warning triangles or other warning devices.

The Chair read a response to an e-mail he had sent to the Chair of the RRA regarding parking on the days of football matches. It was noted that the RRA was pro-active regarding issues of parking on match days and had advised that cars speeding along the lanes after matches could well be spectators, rather than players, who all had to remain behind for a time after games.

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with RVBC Legal regarding the use of the pavilion, licensed premises, for parish council meetings. It had been explained that, if the parish council had sole use of the room in which the bar was situated and it remained closed, there was not an issue in using the premises.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 01 September 2021 at 7.30 pm in the pavilion.

