

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022
AT 7.15 PM IN THE RIMINGTON PAVILION, RIMINGTON

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), David Briscoe, Ian Brown, Rosemary Duckworth, Stan Fitzgerald,, Keith Pilkington, Clerk, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras and one member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jacqui Lynch

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Minutes of the meeting of 30 September 2022 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Virgin Money £13,950

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Stan Fitzgerald	Reimbursement for paint	£68.80
Tony Perry	Reimbursement for compost/bulbs	£26.99
Trevor Marklew	Reimbursement for Remembrance wreath	£28.98

PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2023/24

The Clerk tabled a draft budget and precept request for 2023/24. It was noted that there may be money due under the RVBC Concurrent Functions grant in that year as a grant had been made to the Rimington Recreation Association for grounds maintenance work. It was noted that the bank account was healthy and it was agreed that the precept should remain at £6,500.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Salem Congregational Chapel, 3 inverted heat pumps

There were no objections to this application.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SpIDs) AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

The Chair reported that the distribution of the “slow down, save lives” bin stickers had been going well and that more stickers had been requested. The banner had been fixed in a suitable location and a decision needed to be made about potentially getting another one. The SpID was working well, especially since the foliage was being regularly cut back. The Chair had contacted LCC about gaining speed data using a temporary SpID and had been quoted a cost of £500 for a bespoke pole onto which the SpID could be mounted. It was noted that if a post were erected it could later be used for a second SpID, should the parish council decide to purchase one. It was explained that the LCC engineer who had attended the parish in connection with the gathering of speed data had indicated that it could be difficult to find a suitable location for a second post which would comply with appropriate legalities. Various possible locations were suggested, including one which was not actually on the public highway but in a neighbouring field which it was thought may get round some of the issues.

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

The Clerk advised that she had received a cheque for £217 from the administrator of the Pendle Lengthsman Scheme.

The Chair advised the meeting that he had spoken with a resident, Dan Bolton, who was willing to undertake certain jobs associated with a parish lengthsman and it had been confirmed that Dan would deal with vegetation clearance. A rate of £18 per hour would be charged. It was also suggested that Dan be asked to clean road signs in the parish. It was suggested that James Taylor be approached to see if he would deal with any stile repairs required although it was noted that he was often exceptionally busy. It was agreed that a list of stile repairs required would be brought to the next meeting. Keith Pilkington provided the name of a fencing contractor who could also be approached regarding fence or stile repairs.

PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

The Clerk advised that the Boundary Commission’s latest proposals included a revision of the existing Ribble Valley constituency and the creation of a new constituency of Pendle & Clitheroe. In addition to Clitheroe, several Ribble Valley villages would also be in the new constituency such as Chatburn, Downham, Twiston, Wiswell and parts of Whalley. It was confirmed that Rimington and Gisburn, as well as villages north of the River Ribble, would remain in the Ribble Valley constituency.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The issue of parking at the top of Station Road was discussed, in particular parking by two vehicles which seemed to be there all the time as though being stored there. The Chair advised he would go and talk to the residents to whom the vehicles belonged.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 25 January 2023 at **7.15 pm** in the Rimington Pavilion

