

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023  
AT 7.30 PM IN THE RIMINGTON MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, RIMINGTON

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), David Briscoe, Rosemary Duckworth, Stan Fitzgerald, Clerk  
and four members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jacquelyn Lynch

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22 MARCH 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of 22 March 2023 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2023

It was reported that five Councillors had been elected, unopposed, to the Parish Council so there were two vacancies. The Parish Council could choose to co-opt two individuals to fill the vacancies and it was noted that two people had expressed an interest in joining the Council. It was therefore agreed that Keith Pilkington and Gary Bolton be co-opted to the Parish Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was noted that the parish council website needed updating to include more recent agendas and minutes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Virgin Money £17,664

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

BHIB Ltd	Annual insurance premiums	£476.18
Information Commissioner	Data protection renewal fee	£40.00
Rimington Recreation Association	Litter pickers	£59.60

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES AND ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

The Chair reported on the establishment of a Road Safety Working Group comprising representatives from certain villages across the Ribble Valley. The Group wished to campaign to reduce the speed limit in villages from 30 mph down to 20 mph and intended to meet on an as and when basis.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2023/0203                      *The Laithes, Stock Lane, Middop*

It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to the above application.

### *The Hawthorns, Rimington Lane*

It was reported that concern had been expressed about the unsightly containers outside The Hawthorns, a property which was to be re-developed. The Chair offered to speak to the developer about the matter when he next saw him.

### PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ("PROWs")

Issues regarding certain footpaths in the parish were reported and it was noted that Dan Bolton would have a look at some of the matters raised but that others would need to be dealt with by Lancashire County Council. The Chair agreed to speak to a local resident about a gate post and drainage issues on a public right of way next to the resident's property.

### BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Not considered as the Clerk had been unable to contact the new Borough Councillor.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the Coronation celebrations had been a success and that, in addition to the RVBC Coronation Grant of £500, the Parish Council would donate another £200 towards the expenses of the event.

The possibility of purchasing another two planters for the village was discussed as the existing planters had been received very favourably. It was agreed that another two planters should be purchased and permission to purchase appropriate bulbs and flowers was also given.

Keith Pilkington agreed to speak with the owners of Rufus Carr regarding the trees which were now encroaching on the verge and road opposite the Institute.

It was agreed that a WhatsApp group comprising the parish councillors and Clerk should be set up as it could simplify communication about certain matters.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Rimington Memorial Institute