

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020  
AT 7.30 PM

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Rosemary Duckworth proposed and Keith Pilkington seconded the nomination of Tony Perry to be Chair of the Parish Council for the remainder of 2019/20 and the nomination was unopposed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

John Parker

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 NOVEMBER 2019

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 November 2019 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Rosemary Duckworth declared an interest in item 9(ii) Rimington Recreation Association

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was noted that several gullies in the parish appeared to be blocked, which had resulted in surface water flooding during the recent storms and heavy rainfall.

It was noted that issues regarding highways could be directly reported to Lancashire Highways via the Report-It system and it was suggested that an article be placed in the Parish Mag encouraging residents to use this method. It was also suggested that an approach be made to an individual who had expressed an interest in parish lengthsman jobs as he could be asked to deal with drain clearance if required.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account: £10,374

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

NW Air Ambulance	Donation	£500.00
Rimington Memorial Institute	Grant	£1,500.00
Rimington Recreation Association	Grant	£1,500.00
Mrs C A Holmes	Reimbursement for domain name	£49.72
Mrs C A Holmes	Clerk's Salary	£480.00
Rimington Memorial Institute	Room Hire	£70.00
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£120.00

## REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- i) *Rimington Memorial Institute*  
A letter from Rimington Memorial Institute requesting financial support of £1,250 was tabled and considered.
  
- ii) *Rimington Recreational Association*  
(*Rosemary Duckworth declared an interest in this item, remained in the room but took no part in the discussion*)  
A letter from Rimington Recreation Association requesting financial support of £1,500 was tabled and considered. It was noted that any financial support forthcoming would be used for maintenance and upkeep of the recreational facilities and thus would be eligible expenditure for the purposes of a RVBC concurrent functions grant.

It was agreed that Parish Council support of £1,500 be provided for the financial year 2019/20 to both Rimington Memorial Institute and Rimington Recreation Association. It was agreed to increase the amount donated to the Rimington Memorial Institute beyond that requested as it was not considered appropriate to donate more to the Recreation Association when historically the grants had been of the same amount.

## RVBC GRANT APPLICATION

Tony Perry advised that it was intended to make an application for funding to RVBC for new benches for the parish under a scheme for community organisations recently promoted by the Borough Council. The Clerk cautioned that the parish council may not qualify for these grants so the application may have to be made by another organisation in the parish which met the criteria. It was agreed that an approach would be made to the Memorial Institute to apply for the grant should the parish council prove to be ineligible.

## YEAR END MATTERS 2019/20

### *Risk Assessment*

The Clerk tabled a draft risk assessment schedule which was duly considered, amended as appropriate and adopted.

### *Asset Register*

The Clerk tabled an asset register which was considered. It was noted that boundary stones at various locations in the parish should be added to the register but it was further noted that these had been gifted to the Parish Council so would need to be shown at nil purchase cost and value.

### *Appointment of internal auditor*

The Clerk advised that she was involved in a reciprocal arrangement for internal audit with the Clerk of another local parish and would repeat the arrangement for the forthcoming financial year end.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### *3/2019/1011 Rimington Caravan Park*

It was noted that an objection had been filed to this application in January 2020 and that several residents had also filed letters of objection. It was explained that there had been a suggestion that a public meeting be held to discuss the matter further but it was advised that objections were more effective if filed individually with the planning authority rather than as the result of a consensus of opinion from a meeting. It was also pointed out that the application concerned had not yet been sent to RVBC's Planning Committee and residents could therefore have attended the current parish council meeting to discuss the matter further rather than arranging a separate meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Information had been received from an organisation wishing appropriate parishes to promote former Yorkshire boundaries. It was noted that there were already such signs in the Ribble Valley.

## REPORTS

### *1. Borough Councillor*

Borough Cllr Sherras advised the meeting of Heritage Open Days to be held in September 2020 and also of items considered at the January 2020 meeting of the RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee.

### *2. RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee*

Tony Perry advised that a member of the Rotary Club had attended to promote Rotary Club tree planting. Parishes were being asked to consider sites where trees could be planted and the Rotary Club would arrange for this to happen. It was also suggested that the parish council could look into ways it could assist in tackling the problem of rural isolation experienced by certain residents.

### *3. Rimington Recreation Association*

Rosemary Duckworth advised that the pavilion had revised its opening hours and was looking to ensure that these times were publicised as necessary.

4. *Rimington Memorial Institute*

Tony Perry advised that the usual weekly and monthly events continued to take place at the Institute but no special events were planned until July 2020.

5. *Clerk*

The Clerk advised that parish council websites had to meet certain new accessibility standards and this would involve technical assistance which would need to be paid for.

*Highways and Footpaths*

It was noted that a resident of the village intended to apply for Pendle Hill Partnership funding for a heritage trail around the village. The resident had asked that, as part of the same project, the parish council meet the costs of six marker posts to be placed along the trail. It was agreed that the parish council would meet the costs of the marker posts.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13 May 2020

Annual Meeting	7.15pm
Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm