

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2022
AT 7.30 PM IN THE RIMINGTON MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, RIMINGTON

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), Ian Brown, Rosemary Duckworth, Stan Fitzgerald, Keith Pilkington Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

David Briscoe, Jacqui Lynch

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 MAY 2022

The Minutes of the meeting of 11 May 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 £16,125

It was noted that the Clerk and Chair had completed the necessary form to enable online banking to be undertaken.

YEAR END MATTERS 2021/22

The Internal Audit Report for 2021/22 was received and noted.

The meeting considered the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that the following summarised matters could all be answered in the affirmative for the year under review, namely

1. the statement of accounts was prepared in accordance with appropriate regulations
2. an adequate system of internal control was maintained
3. there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance which could have a significant effect on the ability of the council to conduct its affairs
4. there was proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights under appropriate regulations
5. a risk assessment has been undertaken
6. an adequate system of internal audit of the council's records was maintained
7. appropriate action has been taken on matters raised in internal and external audit reports

8. the council has considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments could have a financial impact on the council

The Annual Governance Statement was accordingly approved by the meeting and Tony Perry and Cathy Holmes proceeded to sign the Statement as Chair and Clerk respectively.

The Clerk advised that it was necessary for the meeting to approve the accounts for the period ended 31 March 2022. The accounts were duly approved and signed by Tony Perry and Cathy Holmes as Chairman and Clerk respectively.

The Clerk explained that Parish Councils where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less and met qualifying criteria could certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review. It was explained that Rimington & Middop PC could qualify for such an exemption and it was accordingly agreed that the appropriate exemption certificate be signed and returned to the external auditors.

The Clerk advised that the period for public inspection of the accounts would be that commencing on 20 June 2022 for 6 weeks and it was accordingly agreed that this period be adopted and publicised as the period for inspection.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk advised that another local parish council had adopted a set of standing orders which had been subject to extensive review by its parish councillors and it was suggested that these standing orders be adopted by Rimington & Middop PC. It was agreed that the set of standing orders as circulated prior to the meeting be adopted as the standing orders of Rimington & Middop PC.

ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE ("ACVs")

The Clerk advised that applications to register the Memorial Institute and the Jubilee Playing Fields as ACVs had been submitted to Ribble Valley BC. An e-mail had been received advising that the Parish Council would receive a decision from Ribble Valley BC in late August 2022.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SpIDs) AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

The Chair reported that the foliage around the SpID had been cut back in order to allow sufficient light to reach the device.

The Chair also advised of a meeting he had had with the Vice Chair and Andy Pratt, Deputy Police Commissioner where various road safety issues were discussed. The Deputy Commissioner had advised that more progress could be made regarding road safety in the parish if data regarding speeding could be obtained and had advised of methods which could be used to obtain the data.

The issue of the dangerous loading and unloading occurring on Stopper Lane was discussed and it was noted that the problem persisted and no warning signs were being used by the people involved, despite this being suggested.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Borough Cllr Sherras advised that RVBC were undertaking a review of the Local Plan and it was noted that RVBC had already met their targets in terms of housing numbers but this did not mean there would be no further development in the Borough.

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

The Clerk advised that she had made an application for the £500 PROW grant from Lancashire County Council, despite the grant for 2021/22 not being utilised. The Clerk had been advised that the money from the previous year could be carried over. It was agreed that works needed to be carried out on various PROWs but that finding someone who was capable of and had the time to do the necessary work was proving to be more difficult than expected.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The total lack of any public transport in villages such as Rimington was raised and it was agreed this should be brought up at Borough and County Council level.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Rimington Memorial Institute