

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023
AT 7.15 PM IN THE RIMINGTON MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, RIMINGTON

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), David Briscoe, Rosemary Duckworth, Stan Fitzgerald, Jacqui Lynch
Keith Pilkington, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ian Brown, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25 JANUARY 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of 25 January 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 £11,568

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Streetwise Services	Speed monitoring	£390.00
Dan Bolton	Parish Lengthsman	£514.50

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2023

The Clerk distributed nomination packs for the forthcoming Parish Council elections on 04 May 2023 and advised that completed forms needed to be returned by 4pm on 04 April 2023. The Clerk further advised that she could provide electoral roll numbers for proposers and seconders as had obtained a copy of the latest electoral register.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES AND ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

The Chair provided an update on the speed data collection exercise recently undertaken by an external company on the Parish Council's behalf. From the results it was noted that the average speed recorded had been 40 mph and that all vehicles recorded had been travelling at under 60 mph. It was noted that the area where the speed recording had been undertaken included a sharp bend which necessitated traffic slowing down, so this could have impacted the results. It was agreed that another survey should be undertaken in the future at another location so as to be able to compare results.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2022/0981	<i>Salem Congregational Chapel, Rimington</i>
3/2023/0194	<i>Martin Top Farm, Martin Top Lane, Rimington</i>

3/2023/0207

Little Dudlands Farm, Rimington Lane, Rimington

It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to any of the above applications.

RIBBLE VALLEY IN BLOOM GRANT APPLICATION

It was agreed that a grant should be made totalling £150.00 for plants/bulbs for the three planters. It was also agreed that an additional £50 be applied for which could be used for planting a Spring garden at the Recreation Association and also planting wild flowers on certain verges.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ("PROWS")

Details of work undertaken by Dan Bolton on behalf of the Parish Council were provided. It was noted that the cost of the works undertaken amounted to £514 in total.

Suggestions for further work required were made. It was noted that a large repair suggested regarding the stile next to Bridge End would need to be carried out by LCC themselves as it was a major undertaking. It was suggested that Dan Bolton be asked to repair various public footpath signs and also clean the road signs around the parish. It was further noted that many of the verges in the parish were currently very unsightly.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Although absent, Borough Cllr Sherras had asked the Clerk to bring the HARP project and further developments regarding Clitheroe Market to the Parish Council's attention.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The problems caused by cars parking up to the junction next to Martin Top Chapel on Sunday mornings were again discussed and it was noted that the problem seemed to be resolving itself as efforts had been made by the Chapel to deal with the issue.

Damage to a verge near the Recreation Association, caused by parking on match days, was discussed and Stan Fitzgerald advised that the Association would be prepared to pay for a deterrent to parking and would also advise the affected householders of the number to call for a match day steward to attend and deal with the matter on match days.

Keith Pilkington advised that, when the fibre optic broadband was rolled out across the parish 5/6 years ago, a few properties had been left unconnected. It was suggested that contact be made with Borough Councillor Sherras, who had been heavily involved with the rollout at the time, who may be able to assist further.

It was agreed that, in the summer months, meetings would revert to starting at 7.30 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.15 pm (Annual Meeting)

7.30 pm (Parish Council meeting)