

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2022
AT 7.30 PM IN THE PAVILION, RIMINGTON

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ian Brown, Jacqui Lynch, Keith Pilkington, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 01 DECEMBER 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of 09 February 2022 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Rosemary Duckworth and Stan Fitzgerald declared an interest in item 9, Parish grants and donations, in respect of Rimington Recreation Association.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was noted that a dangerous branch overhanging the road had been left an unacceptable amount of time but had finally been removed by Lancashire County Council.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Yorkshire Bank £12,180

The Clerk advised that the bank mandate form had been signed by both existing signatories and all of the intended signatories except Ian Brown who was away. Once signed by Ian Brown the form could be returned to the bank who could then effect the change of signatories.

YEAR END MATTERS 2021/22

Risk Assessment

The Clerk tabled a draft risk assessment schedule which was duly considered and adopted. It was noted that an entry to include the effects of a pandemic situation upon the Parish Council remained on the risk assessment matrix.

Asset Register

The Clerk tabled an asset register which was considered. The SpID, post and planter had all been added to the schedule. The number of benches to be included on the Parish Council's Asset Register was confirmed as four.

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.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

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| Rosemary Duckworth | Bunting for Platinum Jubilee | £98.38 |
| North West Air Ambulance | Annual donation | £400.00 |

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SpIDs) AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

It was reported that Lancs Highways had issued a consultation paper on the use of SpIDs which seemed to suggest the devices should not be used for more than six months continuously. The Clerk advised that Lancs Highways had also issued a questionnaire on SpIDs. Feedback was given by Tony Perry and Stan Fitzgerald on the Lancs Highways conference they had recently attended.

(A representative of Waterloo Timber Company joined the meeting)

The reasons for the continued use of the storage facility in Rimington were explained as were the reasons for needing to use large lorries to deliver full loads. The representative explained that the unit adjacent to the store in Clitheroe had been purchased with the intention of using it for storage but that this could take up to a year to achieve. The representative explained he had contacted head office, explaining the issues with road safety at Rimington and requested purchase of appropriate warning signs but no action had yet been taken.

(The representative of Waterloo Timber Company left the meeting)

It was agreed that it was disappointing that no action had been taken by the company's head office despite the efforts of their representative to purchase the appropriate signs. The possibility of the Parish Council purchasing warning signs was discussed although it was suggested advice be obtained before doing so due to the possibility of liability attaching to the Council in the event of an accident.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS AND DONATIONS

It was noted that neither the Rimington Memorial Institute nor the Recreation Association had yet requested a Parish Council grant for 2021/22 although Rosemary Duckworth indicated a request may be forthcoming from the Recreation Association. It was agreed Parish Council grants would be considered at a future meeting if requests were received.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2022/ Woodville, Rimington Lane, Rimington

There were no objections to this application.

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

The Chair requested that Councillors bring suggestions to the next meeting for improvement works for footpaths/stiles/gates. The difficulties of recruiting a suitable person to undertake the work –

and who had the time to do so – were discussed. It was agreed that the experience of using the Pendle Partnership Lengthsman had not been satisfactory.

RVBC TRAINING AND RVBC REGISTER OF INTERESTS FORMS

The Clerk advised that she had returned the completed forms to RVBC and requested that any Councillor yet to complete the form do so as soon as practicable.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair reported that a quotation of £550-£600 had been received for the purchase of a new oak notice board for opposite Cosgroves. An appropriate plaque commemorating the Platinum Jubilee would be added to the board in due course. It was agreed that a new notice board and plaque be purchased.

Stan Fitzgerald reported that he had cleaned three of the four boundary signs and was willing to re-paint the signs when he had time to do so. It was too dangerous to deal with the fourth sign due to its position on the A682.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 7.15 pm in the pavilion (Annual Meeting followed by Parish Council)