

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2018
AT 7.30 PM

Present: Bob Whittaker (Chair), Ian Brown, Kate Hooper, Jacqui Lynch, Tony Perry,
Chris Smith, Clerk, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

John Parker

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 09 MAY 2018

The Minutes of the meeting of 09 May 2018 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MATTERS ARISING

Bob Whittaker confirmed he had contacted N W Air Ambulance who had agreed to run a training session on CPR. Appropriate publicity in the village had only generated one definite expression of interest but it was agreed a date for the training should be set as publication of a fixed date may encourage others to come forward.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account: £7,576

The Clerk noted that she had received monies from a VAT reclaim of £647.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

X

YEAR END MATTERS 2017/18

The Clerk advised that the Annual Return had been submitted by the appropriate date in early June 2018 and documentation duly uploaded to the parish council website. To date nothing had been heard back from the external auditors which was, most probably, a positive sign.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Susie Cottage, Rimington Lane 3/2018/0745

It was agreed that an objection to this application would be lodged with RVBC on the grounds of over-intensive development of the site and potential danger to highway safety.

Playing Fields, Back Lane, 3/2018/0702

Clarification of the location of the new building and the children's playground was provided. It was agreed no objections to the application would be lodged with RVBC.

Lower Gazegill Farm, 3/2028/0700

Borough Cllr Sherras advised that he had raised the issue of the location of footpaths on the plans submitted. It was agreed no objections to the application would be lodged with RVBC.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that RVBC had identified 16 additional sites for potential housing development in the Ribble Valley to meet the five year supply of houses required under the DPD. None of the sites identified was in Rimington with the majority being in Clitheroe.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS/DONATIONS

It was explained that both the Recreation Association and Memorial Institute had usually received a grant from the Parish Council each year, regardless of whether the grant was actually needed financially by either organisation. It was also noted that the Parish Council did not formally know to what purpose the monies awarded were put. It was agreed that, in future years, organisations wishing to receive a grant from the Parish Council should make a formal, written application stating the amount of money required and for what purpose the money was required. Applications would be considered by the Council who would award grants at their discretion; applications could therefore be refused as well as granted.

REPORTS

1. *Borough Councillor*

Richard Sherras reported that he had continued to contact Lancs Highways regarding the appalling state of roads in the parish. It was suggested and agreed that a strong letter be sent from the Parish Council to Lancs Highways regarding the condition of the roads and the failure of Lancs CC to take prompt remedial action. Cllr Sherras further advised of the work of the Rural Services Network which campaigned for fairer funding for rural areas and promoted rural ventures.

RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee

Bob Whittaker reported on matters covered by the most recent PCLC. A presentation had been made by representatives of Ribble Valley police which had focussed almost entirely on urban police matters.

2. *Rimington Recreation Association*

In the absence of John Parker this item was not considered.

3. *Rimington Memorial Institute*

Bob Whittaker again advised that events held at the Institute did not attract the same numbers as previously. Details of a forthcoming Lancashire Night on 29 September 2018 were provided.

Clerk

The Clerk advised that the new website was now up and running and that she had received basic website training.

4. *Highways and Footpaths*

Borough Cllr Sherras queried whether it would be possible for information he had collated regarding footpaths in the parish to be added to the website and it was agreed this should be explored.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Benches and noticeboards

Bob Whittaker confirmed that remedial repair work had been carried out on some of the benches as required and that benches and noticeboards would be varnished in due course

b) Planters

Tony Perry advised that a number of people had indicated their willingness to help with the maintenance of planters in and around the village, should a scheme be put together. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the merits or otherwise of a planter scheme with differences of opinion expressed. The Chair drew the discussion to a close as it was apparent no conclusion would be reached promptly.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 21 November 2018 at 7.30 pm

