

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2019
AT 7.30 PM

Present: John Parker (Chair), Rosemary Duckworth, Jacqui Lynch, Tony Perry,
Keith Pilkington, Clerk and one member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Bob Whittaker, Ian Brown, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 21 AUGUST 2019

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 August 2019 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Updates were given regarding recent problems concerning local highways.

It was noted that a building on the outskirts of the parish was looking scruffy and constituted an eyesore. It was agreed that the situation should be monitored prior to taking any further action.

COMPOSITION OF PARISH COUNCIL

It was confirmed that Rosemary Duckworth and Keith Pilkington had been co-opted onto the Parish Council and that the appropriate forms had been completed and returned to RVBC.

It was confirmed that a letter of resignation from the Parish Council had been received from Bob Whittaker, the current Chair, so it would be necessary to appoint a new Chair at the start of the next meeting.

It was noted that the names of parish councillors could be included in the Parish Mag as Gisburn Parish Council did this.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account: £10,375

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

BANK MANDATE

It was explained that, due to the resignation of Bob Whittaker, it would be necessary to appoint another signatory for the bank account. It was agreed that Rosemary Duckworth would become a signatory on the account as would the new Chair to be appointed at the next meeting. It was noted that the Yorkshire Bank no longer had a branch in Clitheroe so any proof of identity by new signatories would need to be done at the Bank's Burnley branch. It was suggested that consideration should be given to changing banks to a Bank still with a branch in Clitheroe.

YEAR END MATTERS 2018/19

The Clerk advised that nothing had been heard from the external auditors so it was to be assumed that the Parish Council's exemption from audit certificate had all been in order.

PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2019/20

The Clerk tabled a draft budget for the financial year 2020/21 explaining income and expenditure year to date and projected income and expenditure for the following year. It was agreed that provision should be made for the purchase of a new bench which Rosemary Duckworth agreed to arrange. It was accordingly agreed that the precept request to RVBC should remain at £6,500 for 2020/21.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS AND DONATIONS

It was noted that a decision had been taken in 2018 to only make grants to the Memorial Institute and Recreation Association upon receipt of a request for a donation which had to include information as to how the grant was to be used. It was agreed that it was likely that grants would be made to both institutions for 2019/20 and that requests would be considered at the meeting in February 2020. It was reiterated that it was important for the Parish Council to have information as to how public money – in the form of a donation from the parish council - was being used, especially as a claim could be made to RVBC under the concurrent functions grant scheme for certain types of expenditure.

It was noted that a donation to the North West Air Ambulance had not been made in the previous year and it was agreed to make a donation of £500.00.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Susie Cottage, Rimington Lane 3/2018/0745

REPORTS

1. *Borough Councillor*

In the absence of Borough Cllr Richard Sherras this item was not considered.

2. *RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee*

Tony Perry reported on matters covered by the most recent PCLC. It was suggested that a grant of up to £200.00 be applied for from RVBC for the luncheon club.

3. *Rimington Recreation Association*

Rosemary Duckworth advised that the surface of the playground was to be replaced and a defibrillator installed.

4. *Rimington Memorial Institute*

The meeting was advised of forthcoming events at the Institute.

Clerk

5. *Highways and Footpaths*

It was noted that an update on various matters relating to highways had been provided under public participation.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 7.30 pm