

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2019  
AT 7.30 PM

Present: Bob Whittaker (Chair), Rosemary Duckworth, Jacqui Lynch, John Parker,  
Tony Perry, Clerk, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras and one member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Keith Pilkington

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 MAY 2019

The Minutes of the meeting of 15 May 2019 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS

It was noted that John Parker needed to return his Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest Forms to Ribble Valley BC as soon as practicable.

CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

It was confirmed that the appropriate paperwork had been completed and returned to Ribble Valley BC in connection with the co-option of Rosemary Duckworth and Keith Pilkington to the Parish Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was noted that many of the laneside hedges in the parish required cutting and there was discussion regarding the rules applicable to when cutting could commence.

The Council had been previously advised that much excavation work was being carried out at a property on Rimington Lane, opposite Susie Cottage, with the result that the height of the land had been elevated considerably due to the deposition of spoil. It was further reported that the Enforcement Officer from Ribble Valley BC had visited the site and, whilst advising that planning permission could have been required, did not intend to take the matter any further at this stage.

MATTERS ARISING

There was discussion regarding the potential purchase of a new SpID for the village and it was agreed that it would be most appropriate to wait until the next round of RVBC Parish Council grant monies were forthcoming as the funds could then be used for the SpID.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account: £10,202

## ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Rimington Memorial Institute	Meeting room hire annual charge	£140.00
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## YEAR END MATTERS 2018/19

The Clerk confirmed that she had received confirmation from the external auditors that the Certificate of Exemption was applicable to Rimington & Middop Parish Council and no further action would be taken in respect of the year end accounts.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

*3/2019/0738 Agricultural storage building off Stopper Lane*

It was agreed that an objection should be lodged against this application as there was no clear need for a building and the farming business to which the building related was over 40 miles away in Keighley.

The Chair summarised recent planning applications relating to the parish.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Information regarding two recent local government initiatives had been previously circulated by e-mail. It was noted that Towards an Active Future monies could provide funds for sporting activities in village halls and may be of benefit if a suitable group in the village required financial support. It was agreed that the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership Community Champions initiative would be in excess of what would be required in a community the size of Rimington & Middop.

## REPORTS

### 1. *Borough Councillor*

Richard Sherras reported on a planning application in Horton-in-Craven, in the Borough of Pendle, to which Gisburn Parish Council had objected.

### *RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee*

Bob Whittaker advised of matters discussed at the most recent meeting of the PCLC held on 20 June 2019.

2. *Rimington Recreation Association*

Rosemary Duckworth advised that work was continuing on the new playground which was not to be used until the works were complete but this was being ignored by several people. It was noted that there had recently been some anti-social behaviour by non-residents at the Recreation Ground after dark and that the police had been made aware of the issue.

3. *Rimington Memorial Institute*

Bob Whittaker advised that there had been no recent events at the Rimington Memorial Institute but an event with a talk by John Foley of Holden Clough Nursery was planned for late September 2019.

4. *Clerk*

The Clerk advised that she had provided the names of the Parish Councillors to the editor of the Gisburn Parish Mag for inclusion each month.

5. *Highways and Footpaths*

It was noted that work was still needed on the highway at Martin Top Lane.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The amount of dog fouling around the village was brought to the Council's attention and it was agreed more signs should be requested from RVBC and put up as appropriate.

The subject of parking problems at a recent football match at the Recreation Ground was raised. It was explained that the match in question had been a local derby so there would have been more cars than for most matches. Rosemary Duckworth offered to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Recreation Association.

A resident had queried whether an application for funding for a Heritage Trail could be made to the Pendle Hill Partnership. It was explained that the application would need to be made by the Parish Council but that the individual concerned could provide the detail for the application.

It was agreed that monies for the purchase of new benches for the village should be included in the draft budget.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 7.30 pm

