

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2021
AT 7.30 PM VIA ZOOM

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), David Briscoe Ian Brown, Rosemary Duckworth, Jacqui Lynch,
Keith Pilkington, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 09 DECEMBER 2020

The Minutes of the meeting of 09 December 2020 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and arrangements would be made for these minutes to be signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Yorkshire Bank £11,173

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Clerk's Salary	£480.00
Clerk's PAYE	£120.00
Renewal of domain name	£62.24

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SpIDs) AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

The Chair advised that Alan Cox of Lancashire Highways had advised there had been no major incidents on Newby Lane and that the average speed along the road had been measured at 35 mph; both of these factors meant it unlikely the request for a 30 mph limit would be prioritised. The installation of a SpID on Newby Lane may not assist in addressing the speeding situation as it would only activate at speeds over 60 mph which was the legal limit on the Lane. Any SpID installed in that location would need to be vehicle-activated and measure actual speed in order to be effective.

The Chair concluded that the installation of any SpIDs in the parish was likely to be an involved process and take a considerable amount of time as so much of the process needed to involve Lancs Highways.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS AND DONATIONS

It was explained at the previous meeting that the Parish Council usually gave grants of £1,250 or £1,500 annually to both Rimington Memorial Institute and Rimington Recreation Association, upon

application but, that both the Institute and the Association had received grants of £10,000 from Ribble Valley BC's Covid hardship fund in 2020. It had therefore been suggested that it may not be appropriate to give the Parish Council grants this year as it was known both organisations had received money from elsewhere and the money for the grants could be used by the Parish Council for other projects. It was confirmed that neither organisation had so far applied for a grant from the Parish Council and it was indicated that the Association was highly unlikely to do so.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should give a donation of £400.00 to the NW Air Ambulance as this organisation did excellent work in the area.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

The Chair confirmed that he had submitted an objection to the Variation of Condition application submitted by Rimington Caravan Park.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN AND PENDLE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME 2020/21

The Chair explained that he had submitted an application for the Parish Council to join the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society (PNFS) as there was the possibility of obtaining financial assistance for the many footpaths in the parish from this organisation. A progress report was given on jobs assigned to the Pendle Lengthsman and it was noted that the lengthsman seemed very busy as certain jobs were taking a long time to be undertaken. It was agreed the situation with the lengthsman would be reviewed in the next financial year.

The Clerk advised that Ribble Valley BC could award small sums to parishes under the Ribble Valley in Bloom grant scheme and it was agreed that an application should be made concerning the three planters purchased in 2020.

NATIONAL CENSUS 2021

The Clerk explained that promotional materials were now being received from the Census organisers.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair confirmed that a replacement bench had been purchased for Lover Lane and this would be installed when the weather improved.

Flooding problems and the possible reasons for the problems were mentioned near Key Hills and at Susie Corner.

It had been suggested at the last meeting that Rufus Carr be approached regarding cutting back the large leylandii in front of their premises. It was further reported that this seemed to have become a sensitive issue, without Parish Council involvement, so was best avoided at present.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

