MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 07 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM IN RIMINGTON PAVILLION

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), David Briscoe, Ian Brown, Jacqui Lynch

Keith Pilkington, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk and one member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rosemary Duckworth

It was noted that a message had been left on John Parker's voicemail regarding the meeting as well as sending the usual email.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 19 AUGUST 2020

The Minutes of the meeting of 19 August 2020 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident who lived alongside the A682 in Middop expressed concern regarding speeding vehicles along this road, in particular the fact that the speed limit was 60 mph and not 30 mph. It was explained that an application could be made to Lancs Highways for a 30 mph zone if there were over 20 houses fronting the road for 600m. It was believed Middop could qualify for such a classification. The resident explained that waggons travelling at speed were a particular problem and there had been incidents/damage caused by such waggons. The resident further explained that it was hoped to incorporate a 30 mph sign, if the zone was granted, into a distinct road sign advertising the parish of Middop. The Chair explained that speeding on other lanes around Rimington was also a problem and outlined the Parish Council's plans to purchase a Speed Indicator Device ("SpID").

It was agreed that the resident and Chair would compose a letter regarding speeding issues in the parish and this letter would be sent to County Cllr Keith Iddon, Cabinet Member for Highways.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Yorkshire Bank £11,157

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

UPDATE ON PARISH LENGTHSMAN AND PENDLE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME 2020/21

The Chair advised that he had arranged for the lengthsman to replace two stiles and to be paid using the PWOW monies but had then discovered that an application for the same repairs had been made

by another person to another fund. It has also been suggested that the lengthsman repair a stone stile which had collapsed but the lengthsman himself had advised that this could be funded directly by Lancashire County Council. Several smaller jobs which had or would be undertaken by the lengthsman were outlined.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2020/0679 Thistleber Farm, Rimington Lane

No objections

3/2020/0708 8 Back Lane, Rimington

No objections

SPEEDING ISSUES AND SPID QUOTATIONS

The Chair advised that the Quiet Lanes initiative introduced by Lancashire County Council several years ago appeared to have been concentrated in a certain area of the Ribble Valley and was no longer being promoted by the County. It was reiterated that the Chair would write to County Councillor Keith Iddon about speeding issues in the parish as a number of residents had raised various complaints about the matter.

The quotation received for a SpID had been previously circulated and were outlined. The possibility of purchasing more than one SpID was discussed. It was noted that there were adequate funds in the bank account but that purchase of SpIDs would be an acceptable reason to raise the precept for 2021/22 if that was deemed appropriate. The Chair was asked to revert to one of the SpID manufacturers and enquire if it would be possible to purchase three SpIDs for up to £3,500.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that the annual report had been received from the Craven Trust, who provided funding for various organisations within their catchment area, noting that the Trust seemed keen to promote their existence so should be borne in mind by parish organisations requiring funds.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Borough Cllr Sherras gave an update on the potential local government re-organisation and the White Paper on planning. RVBC's response to the planning White Paper would be circulated when available.

It was suggested that a well-used bench on Long Lover Lane be replaced as it was in a bad state of repair. An estimated replacement cost of £419 was quoted. The Chair advised it would be first appropriate to enquire if any other person or organisation maintained this bench before proceeding.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 02 December 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion.