

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 09 DECEMBER 2020
AT 7.30 PM VIA ZOOM

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rosemary Duckworth

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 07 OCTOBER 2020

The Minutes of the meeting of 07 October 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

COMPOSITION OF PARISH COUNCIL

It was explained that John Parker last attended a meeting in November 2019 and therefore could legally be replaced on the Council as he was in breach of the six month absence without permission rule. It was acknowledged that John Parker had experienced a difficult year and it was suggested the Chair speak to him to enquire whether he did wish to continue as a member of the Council or whether he would prefer to stand down.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Yorkshire Bank £11,532

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

None

PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2021/22

The Clerk tabled a draft budget for the financial year 2021/22 explaining income and expenditure year to date and projected income and expenditure for the following year. It was noted that the budget may have to be amended depending on what decision was reached regarding grants to village institutions for 2020/21. The Chair advised that a new bench had been ordered for Long Lover Lane which would arrive in January 2021 so the cost of this also needed to be included in this year's expenditure. It was accordingly agreed that the precept request to RVBC should remain at £6,500 for 2021/22.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SpIDs) AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

The Chair advised that he had met with Alan Cox of Lancashire Highways on 01 December 2020 to discuss SpIDs and road safety matters. There would not be a problem with siting a SpID near Bustards Farm but the other suggested locations could prove to be more problematic. It was also explained that it would most likely be easier and cheaper if Lancashire Highways fitted the posts for the SpIDs and the SpIDs themselves. It had been suggested that it would be difficult to get a SpID installed on Newby Lane whilst it remained a 60mph zone so advice had been given as to how to get the Lane designated a 30mph zone. Alan Cox was to write a report on the issues raised during the site visit and was also going to talk to colleagues in Lancashire Highways East. The Chair noted that there were 14 villages across Lancashire wanting SpID installation so if matters did not progress he would contact County Cllr Keith Iddon, Cabinet Member for Highways. The Chair further advised that a licence needed to be obtained from Lancashire Highways for each location for a SpID.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should proceed with the installation of a SpID at Bustards Farm and that Lancashire Highways should install the post and device. It was also agreed that an application be made to get the lane between Stoops Farm and Pen-Y-Ghent re-designated a 30mph zone.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS AND DONATIONS

It was explained 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. It was further explained that both the Institute and the Association had received grants of £10,000 from Ribble Valley BC's Covid hardship fund in 2020. It was therefore 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 agreed to wait and see if applications for grants were made by the organisations and to carefully consider the justifications for any applications.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2020/1003 1 Carr Croft, Rimington

No objections

3/2020/0874 Kelrydding Cottage, Station Road, Rimington

No objections

PARISH LENGTHSMAN AND PENDLE LENGTHSMAN SCHEME 2020/21

The Chair advised that two stiles had been replaced but these had been paid for by monies obtained by a resident from another source as the stiles concerned were on the Rimington Heritage Trail. Jobs which were in the pipeline for the lengthsmen included replacing stone steps at Bridge End and the installation of a swing gate at Bustards Farm. The Chair explained that grants could be obtained from the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society (PNFS) who had recently send out some information. It was agreed that it could be worth paying a subscription of £22.50 if there was the possibility of obtaining financial assistance for the many footpaths in the parish.

NATIONAL CENSUS 2021

The Clerk explained that she had been contacted by the representative responsible for the Ribble Valley district regarding the Census 2021, which would take place in March 2021. The representative was requesting help from villages in identifying people who may struggle with completing the Census form and with publicising the fact that help could be provided. It was agreed that, when appropriate publicity was available, this could be circulated via social media channels in the village and that volunteers would come forward to assist those that required help with the Census form.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

David Briscoe and Jacqui Lynch raised the issue of large HGVs accessing the village via the narrow Newby Lane and parking on a blind bend just beyond Rufus Carr. It was suggested that a sign be erected on the A682 advising "No HGVs". The Chair agreed to raise these issues with Lancashire Highways when he contacted them about SpIDs and speeding issues.

It was suggested that Rufus Carr be approached regarding cutting back the large leylandii in front of their premises, although it was noted that the vegetation may not be their responsibility.

It was noted that no enforcement order could be issued regarding recent works at Susie Cottage as the works were in accordance with the planning permission obtained although it was accepted car parking issues could be a nuisance at the property.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 03 February 2021 at 7.30 pm. Venue or via Zoom to be determined.