

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2021
AT 7.30 PM IN THE PAVILION, RIMINGTON

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), Ian Brown, David Briscoe, Stan Fitzgerald, Jacqui Lynch,
Keith Pilkington, Borough Cllr Richard Sherras, Clerk and one member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rosemary Duckworth

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 01 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of 01 September 2021 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and were signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the hedge at the corner of Station Road was impeding visibility.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Yorkshire Bank £12,364

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Rimington Memorial Institute £1,200

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk explained that the RVBC Code of Conduct, as previously circulated, was the Code adopted by most of the parishes in the Ribble Valley. It was further explained that the Borough Council preferred parish councils to adopt the RVBC Code as it made the resolution of any disputes relating to the Code easier to deal with.

It was agreed that the RVBC Code of Conduct be adopted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

Kelryding Cottage, Station Road, Rimington

No objections.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SpIDs) AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

The Chair advised that the SpID now appeared to be working and that some of the branches on a nearby tree had been cut back which may have helped the situation.

Having had no success with Lancashire Highways and the introduction of a 30 mph zone in Newby it was agreed that an approach could perhaps be made to the police to see if they could assist.

Nothing further had been heard from Liz Holgate regarding road safety matters and her dealings with Lancashire Highways although it was known she was still working on various matters.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (“PROWS”) AND PARISH LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk confirmed that she had applied for the PROW grant from Lancashire County Council but had heard nothing back so had chased the matter.

It was reported that some money remained from the £500 initially paid over to the Pendle Lengthsman Scheme and the status of this money needed clarification as it could potentially be used for projects in the current financial or subsequent year.

MEMBERSHIP OF LALC (Lancashire Association of Local Councils)

The benefits of joining LALC were considered, in particular the ability to attend LALC training courses either in person or via Zoom. It was agreed that a pro-rata subscription be paid for the current year and renewal would be reviewed at a later date.

RVBC TRAINING

The Clerk advised that RVBC were running a training course, primarily on the Code of Conduct, in November 2021 on four different dates and that all parish councillors were encouraged to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

An update was provided on the Freedom of Information requests received. It was explained that they had been part of a nationwide request for information and were not therefore restricted to Rimington.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Borough Cllr Sherras advised that RVBC had a pot of money available for the development or improvement of children’s’ playgrounds but that village playgrounds were not included in the budget, only those in the larger towns.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The issue of large HGVs and fork lift trucks using the area immediately beyond the left hand bend on Newby Lane, thereby constituting a road safety hazard, had been raised at the last meeting and the Chair explained he had talked to the owner of the premises. The owner had sold his business but the new owners were still using the premises in Rimington. There continued to be no evidence of

the use of hazard warning signs or hi-vis when vehicles were using the premises. The owner indicated he would talk to the new owners of the business about the situation.

It was agreed that meetings of the Parish Council should alternate between the pavilion and the Rimington Memorial Institute.

It was agreed that more daffodil bulbs should be purchased and planted as the existing daffodils looked particularly effective.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 01 December 2021 at 7.30 pm at Rimington Memorial Institute