

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023
AT 7.30 PM
IN RIMINGTON MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), Gary Bolton, Rosemary Duckworth, Stan Fitzgerald
Jacqui Lynch, Keith Pilkington, Clerk, two members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rosemary Duckworth

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 September 2023 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public advised that he had written to Royal Mail complaining about the lack of regular postal deliveries in the village but had yet to receive a response.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Yorkshire Bank £16,593

BANK MANDATE

The Clerk advised that the bank mandate required the signatures of all signatories on the front page although this had not been made clear at the time the form was originally issued.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Little Green Bus	Donation	£150.00
Tony Perry	Miscellaneous	£120.93
Rimington Memorial Institute	Room hire	£60.00

BUDGET 2024/25 AND PRECEPT REQUEST

The Clerk advised of income and expenditure to date in the financial year and explained projections for 2024/25. It was agreed that the precept request for 2024/25 should remain at £6,500.

SPIDS AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

It was noted that the Slow Down Save Lives banner had been in place for six months so, to maximise its effectiveness, it should be moved to an alternative location (Howgill Lane). It was noted that

photographs of intended locations for these banners had to be submitted to Lancashire Highways for approval.

A further update on the work of the Road Safety Group, comprising many Ribble Valley parish councils, was provided. Various measures to slow down traffic approaching villages had been suggested and these were briefly explained. It was noted that there were issues with certain vehicles speeding through Rimington in the early mornings and it was suggested PC Dave Green be contacted with a view to the police attending with a speed gun.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

It was agreed that the parish council had no objections to the above application and indeed supported it. It was noted that the Chapel had asked for a letter of support to be provided to RVBC and it was agreed that this should be written.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ("PROW")

Gary Bolton provided an update on the work carried out by himself and Dan Bolton on public rights of way.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that she had made an application to RVBC for a Christmas lights grant but had yet to receive any indication of whether the application had been successful.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Keith Pilkington confirmed that the owners had agreed that the trees outside Rufus Carr could be cut back slightly.

Stan Fitzgerald advised that he and David Briscoe had attended an online briefing about funding available to certain communities that had been affected by Storm Arwen and that this included Rimington. Funding for back up generators was available. Keith Pilkington was asked to provide further information about generators available at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the parish council would pay for the village Christmas tree as the usual supplier was unable to provide a tree in 2023. The cost of the tree would be £320.00.

It was noted that the Recreation Association were seeking to replace the all-weather courts and that this would cost £36,000. Re-surfacing of part of the car park was also necessary and this would be discussed at the next meeting of the parish council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 31 January 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Institute.

