

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2024
AT 7.30 PM
IN RIMINGTON MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Present: Tony Perry (Chair), David Briscoe, Stan Fitzgerald
Clerk, two members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Gary Bolton, Rosemary Duckworth, Jacquelyn Lynch, Keith Pilkington

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22 NOVEMBER 2023

The Minutes of the meeting of 22 November 2023 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public present advised they would like to speak on the agenda item regarding hedgehog highways and were given permission to do so.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Yorkshire Bank £14,652

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Rimington Recreation Association	Christmas lunch contribution	£81.00
Mrs C A Holmes	Reimbursement for domain name fee	£100.64
Rimington Recreation Association	Litter pickers	£59.60
Mrs C A Holmes	Annual salary	£1,280.00
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£320.00
Rimington Recreation Association	Donation to community garden	£350.00

YEAR END MATTERS

Risk Assessment

The Clerk tabled a draft risk assessment schedule which was duly considered and adopted.

Asset Register

The Clerk tabled an asset register which was considered and approved.

Appointment of internal auditor

The Clerk advised that she was involved in a reciprocal arrangement for internal audit with the Clerk of another local parish and would repeat the arrangement for the forthcoming financial year end.

RIMINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION (“RRA”) – PLANNED WORKS

Stan Fitzgerald gave a summary of the works planned for the grounds of the RRA, including ideas for a community garden. It was confirmed that a grant of £300 had been received from Lancashire County Council as part of their bio-diversity strategy and that this money had been given to the RRA earlier in the year for the community garden. It was agreed that a further donation of £350 be given to the RRA for the community garden.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS AND DONATIONS

It was agreed that this item would be considered at the March 2024 meeting as this would be closer to the financial year end so the extent of available funds would be clearer.

SPIDS AND ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the owners of the land where the “Slow down, save lives” banner had been positioned for several months.

The Chair advised that Waterloo Timber had been given planning permission to convert the vacated buildings next to their Clitheroe premises into additional space for their business so intended to no longer use the storage facility in Rimington, with effect from May 2024.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MATTERS

3/2023/1049 & 1050 Halsteads Farm

No objections.

It was agreed that a schedule of decided applications concerning Rimington should be brought to future meetings.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (“PROW”)

The Chair provided a summary of the work undertaken on PROWs by Dan and Gary Bolton during the year to date. An update on further works required to PROWs was provided. The poor state of a gate off Stoops Lane was again mentioned and it was suggested that the ownership of the land on which the gate was situated needed to be determined before any further action could be taken.

HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY PROJECT

The Clerk advised of correspondence she had received regarding the promotion of hedgehog highways in villages. It was noted that considerable work had already been done in the village towards creating a hedgehog friendly environment. It was explained that another village had recently purchased “gates” which could be inserted in the bottom of fences and hedges to allow hedgehogs easy passage between properties. It was suggested that, if the village concerned could not use all the “gates” it had purchased, that Rimington makes an offer to buy 25 for its own use.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that gatherings of starlings in the evening in the village had led to problems with excessive bird droppings but that the problem was likely to be seasonal so would resolve itself.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 27 March 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Institute.

Part II

It was agreed that the Clerk should be paid her annual salary of £1,600 this month.