

MINUTES OF RIMINGTON & MIDDOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2017
AT 7.30 PM

Present: Bob Whittaker (Chair), Ian Brown, Kate Hooper, Jacqui Lynch,
John Parker, Clerk and one member of the public (Borough Cllr Richard
Sherras,)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Brian Berry, Chris Smith

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 22 FEBRUARY 2017

The Minutes of the meeting of 22 February 2017 were accepted as a true record of proceedings
at that meeting and duly signed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MATTERS ARISING

Bob Whittaker advised that the defibrillator cabinet had now been adopted by the North West
Ambulance Service ("NWAS") but that there remained some practical issues regarding the
cabinet's operation, in particular the keypad's sensitivity. Bob Whittaker advised that he
continued to liaise with the manufacturers and NWAS in an attempt to resolve the sensitivity
issue.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Current Account: £4,534

The Clerk confirmed that the precept for 2017/18 had been received from RVBC.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Aon UK Ltd	Annual insurance premiums	£438.85
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The Clerk confirmed that a new cheque book had been ordered from the Yorkshire Bank.

YEAR END MATTERS 2016/17

The meeting considered the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that the following summarised matters could all be answered in the affirmative for the year under review, namely

1. the statement of accounts was prepared in accordance with appropriate regulations
2. an adequate system of internal control was maintained
3. there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance which could have a significant effect on the ability of the council to conduct its affairs
4. there was proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights under appropriate regulations
5. a risk assessment has been undertaken
6. an adequate system of internal audit of the council's records was maintained
7. appropriate action has been taken on matters raised in internal and external audit reports
8. the council has considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments could have a financial impact on the council

The Annual Governance Statement was accordingly approved by the meeting and Bob Whittaker and Cathy Holmes proceeded to sign the Statement as Chair and Clerk respectively.

The Clerk advised that it was necessary for the meeting to approve the accounts for the period ended 31 March 2017. The Clerk outlined the entries on Section 1 of the Annual Return, explaining differences with the previous year's figures and the accounts were duly approved and signed by Bob Whittaker and Cathy Holmes as Chairman and Clerk respectively. It was confirmed that the previous Clerk, David King, had reimbursed the Council for the pro-rata portion of his annual salary following his retirement and had also made a financial contribution towards the cost of the printer originally bought for him by the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that the accounts and supporting paperwork had been subject to an internal audit and that the internal auditor had not found any issues to report. The Annual Return was approved for submission to the external auditors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised of e-mails received from Lancs CC regarding the intended closure of the A682 between Gisburn and Blacko in June/July 2017. Discussion followed regarding how access to Rimington would be possible and Borough Cllr Sherras offered to contact Lancs Highways for clarification.

REPORTS

1. *Borough Councillor*

Richard Sherras outlined the settlement boundary proposed for Rimington as part of the Housing and Economic Development Plan. Cllr Sherras also updated the meeting on the situation regarding Dog Control Orders and Public Space Protection Orders. It was explained that an Order could be adopted whereby dogs would need to be kept on a lead on a public highway; this was primarily intended for urban areas but would also affect country lanes in rural areas which some might consider excessive. The Council agreed that, regardless of urban or rural location, some owners were in greater control of their dogs than others.

2. *RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee*

The next PCLC meeting was scheduled for Thursday 15 June 2017.

3. *Rimington Recreation Association*

John Parker advised that a special general meeting of the Association had taken place and that the Association was looking at its constitution with a view to its possible amendment. A Party in the Park event was planned for 01 July 2017.

4. *Rimington Memorial Institute*

Bob Whittaker advised that the floor of the Institute had been re-surfaced. The Institute would be celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2017 and an exhibition of photos/items connected with the Institute/village was planned for 15/16 July 2017.

5. *Clerk*

The Clerk advised that a basic website had been established for the Parish Council with the address www.rimington.org.uk Appropriate financial and statutory information would be posted onto the website in due course to comply with appropriate regulations.

6. *Highways and Footpaths*

Bob Whittaker reported that many of the local roads remained in an appalling condition in certain areas but that reporting the issues to Lancs Highways did not seem to achieve any remedial action.

Ian Brown noted that the road name signs erected with the RVBC Parish grant monies had been favourably received.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the street name project and Parish Council website had both been dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22 August 2017 at 7.30 pm

