

Minutes of Ramsgreave Parish Council Meeting Held 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
at 7.30pm held at Langho Community Centre

PRESENT: Brian Barlow, Pat Young, Peter Ainsworth (Chair) Kathryn Berzins.

Lindsay Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE. R Greenwood, Acting Clerk,

ITEM 1     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Register of Interests – Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.

2.2 No members disclosed any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter to be discussed at the meeting.

2.3 All members signed into the meeting on a track and trace sheet, giving permission to share with the NHS should a member become ill.

2.4 Co-opting of Lindsay Wright onto the Parish Council Proposed by Pat Young, seconded by Kathryn Berzins

ITEM 3     ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

3.1 Acceptance of the minutes for the meeting held, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 that were signed as a true record.

ITEM 4     PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 There was no public participation

ITEM 5     ACCOUNTS

6.1 expenses since the last meeting.

Cheque 408	Parish Lengthsman	£40.00
Cheque 409	Re issue of chq 406	£405.00
Cheque 410	LALC 2020	£171.60
Cheque 411	Lengthsman Mower	£149.99
Cheque 412	Office and postage	£81.58
Cheque 413	Lengthsman Strimmer	£99.99
Cheque 414	Community First Insurance	£162.59
Cheque 415	Parish Lengthsman	£40.00
Cheque 416	LALC 2019	£153.04
Cheque 417	HMRC	£211.40
Cheque 418	Clerk, R Greenwood	£846.34
Cheque 419	Covid19 equipment, ie masks	£12.12
Cheque 420	Outside Office for audit	£25.00

6.2 To accept the cash flow and bank reconciliation as a true record. Proposed by Pat Young and seconded by Lindsay Wright, signed by the Chairman.

#### 6.2 INCOME

To accept the Precept of £3000 paid into the NatWest by bacs.

To accept compensation and call costs from NatWest £121.00

To accept the application for the Concurrent Functions Grant to RVBC has been submitted.

To accept a mower and strimmer, used by the Lengthsman onto the asset register. Proposed by Kathryn Berzins and seconded by Lindsay Wright. The notice board is to be added to the Asset Register.

#### 6.3 Audit.

To sign of the AGAR and the audit for 2019/20 Proposed by Pat Young, seconded Brian Barlow, signed by the chairman and the clerk.

#### ITEM 7 PLANNING

3/2020/0240	Land off Ramsgreave Drive Blackburn	Consultation on Blackburn with Darwen Council application number 10/20/0265 for the erection of 82 new dwellings on land off Ramsgreave Drive, Blackburn. Viewable via <a href="http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/view">www.blackburn.gov.uk/view</a>	Objections sent to BwD
10/20/0265	Land off Ramsgreave Drive, Blackburn	82 new dwellings	Objections sent.
3/2020/0362	34 Barker Lane Mellor BB2 7ED	Erection of a two-storey extension to the rear.	No objections raised.

#### ITEM 8 CORRESPONDENCE

- RVBC Who's Who
- Business banking switch letter.
- Planning and Development Committee meeting for 27.08.2020
- As per emails forwarded to members

#### ITEM 9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 The review of policies has been deferred for a later meeting, all members have either an electronic or paper copy and will feed back to the clerk any changes they require. Discussion was held about ensuring the policies were local, budgeted and relevant to the parish

9.2 It was suggested that for the grants policy, deferred to next meeting, that groups were invited to attend the parish council's AGM and report back to the parish council their work for the year.

9.3. Regarding the issues of anti-social behaviour at the train station, Northern Rail are responsible for the upkeep of the station, this is subcontracted to a private firm, and has been upped to twice

per week. Residents are asked to report anti-social behaviour to the British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40 or text 61016. In an emergency, dial 999.

9.4 The memorial tree has been chopped down and reported to the police. The tree officer from RVBC has been to inspect the tree and feels the tree will not recover. This has generated a lot of interest on social media with some resident unaware that it was a War Memorial. Local consultation will now take place as to what to replace this damaged tree with. The parish council has ring fenced £500 from the Precept for a new War Memorial to commemorate the eight residents that lost their lives in both the First and Second World Wars. A public consultation as to the most appropriate and fitting new memorial will now take place. Kathryn Berzins will lead on this. Proposed by Lindsay Wright and Seconded by Brian Barlow

9.5. Social media and Facebook presence, the parish council has a much-under-utilized website, this is to be brought up to date. Lindsay Wright will lead on this, proposed by Kathryn Berzins and seconded by Pat Young

9.6 Community defib. This is to be deferred to the new year, when prices, locations and implications for insurance have been researched.

9.7 Verge Maintenance – RVBC spray weed killer from Moorfield to the Spread Eagle, this is in contradiction to the work of the Ramsgreave Community Gardening group and the changed mowing schedule of the embankment to promote biodiversity. Discussion was held as to whether this might be something that the Parish Lengthsman could trim rather than the RVBC weed killing. Options will be presented and discussed at the next meeting. Kathryn Berzins will provide these in writing prior to the meeting. Social media is to be used to ascertain if this is something residents would prefer.

9.8 The insurance company has confirmed that members of the gardening group are covered by the parish council's insurance policy for both gardening and litter picking activities. The parish council needs to complete a risk assessment and detail PPE issued to the group [members](#).

9.9 After 30 years of service to the Parish Council Mr Brian Barlow has resigned his position on the parish council. The Chair thanked Brian for his 30 years of valuable service and a letter of acknowledgement for his service is to be sent.

The meeting closed at 21.06hrs.

#### DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - unconfirmed

**Commented [KB1]:** Does PPE mean hi-viz and litter picking sticks? That is what is issued to every volunteer.