

# Minutes of Ramsgreave Parish Council Meeting

## **Held 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm held via Zoom**

**ITEM 1** Present – Peter Ainsworth (Chair), Lindsay Wright, Pat Young and Kathryn Berzins. In attendance was Sue Bibby (RVBC). Apologies for absence received from Stuart Hirst.

**ITEM 2** **Declarations of interest,**  
No members made declarations of interest.

### **ITEM 3** **Minutes of the last meeting.**

3.1 The minutes of the last meeting of the Council held August 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 were circulated via email and approved by KB, seconded by LW. The Chairman signed off the minutes and has scanned them back to the clerk for filing.

### **ITEM 4 Vacancies**

4.1 There was a request that the Vice Chair live in Ramsgreave. Kathryn Berzins was voted as Vice Chair.

4.2 There is a vacancy for new member recruitment was made to include adverts on the notice board, the website and on social media to broadcast the vacancy to as many people as possible. There will be an invitation for any person wishing to become a member to submit an application in writing and these will be considered at the next meeting.

4.3 There is to be a standing invitation to local RVBC Cllrs and to LCC Cllrs who may wish to attend to all the parish council meetings.

### **ITEM 5 Accounts**

5.1 Accounts, to accept Concurrent functions grant of £193.00 paid into the bank account 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by bacs from RVBC

5.2 To accept the cashflow and bank reconciliation, the balance at the bank stands at £1551.35 for statement 206. Proposed PY and seconded KB. It is anticipated that there will be a shortfall of £112.98 this year.

5.3 To approve the precept for 2021/22, the proposed budget was circulated showing an increase in spending for the forthcoming year. The budget stands at £3298.34, the tax point is 283. Proposed by PA and seconded by KB. This will now be submitted to RVBC.

5.4 To agree the ringfenced figures for the War Memorial. The ringfenced figures after the next precept will stand at £750, at this stage the parish council will ask the

community what they would like as the War Memorial. Proposed PA and seconded KB

5.5 To approve invoices for payment, tabled below.

Chq 421	Pennine Walling, Lengthsman dated 12.10.2020
Chq 422	Clerk, August to November salary
Chq 423	HMRC
Chq 424	Ink, office expenses payable to KB.
Chq 425	PKF Littlejohn invoice for audit

#### **ITEM 6 Planning**

3/2020/0950 14 Mayfield Road Ramsgreave BB1 9BT, to remove conservatory and flat roof extension to rear. Proposed alteration to front elevation and extension to rear. This application was discussed and no objections raised.

#### **ITEM 7 Highways and traffic issues**

7.1 Kathryn Berzins gave her report regarding concerns about speeding traffic on Ramsgreave Road, It had been requested that the 60mph be reduced to 40mph. Lancashire Constabulary did a speed check in February 2020 and as a result LCC Highways stated that no new traffic calming measures would be put in place but recommended use of a Community Toolkit. Cllr Bibby suggested writing to Cllr Schofield to see if he could put pressure on LCC to reconsider. KB will write to Cllr Schofield request support with this matter.

7.2 Discussion was held regarding asking for the speed on Ramsgreave Road up to Isle of Man to be reduced to 20mph, as the speeding starts before the National Speed Limit sign this will be incorporated into the request to Cllr Schofield.

7.3 Concern was raised about the number of parked cars on Ramsgreave Road that meant that vehicles traveling down have to use the other side of the carriageway.

#### **ITEM 8 Clerk position and policies**

8.1 It was proposed and agreed that that clerk remain in post until the end of Covid19 before her position being reviewed in line with her contract of employment.

8.2 The policies from the previous meetings were approved and to be uploaded onto the shared drive so that they may be downloaded onto the website and social media. Proposed KB and seconded LW.

#### **ITEM 9 Correspondence**

9.1 PCSO Pemberton – Report 24/10/2020 – Mayfield road, suspicious circumstances. Male knocked on door of property and when answered tried to walk in, occupant stopped him and asked him what he was doing, after a couple of

seconds the male left. No other calls in the area about this issue or similar, no cctv, caller didn't recognise the male. No incidents since this one. PCSO Pemberton will be invited to each PC meeting and if attendance is not possible asked to provide a written report of any reported crime in the Parish.

#### **ITEM 10 Logo and website design.**

10.1 Lindsay Wright presented the new parish council website and logo, showing how these will be used to try and reach a wider audience and keep residents informed of local news in addition to information on the parish council. Lindsay was thanked by the Chair for her work on the website and the logo. Cllr Bibby thanked Lindsay for her work on the website.

#### **ITEM 11 Volunteers, litter picking and gardening group.**

11.1 Gardening Group – it was noted that the flowers have looked lovely all year round and the gardening group were thanked for their work.

11.2 Litter picking group – the litter group has continued to work during Covid but have been working in pairs from the same household to abide by the rules, the group were thanked for their good works.

#### **ITEM 12 Defib**

Discussion took place regarding of the siting of a defib, with the new cctv at the station this might be now a viable position to locate a defib. KB to write to Community Rail to ask Simon Clarke if he feels this is a suitable location to install a defib and to ask who monitors the cctv.

The clerk is to write to the railways and find out from who the parish council would need permission to site a defib. The defib would need a power source and its own cctv to be secure.

#### **ITEM 13 Dates of the next meetings.**

TBC 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.48hrs.