

Minutes of Ramsgreave Parish Council Meeting Held 14th September 2021 at 7.30pm at Wilpshire Church.

Present -. Chair Kathryn Berzins, Pat Young, Lindsay Wright, Kathryn Webster, Peter Ainsworth. In attendance –R Greenwood as Clerk,

ITEM 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Bibby and Cllr Hirst.

ITEM 2 Declarations of interest.

2.1 Kathryn Berzins declared an interest as a member of PNFS

ITEM 3 Minutes of the last meeting Annual Parish Council Meeting

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held 18th May 2021 were signed as a true record.

ITEM 4 Accounts

4.1 The cashflow and bank reconciliation were accepted, the bank statement signed.

4.2 Invoices presented for payment. Chq 434 Room Hire for May Meeting £10.00 Chq 435 Auditor, approved via email, K Baldwin £30.00 Chq 436 Lengthsman £40.00 Chq 437 Wilpshire Parish Council flowers £35.76 Chq 438 Community First £162.59 Chq 439 Clerk wage May to September £280.00 Chq 440 HMRC £70.00 Chq 441 Tristar Printing £100.00

4.3 The budget for the Precept 2021/22 was accepted with an increase from this year's £3098.34 to £3161.00 Proposed PY and seconded KW

4.4 It was resolved that grants from Lottery Awards for All for the community allotment, Parish Champion for the parish newsletter and LCC for footpath maintenance be accepted.

4.5 War Memorial, costs are being sought for a cast iron planter.

ITEM 5 Planning

3/2021/0464 Haggs Hall Farm, Higher Ramsgreave Road, Ramsgreave BB1 9DS Proposed erection of a new cattle shed to house 50 cows with calves at foot. Building to include cubicles and loose boxes and will extend to 557 sq m. No objections.

3/2021/0496, Burnside 21 Knowsley Road Wilpshire BB1 9PX Proposed rear extension and alteration to roof to include dormers. No objections. 3/2021/0878 57 Moorfield Ave, Ramsgreave. Prior notification for a larger home extension. Proposed single storey rear extension, length 5.95m, max height 3.80m, height at eaves 2.64m.

3/2021/0870, 21 Paris, Non material amendment of planning application 3/2020/0072. Proposed change of hip to gable roof; door and window positions revised on front elevation; slate roof tiles to main roof. Concerns were raised regarding the proximity to neighbouring buildings and objections raised as this is not in keeping with neighbouring properties.

5.2 RVBC has sent out a newsletter to each parish council, this newsletter has a Statement of Community Involvement within it. This is about the right to speak at planning meetings. At present only 1 person can speak against a planning application and this is limited to 3 minutes only. Cllr Austin is campaigning for the right of more people to speak at planning meetings. RVBC differs from

all other borough councils in Lancashire who allow more speakers. RVBC request that people write to RVBC to be received by 30th September 2021 at planning.policy@ribblevalley.gov.uk. The parish council are to write in support of more speakers at planning meetings,

ITEM 6 Funding Lottery grant for the community garden and allotment, nearly £10,000

6.1 After a meeting with Network Rail on 4th June the parish council have successfully applied for a lottery grant for the community garden and allotment for £9,960 National Lottery Community Fund Project ID: 20177640. This grant will pay for the development of an accessible path, secure metal shed, and a polytunnel as well as other smaller items. The full proposed budget will be circulated prior to the next PC meeting. The lottery grant needs to be spent within 12 months therefore it was resolved that a subcommittee be formed, the minutes of those subcommittee meetings be reported back to the parish council Proposed KB and Seconded LW. The allotment subcommittee will consist of KB, LW and KW and it will meet as required once the keys have been handed over. Minutes of these meetings will be circulated and approved at the full PC meetings. A governance structure for the allotment in partnership with the existing gardening group via an allotment committee has been proposed. This will be circulated and agreed at the next meeting.

ITEM 7 Highways and traffic issues,

7.1 Ongoing issues with dangerous speeding traffic on Ramsgreave Road, there has been an impromptu visit by LCC Cabinet Member for Highways Charlie Edwards to the area with a scheduled visit being planned for the end of September.

7.2 Footpaths / PROW a grant of £500 has been received from LCC for maintenance of footpaths in the parish. It was resolved that Footpath 4 (Down the side of Collinsons Farm from Flashgate) will have work done to repair the drystone wall as fallen stones are obstructing the path. LCC PROW team have approved this repair. New way markers will be purchased for missing signs and the parish Lengthsman will install these. KB will clarify with LCC whether the grant needs to be spent in this financial year or whether it can be carried forward.

ITEM 8 Publicity and bio for all the councillors.

8.1 It was resolved that all parish councillors will have their photograph and a small piece about themselves published on the website.

ITEM 9 Correspondence

9.1 All correspondence received by email has been forwarded to the parish council members.

9.2 A request for funding was received from the Little Green Bus Company – rejected due to lack of funds in the current and forthcoming financial year as the PC rebuilds reserves in accordance with LALC good practice.

ITEM 10 Newsletter

10.1 The draft newsletter was presented at the meeting. It was resolved, following the review of 3 quotes, that local firm Tristar do the printing. Comments on the content of the draft newsletter are to be passed to KW within one week. KW will then circulate a final proof. The newsletter will be delivered to each home in the parish by KB, LW and KW and local volunteers. Proposed LW and seconded KW

10.2 There continues to be good quality engagement with residents via the parish councils social media and website. LW will prepare some social media materials to promote the Lottery grant award, a call for donations of tools and to publicise the delivery of the newsletter.

ITEM 11 Volunteers,

11.1 The gardening group with the allotment subgroup are to run a social media campaign asking for any unwanted gardening tools to be donated to the group, any tools donated will be subject to a full health and safety review following the risk assessment that has been prepared for the allotment project. Short term storage is being sought for donation prior to purchase of a secure shed once we have access to the site. The risk assessment for the allotment will be circulated once we have received the safety briefing pack from Network Rail to ensure there is concordance between the two sets of documents.

ITEM 12 Embankment mowing, hedge cutting and weed killing

12.1 The hedges and last mow of the verges will take place in October.

12.2 RVBC routinely spray weed killer but were asked not to do so on Moorfield and Mayfield, the result have been beautiful flowered verges. It was resolved that this, no weedkilling, would be carried forward to next year. The borough council are to spray weedkiller on Ramsgreave Road as there are not yet enough volunteers to remove weeds by hand.

ITEM 13 Joint working with other PCs

13.1 The parish council is to join an informal network of local parish councils, there is already RV LALC but this covers the whole of Ribble Valley. The primary aim of this local network is to share local information and resources. especially where it is more economical to do so.

ITEM 14 Policies

14.1 It was resolved that given the parish councils finances the Grant Policy be suspended for one year.

ITEM 15 Date of the next meeting • 16th November 2021 at 7.30pm • March 15th 2022 at 7.30pm • May 17th 2022 at 7.30pm for AGM

The meeting closed at 9.13pm