

Minutes of the meeting of Rivington Parish Council held on
Monday, October 28th 2019 in Rivington Chapel at 7pm.

Present

Cllr Steven Jones (chair)
Cllr Barry Keenan, Cllr Vince McCully, Cllr Trevor James-Ellett and Cllr Rob Wilson.
Cty Cllr Keith Iddon, Cabinet Member for Highways
Cty Cllr Kim Snape
Peter Holden (Rivington Church)
Andrew Drinkwater (rep for Rivington Foundation Primary School)
Christopher Shepherd (rep for Rivington Foundation Primary School)
Stephen Berry (Rivington Resident)
Olive Fisher (Parish Clerk)

Apologies were received from

Cllr Lynne Berry and Cllr David Jones.

Extraordinary Meeting

Cty Cllr Iddon had telephoned Olive Fisher during late afternoon to say that he would be attending our meeting to discuss the concerns re-the proposed restricted parking near Rivington Foundation Primary School.

Olive Fisher had, in turn, contacted Rivington Foundation Primary School. Unfortunately, no pupils were in school that day because it was an Inset Day.

The Parish Councillors all received email messages from the Clerk so that they were prepared for this extraordinary meeting.

Rumours had been going around with regards to these parking restrictions so Cty Cllr Iddon along with Cty Cllr Snape had decided to attend our meeting. If there had been more warning far more people from the public would have attended.

We learned that a study had taken place to observe how dangerously motorists are driving and parking on the stretch of road near to the Primary School and just beyond on the left hand side on the bend opposite the bowling green, The Rivington. Some are actually parking on the pavement.

Police had been seen in the area at the beginning and end of the school day.

Representatives from the school and church were present at our meeting to listen to Cllr Iddon's arguments in support of the decision to implement these restrictions.

Everyone present learned that it was all too late because everything has gone through Cabinet.

Cllr Iddon said that he would try to halt this decision and promised to see what he could do.

It was pointed out to him that church attendees park there on Sundays and people attending weddings and funerals need somewhere to park.

Cty Cllr Iddon was met with a lot of opposition.

Apparently on weekdays there is a 5 minutes waiting time for a car and a 10 minutes waiting time for a business van. Given the logistics of the school location, this is far from adequate.

The restriction does not apply to Disabled Badge holders.

A plan will be sent to the Parish Council so that no one is in doubt as to where the restriction will be.

A representative from the school pointed out that parents would park on the other side of the road and then children would have to cross the road to enter the school premises.

Several things were suggested by people in attendance. Traffic calming measures should be put into place. Flashing warning signs would alert motorists to the fact that there is a school in the area.

A Lollipop Crossing person has never been employed. The cost would be approximately £30, 000 if this was implemented.

The Parking Ground on the left beyond the school is owned by United Utilities. This small area could be extended. Suggestions have been made to no avail.

Cty Cllr Iddon and the visitors left and the Parish Council Meeting began with Cty Cllr Snape present.

Disclosures of personal and prejudicial issues

Cllr Steven Jones reminded us that he is a member of The Rivington Heritage Trust.

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The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr V McCully and seconded by Cllr B Keenan.

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Matters arising

Web Site:- Rental payment has been paid until August 2020.

The Red Bin for dog waste has now been reinstated, but with a stronger Black Bin.

The Clerk reported that she has sent a cheque for £100 to North West Ambulance and has received a letter of thanks.

Kamil has completed the gardening work and has been paid £100. The Clerk has asked Kamil to give an estimate for further gardening work.

Cllr V McCully explained the work needed doing immediately outside the Chapel gates, but said that this would not provide a public right of way through the Chapel grounds.

Cllr McCully produced a report detailing this.

All present agreed that the Parish Council would donate £1000 when Cllr McCully produces a schedule of work to be done and the cost.

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Key Issues

Cllr B Keenan produced a schedule of work and an estimate from Colin who is a builder and lives locally in Catherine Street West, Horwich.

He has agreed to do the work needed around the Village Green. It was agreed that he should be contacted again in the Spring when hopefully the weather will be advantageous.

Cllr Keenan assured us that Colin understands that he will be paid by cheque.

It was proposed by Cllr Trevor James-Ellett and seconded by Cllr V McCully that the estimate be accepted.

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Finance

The Clerk had brought the latest Bank Statement to verify that, as at the end of September, there was £9403.34 in our account.

She emphasised that we need to keep at least £4000 for regular expenses.

Cheques were signed for Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath £20

Clerk's half yearly honorarium and expenses £325

As previously stated £100 has been sent to North West Ambulance.

£100 to Kamil for gardening services.

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Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr S Jones reported that Rivington Heritage Trust had completed the physical work. There are activities planned for next year.

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Lever Park update

Nothing
to report this time.

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Planning

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CAR PARK Rivington Parish Church

Extension to the churchyard including change of use of vacant agricultural land to burial land and provision of car parking facilities served by access road.

No objections.

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Police Matters

None reported

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Correspondence

Parish Council Elections May 2020

Estimated costs received.

Cllr S Jones took all of the information to digest and report at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that all of the Parish Councillors need to fill in a Register of Interests..

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Any other Business

The Clerk produced all of the literature she had received from Chorley Council with regards to the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator.

Suggested site.....The Outside Wall of the Village Tea Room.

Cost approximately £1320 plus £200 connection. This is a rough guide as to the cost.

The Parish Church Committee has offered to contribute towards the cost

Rivington Chapel Congregational Committee has also offered.

So together with a contribution from the Parish Council, the cost will be split 3 ways.

Cllr S Jones has had a meeting with a representative from Chorley Council with regards to an Information Board on the Village Green.

Chorley Council will pay for the Information Board. This Board could contain 400 words and 4 Images.

Both Rivington Church and Rivington Chapel representatives have offered to be involved with the wording.

It has been suggested that we buy more Flower Tubs and another Bench for the Village Green.

Next Meeting Monday, February 17th 2020 7pm