Present

1. Welcome & Introductions
Delia welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that invited guest Councillor Ian Sayers was not in attendance. Delia introduced Councillor Ian Brown and Terry Longden Ribble Valley Borough Council head of engineering services.

2. Apologies
Audrey Fox, Chris Roberts, Jean Preston, Sarah McTigue, Elizabeth Webb.

3. Longridge Issues:
Toilets Berry Lane

Terry Longden updated the group on the information he had gathered regarding the Fylde ‘pay per go’ toilet scheme, Terry spoke to colleagues at Fylde Council and the chances of RVBC engaging with a scheme like this kind of contract are very low due to costs. David explained Danflow had provided a quote for £7k per annum, which Terry took a copy of for consideration.

The grouped discussed the community toilet scheme and the need for better signage and promotion of the scheme which Terry is working on. Mary offered to distribute information about where people can find toilets in Longridge and which are suitable for disabled.

The general consensus is that people would be happy to pay to use public toilet facilities.

Bin exchange scheme
RVBC received grant funding to purchase 240ltr green bins to improve recycling in Ribble Valley. Weekly collections will remain the same. Green waste will be turned into peat free compost. The new bins will be distributed throughout October/November. Terry advised that people can opt out of the scheme and keep the 140ltr bin instead by phoning the contact centre at RVBC on 01200 425111.

Of the 25,000 properties in Ribble Valley, 13500 are due to get the new 240ltr bins. The remaining 7500 properties will get 140ltr green bins.

Terry also discussed paper recycling in Ribble Valley. Due to some issues with the previous contractor RVBC have taken over the paper recycling service to ensure better standard of
service. Every tonne collected goes to a company in Rishton and RVBC are paid £50, as opposed to £35 per tonne paid by Lancashire County Council.

Pavements Berry Lane
Rosemary reported that the work to repair the pavements outside the co-op buildings is planned to start in September. Eric reported repairs to the pavement by the bus stop has already commenced.

Pedestrian crossing Derby Rd
No update. Ian responded to a short discussion about the need for a crossing with his support, stating he would do what he could to get positive answers. Delia thanked Ian for his input and support. Mary added her thanks to Cllr Sayers who has also been very supportive.

4. Minutes of previous meeting
All agreed minutes were correct. Brian Holden had not received minutes. Mary noted Jackie Brindles actions had not yet been completed.

   **Action**
   - Tasma to add brianholden@hotmail.co.uk to the distribution list.
   - David to chase up actions with Jackie Brindle

5. Matters arising
Linda reminded the group of Clare Roots request for patient stories for Alex Walker EL CCG at the previous RVSF meeting.

6. Secretary’s report
Nothing new to report.

7. Treasurer’s report
David reported RVSF funding from LCC hasn’t yet been received. Irfan stated the funding had been approved in April and should have been paid to Audrey this week.

8. Publicity update
Nothing new to report

9. Membership report
Delia reported 25 active and 32 associate members.

10. Forum website
David and Delia noted the excellent work Shirley has done to update the forum website. It was noted Doras photograph is missing.
David gave a break down of numbers accessing the site and from which countries. There was some discussion about sponsorship or private funding for the forum website and a Facebook presence. Shirley to look into this.

**Actions**

*Patrick to pass on Doras photo to Shirley.*

11. Meeting reports

- **50+ Assembly**
  Mary did not attend the last meeting.

- **EL Cluster Group**
  No meeting in August

- **Equality of performance in home care services event**
  Mary reported this was an interesting event and gave a brief overview looking at issues with home care. Mary is awaiting written feedback from the event for circulation through the forum.

12. Transport

Brian discussed a recent article in the Clitheroe Advertiser and Times regarding the X80 (Skipton) and 280 (Preston) bus routes with more people using these routes than Burnley and Blackburn buses.

Brian discussed classical concerts at the Guildhall in Preston which could be accessed via bus from Clitheroe and distributed flyers for the concerts to those that were interested.

13. St Vincents Minor adaptations

David had reported the forum had sent letters to LCC and Cllr David Smith dated 24th July regarding the Minor adaptations contracts. Chris Roberts has confirmed the transfer will not now take place St.Vincents will continue to deliver until March 2014 and there will be a county wide review of services. Chris Roberts thanked the Forum for the support.

It was noted the forum has not had a response to the letter from Cllr David Smith.

14. National Older Peoples day

- Linda discussed the plans for an Older peoples day event to be held Thursday 3rd October and St. Michaels and St. Johns social center on Lowergate.

  Tasma to contact St. Michaels and St Johns primary school to see if they would sing some songs at the event along with Hapi Butterflies who have confirmed.

  **Action**

  *Tasma to contact the school*
15. **Business not on the agenda**
Slaidburn Health Centre
Linda discussed Slaidburn health centre which is under threat of closure. Slaidburn GP Heather Harrison had contacted Age UK for support. There is a petition at the Slaidburn Café and Health centre.

*Action*
*Forum to write to Health Minister Jeremy Hunt and NHS England.*

Director Adult community services
Irfan reported Steve Goss has been appointed Director of ACS and Public health replacing Richard Jones and he will be based at County Hall.

16. **Next Meeting**
Thursday 26th September, Hanson cement, Clitheroe