

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting
held on 8th October 2020
By Zoom
at 7.00 pm

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Present David Peat, , Clifton Pollard, John Barker. Elisa Hargreaves, and
Stephen Finn and the Parish Clerk,
Apologies, Greera Norse, Graham Meloy, Rob McKelvey

Declaration of interests- Cllrs. Pollard, Martholme Greenway, Stephen Finn, RSVH Trustees.

20/130 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)

20/131 Minutes of the meetings held on 13th August for approval.

It was resolved to approved the minutes and be initialled (DP), on behalf of the Chairman, by the Parish Clerk.

20/132. Declaration of interests - Cllrs. Pollard, Barker Martholme Greenway, Stephen Finn, RSVH Trustees

Decision items

20/133. Matters raised from previous meetings:-

20/134. BT Phone Box Removals - Decision by Ribble Valley Borough Council in response to a proposal by British Telecommunications plc for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Schedule to a Direction published by Ofcom on 14 March 2006 the Parish Council objection to theremova of the whalley Road Phone box had been supported

It was resolved to note the report

20/135. Flower beds Simonstone , Lane Blackburn Road. The Contractor had not finished the work required on the site and is to commence further work on the 5th October to finish the contract and the site will be reinstated when the work is completed

It was resolved to note the report

20/136. Allotment track The Chairman reported A meeting had been held to discuss with Read Parish Council possible contribution towards funding of the Track the on investigating the available funds that Read had available and that other bodies who's boundaries adjoined had not been approached for a contribution towards meeting the costs.

20/137. It was resolved not to make a contribution

- 20/138. Report From Martholme Greenway.** Coun Barker reported that Fort Vale's the management had agreed to take account of the suggestions made by Martholme Greenway. An information notice board was to be installed at Constant Mary/Dunkirk Colliery shortly and work was continuing to ward extending the track between Martholme Viaduct and Gooseleach Wood. meetings were being held with RV Planning department and LCC in order to advance the project further.
It was resolved to note the report.
- 20/139. RSVH Report** - Councillor Stephen Finn reported that the Kitchen had been completed and that the Hall had been reopened and there was a busy programme of activities with various organisations operating to the Covid19 regulations.
It was resolved to note the report.
- 20/140. Reciting of Dog/litter bins.** Following the consultation with the appropriate neighbours or tenants concerning the reciting of litter bins, no response has been received in favour of reciting bins,
i. Reciting of a dog bin to a site at the bottom of Woodside Road
ii. Carlton Avenue footpath 12-10-FP PROW access.
it was agreed not to proceed with the suggestions
It was resolved to not to proceed with reciting the bins
- 20/141. RVBC** had done a survey of both villages and found that there are 12, litter/dog bins in the area which is more than any other similar sized parish in the borough and has suggested consideration be given to a more even distribution of bins within the parish without increasing the cost. Coun Clifton had received a report that the dog bin on Whalley Road at the bottom of Haugh Avenue was in a dangerous state of repair by a local resident, He carried out a temporary repair and the Clerk reported the fact to the Dog Warden. following on from the above report as there was an excessive number of bins within Whalley road in the area it was suggested that the replacement bin should be sited on Whins Lane in order to give a better distribution of bins within the parish.
It was resolved to arrange for the replacement to be placed on Whins Lane
- 20/142. LALC - AGM is to be held on Saturday 14 November 2020 at 10am via Zoom.** Are there any matters that the Parish Council for discussion.
It was resolved to note the report.
- 20/143. Readstone Environment Group (REG) Litter Notices Environmental Group** has organised a local campaign which will take place during the months of October and November. it was reported that a number of volunteers had started the collection of litter in the villages.
It was resolved to note the report
- 20/144. Remembrance Sunday due to the Covid19** restrictions there would be no formal Service of the occasion though there would be a socially distanced service at St Johns Road.
It was resolved that the Chairman would place British Legion 2 wreaths at the Simonstone War memorial on behalf of the residents of Simonstone and the Parish Council
- 20/145. Christmas Arrangements -**

- a. **Christmas tree** - arrangements for purchase and installing Christmas tree 5th December.
It was resolved that the Clerk seek quotation for the provision and erection of a the Tree in the garden.
- b. **Christmas Tree** -Light Switch on, 7th December.
It was resolved that Clerk ascertain the feasibility of holding the an official switch on the year
- c. **Christmas Party arrangements.** It was suggested that a joint party be held with Read Parish Council due to both Councils having had a reduction in acceptances last year.
It was resolved to consult with Read Parish Council on the possibility of holding a joint Covid19 secure event

20/146. Read and Simonstone Tennis Club – A enquiry has been received from the Club to see if the Parish Council would be willing to give a Grant towards the improving the Clubs facilities;-
It was resolved to consider the application at the next budget Parish Council meeting.

20/147. Finance

- a. **National Pay award 20/21** - National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2020-21, per hr to £11.53 which is an increase of 31p per hour or £18.6 per annum.
It was resolved to approve the new National Agreement.

b. Account s for payment

i. Martholm Greenway	Development Grant	£500.00
ii. RSVH	Development Grant	£500.00
iii. IRHirst	Salary	£554.04
iv. I R Hirst	Expenses inc Zoom	£206.09
v. HMRC	Tax.	£138.50
vi. British Legion	Poppy Wreaths	£50.00

It was resolved to pay the above accounts.

- vii. Budget for the year 21-22 will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting would members please notify the Clerk if there area any items that they would like to be considered for inclusion next years budget.

Part II – Items of business not to be discussed in public

DECISION ITEM

20/148. GOVERNACE MATTER

It was resolved to be deal with the procedural matter at the next Parish Council meeting.

Matters considered at the September which were not altered at the October meeting

- 20/91.** **RVBC is** discussing how to respond to possible changes in Local Government in Lancashire, i.e. Elected Mayor, Combined Authority Blackburn with Darwen, and East Lancashire Authorities, proposals which are to be announced shortly. The Chairman wished to gauge the Parish Council’s opinion of the idea.
It was resolved to wait for White Paper as options are not clear at present.
- 20/81** **Damaged notice boards** . A report was received that the wind had damaged the notice board by the Stork Hotel and the one adjacent to it had become unusable. They have been repaired and brought back into use.
It was resolved to note the report
- 20/92.** **RVBC Control of Dogs Order –Consultation.** It is 3 years since the above temporary order was adopted. It is necessary for the District Council to request that it is readopted or it will lapse. The District Council seeks the Parish Council’s opinion as to whether or not the Order should be renewed.
It was resolved that the Parish Council supports renewal of the Control of Dogs Order.
- 20/93.** **Audited Accounts for the year 2019- 2020. The Parish Council had been** selected to have an intermediate audit. (5% of parish councils in England are asked to go through this procedure every year).
It was resolved to note the report
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- 20/149.** **Next Parish Council meeting** is on the 13th November 2020.

Chairman’s signature.....