

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 10th August 2017
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors, Graham Meloy, Geoff Hodbod, , Greera Norse, John Barker and Elisa Hargreaves. David Peat

In attendance – RV Coun Lesley Graves. PC Bioletti, Mr Brian Jeffery, 2 members of the Public and the Parish Clerk, Roger Hirst,

Apologies-, David Peat for the first part of the meeting.

17/99 **Minutes of the meeting** held on 22nd June 2017

a) **It was resolved** to approve the minutes.

17/100 **Declaration of interests-** items;-

17/101 **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)

17/102 P.C Bioletti told the meeting of serious highway concerns of parents and issues that she has both seen and had reported to her regarding speeding traffic at times, during various operational times during the School day. She told the meeting of various speed checks that had been made of traffic traveling at over 30mph. Of 150 vehicles observed 24 were traveling above 25mph when approaching the School in the 20mph restricted area. She suggested that a joint meeting be arranged between the County Council Highways Department along with the Local County Councillor, the Head teacher and representatives of the School Parents Association and the Parish Council, in order to identify possible solutions. These would include traffic calming measures in the approaches to School Lane from Trapp Lane.

Members agreed that the idea of holding a meeting as suggested should be arranged.

Mr Brian Jeffery suggested that a Historical Walk that the Parish Council had requested should take place on the 2nd September, meeting at the Parish Green (Parish Garden, School Lane) starting at 2pm. Visits to various historical sites within the village boundary will be included, eg. walking along the medieval road to Manchester and the crossing point of the Calder ie the stepping stones.

Members agreed to accept the offer of what will be an interesting walk.

17/103 **Decision items;**

17/104 **Nomination of New Parish Councillors.** None.

17/105 **Matters raised from previous meetings;-**

a) **URC development** – both Councillors Norse and Hodbod reported progress was being made towards meeting their objectives and that since the setting up of the RSVH Committee the hall was being used more often than before but this has reduced the availability for use by the committee for fund raising for the purchase of the hall. A copy of the most recent minutes of the committees was distributed to the members

It was resolved to note the report.

b) **Parish Walk** would take place on 2nd September at 2pm (see above).

It was resolved to note the report.

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17/106

- a) **Civic Sunday** – 2018 arrangements were discussed
It was resolved that details would be finalized at the budget meeting.

b) **Christmas arrangements**

- i) 25th November erecting Christmas tree
 ii) 27th November Tree Lights switch on
 iii) 9th December - Retired folk Christmas Party. Catering has been arranged and the Sparkle Sisters are to provide the entertainment.

It was resolved to note the report

17/107 **Public Health Course provided by LGA/Public Health England.** Follow up on the course papers which were distributed at the meeting. It was suggested that a public meeting should be arranged to present to residents some of the options suggested in the attached report

It was resolved that arrangements be put in place to inform residents of the initiatives by inviting officers representing the county to explain details and opportunities available in the scheme.

17/108 **Matters requested by members**

- a) **Coun. Hodbod** Spring bulb planting.

It was resolved that Coun Hodbod purchase bulbs to the value of £240 for planting opposite the Stork Hotel, Martholme Greenway and Simonstone Lane.

17/109 **LCC**

- a) **Councillor grants** Each County Councillor has as a sum of money which can be distributed to an applicant or organization within his constituency for what he/she believes will be of assistance to the wellbeing of area. Details have been forwarded to RSVH Committee.
- b) **County Council PROW** Strimming grants. Sabden Parish Council had been requested to include the Parish Council on the list managed under the Lengthsman Scheme.
- c) **It was resolved** to note the report.

17/110 **Highways** - following a request that details of roads requiring repairs should be forwarded to Ribble Valley, the following sites have been identified.

- a) Some Highway works have been carried out on ; - Clough Lane & School Lane.
 b) The SPID Plate which had been installed at the Junction of School Lane and Clough Lane which was missing has been replaced by LCC Highways
 c) Potholes Simonstone Lane is in bad condition throughout the whole length particularly outside Valley Terrace.
 d) School lane, between the main road and St Peter's school.
 e) Top of Lawrence Ave, all the way down Harewood Ave, Haugh Ave, and Carlton Avenue.
 f) Footpaths on Haugh, Harewood, and Carleton Avenues require attention.
 g) There are a huge number potholes, some are linear where the Electrical cable was laid, on Simonstone Lane

It was resolved the above sites be forwarded for attention.

17/111 **Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service** "Emergency Cover Review 2017 Consultation".

It was resolved to note the report

17/112 Meeting of Read Parish Council, Councillor Barker reported

- a) Report from Internal Auditor
- b) Legacy donation
- c) Purchase of benches
- d) Approval of Martholme Bridge Planning application.
- e) Resignation of a Parish Councillor

It was resolved to note the report

17/113 Planning Applications

3/2017/0389 DATE VALID:26/06/2017	Planning officer- Adam Birkett: 01200 414571	Grid Reference 377177 435021
Development Address	Haugh Head Farm Whins Lane Simonstone BB12 7QT	
Development Description:	Conversion of barn to create additional residential living space.	
Parish Council comments	No objection	

17/114 Housing And Economic Development- Development Plan Document Consultation On Identified Changes see attached

It was resolved to make no comment.

17/115 Martholme Greenway

- a) Councillors Barker and Meloy to report
- b) Work on the first phase of the development has been completed and it will be officially opened later in the year. There will be and celebratory reopening of Martholme Viaduct on the 15th October after various repair works have been completed.

It was resolved to note the report

17/116 LALC –

- a) **Community Engagement with Case Studies –** Workshop Thursday, 28th September 2017, 7.00 – 9.00pm
- b) **Re: LEADER Rural Funding Programme -** July 2017 details have been forwarded to members.
- c) **Local Initiative Fund LCC** £177k available

It was resolved to note the above reports.

17/117 RVBC- Ribble Valley Borough Council Has written regarding the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner’s Front Counter Review – the proposed closure of the front desk at Clitheroe Police Station. Which had been circulated to members.

It was resolved that the Clerk Write to Ribble Valley BC expressing the Council’s concern that access to the service would not be available to the public as the alternative services were not readily available except only by using the emergency telephone number.

17/118 Spot On Kiera Martin, Here Comes Trouble, Dance show;-

- a) 20th October has been booked along with the venue United Reform Church Read (URC) which has seating for 120. There will be a charge of £70. There is a need for the Parish Council to arrange;-
- b) to set out the hall and agree for a working party to arrange for the hall to be set out and manage the event.
- c) to agree the ticket charges, suggested £8. Youngsters attending School £5. Party booking of 10 at a 10% discount

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It was resolved to approve the arrangements and that RSVH Committee would organise the setting out the Hall and sale of tickets. Details of the advertising would be organised by Coun Hodbod.

17/119 Finance

a) **Payment of Accounts.**

i) Huntroyde Garden Centre	Spring Bulbs	£240.00
ii) BDO	Audit fee	£36.00

It was resolved to pay the above accounts.

17/120 District Councillor Lesley Graves gave an report of her involvement as Borough Councillor and reporting the state of highways to the Borough Council for their involvement with the new County imitative .

It was resolved to note the report

17/121 The next Parish Council meeting is on the 7th September 2017 at 7pm. (RV Parish Liaison meeting on the 14th September)

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