

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
held on 8th May 2014 at 7.10 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present - Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, and Graham Meloy.

In attendance – 1 member of the public & the Parish Clerk .

Apologies. Denise Rishton, RV. Coun. John Hill.

14/91 Appointment of Parish Council Chairman

It was resolved that Councillor David Peat be the Chairman of the Parish Council for the municipal year 2014/5.

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

14/92 Appointment of vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. There were no nominations'

14/93 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2014.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

14/94 Declaration of interests. None.

14/95 Resignations- The Chairman reported that he had received notification that Alan Duckworth had resigned from the Parish Council and also that Russell Hargreaves had also resigned due to work commitments.

It was resolved to accept the resignations.

14/96 Appointment of Councillors. The Clerk report that nominations he had been received from Mr Dave Waring and Mr Ken Bury.

It was resolved that Mr Dave Waring and Mr Ken Bury be co-opted as members of the Parish Council.

14/97 Appointment of Councillors to represent the Parish Council on the following bodies:-

Office	20114/15
RV Parish Liaison Committee	David Peat & Geoff Hodbod
L A Local Councils	Dave Waring & Graham Meloy
Parish Planning areas	As allocated by Chairman
Governance Panel	David Peat Geoff Hodbod. & Ken Bury
Bank Signatories	Councillors as currently agreed and the Clerk

14/98 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker)

It was reported by a member of the public that there was to be a meeting of the Greenway Committee on 13th May in Padiham Green School. It was also stated that the Parish Council urged that the Greenway should be completed up to Simonstone Lane as soon as possible and that efforts for the completion of the route to link Great Harwood to the Greenway should continue.

Decision items

14/99 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

a. **Parish Plan Presentation to RVBC.**

It was resolved that the presentation be considered at a later date.

b. Simonstone Lane Flower beds. RV Maintain the beds on behalf of LCC at 5 cuts per year.

It was resolved to note the report and that the seeding of the flower beds be completed as soon is practical.

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14/100 Matters raised by members.

14/101 Working Parties. The Chairman to report.

a. Governance Working party-

It was resolved that a meeting to be arranged later in the year.

b. War Memorial; The Chairman reported that the Working party had met and arrangements were proceeding as follows:-

- i That a representative from the Canadian Embassy was hoping to attend the unvailing of the Plaque. There Some of the regiments were hoping be represented at the commemoration and dedication service of the Plaque
- ii It is hoped that the villagers will give support to the commemoration and discussions are taking place as to how best to proceed and a meeting for the village was being arranged.
- iii A cheque had been received from the Canadian Saskatchewan Riffls with a book entailed “Up the Johns” the Regimental history of the which one of the Soldiers Lance Corporal Robert James Breckell belonged to who died on 19/9/1916
- iv A quotation for the Plaque had been received and a faculty applied for.

It was resolved that the arrangements above should be continued and that the plaque should be ordered as soon as the Faculty had been received.

14/104 LCC.

a. Finger Post The Clerk reported and the repositioning has been ordered but there has been a delay in carrying out the work due to county staffing availability though staff sickness.

It was resolved to note the report.

b. Invitation to visit the County Council Waste Recovery Plant at Farrington.

It was resolved to consider visiting the plant later in the year and to ask both Sabden and Read councillors if they would like to attend at the same time.

14/105 RVBC – The Clerk reported that the Deputy Mayor had offered to plant the Ccommemorative Oak tree.

It was resolved that the Parish Council should request the planting of the tree to coincide with the Commemoration of the war memorial on the 8th November and that the Mayor of Ribble Valley be invited to attend the planning ceremony.

c. Parish Liaison meetings for the year 2014/5 -12th June,11th September,

It was resolved that the Parish Council meetings above should be rearranged if possible to alternative dates.

14/106 LALC-

a. Planning, Insurance, Investment Workshops 17th May – Leyland Hotel £40.00 per person

It was resolved that Coun Peat and the Clerk should attend the Workshop.

b. Employment Workshop 12th June £25

It was resolved to note the report.

c. New Councillors and Clerks Workshops £33 module one 5th July; module 2 19th July £30

It was resolved that Couns Waring and Bury attend the Workshops.

14/107 Christmas Party – Rob Mason is available to provide the entertainment for this year’s Party. The Clerk had confirmed his engagement.

It was resolved to approve the Clerk’s action.

14/108 Planning-

a. Planning Applications-

Application number 3/2014/0335	Officer: : Colin Sharp	Grid Reference 377476 434228
Address	Gooseleach Lane, Simonstone	
Proposal	Change of use from agricultural land to a designated car park for the residents of 16-20 Pollard row only, 4 spaces	
Parish Council	No objection	

14/109 Finance

a. **Accounts** for the year 2013-2014 had been distributed
It was resolved to approve the above Accounts.

b. **The Auditors report** was had been distributed.
It was resolved to approve the report.

c. **The Chairman read** out the Annual Governance Statement for the year 2013/4
It was resolved that the Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman.

d. Payment of invoices

i	Huntroyde Estate	Garden Rent	£50.00
ii	IR Hirst/Boston seeds	Flower seeds	£96.98
iii	Les Pickering	Audit (internal)	£60.00
iv	LALC	Training courses	£206.00

It was resolved that above invoices be paid

14/109 Borough Councillors reports – None

14/110 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

14/111 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

- a. Whins Lane Speeding traffic When is the new limit due to be installed?
- b. Junction of Whins Lane and Trapp Lane when are the road marking to be installed to improve the safety at this junction as agreed at the meeting on 9th May 2013.
- c. Building contractor holding up traffic due to lorries unloading building materials on the lane
- d. Builder not cleaning the road after machinery leaves the building site.
- e. Request that grit bins to be put in place as ordered.
- f. Footpath at the junctions of FP15 and FP5 be repaired as they are not fit for purpose in wet conditions

14/112 Next Parish Council meeting Thursday 12th June 2014.

INFORMATION ITEMS (no decisions incurring finance may be taken on these items)

- 1) **RVBC.**
 - a. **Proceedings of the Council, April 2014.**
 - b. **“Special Planning Committee meeting Core Strategy 8/5/14**
 - c. **Account and Audit Committee**
 - d. **Minutes Stan the Van” will visit the Stork Car park on 4th June & 16th July between 10-4pm.**
 - e. **Ribble Valley Council meeting cycle for year 2014/15.**
- 2) **CPRE Countryside Voice Spring Edition**

Chairman’s Signature.....

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