

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 7th September 2017
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors, Graham Meloy, Geoff Hodbod, , Greera Norse,
In attendance – Parish Clerk, Roger Hirst,
Apologies-, David Peat,. John Barker and Elisa Hargreaves and Coun Graves.

17/122. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 10th August 2017
It was resolved to approve the minutes.

17/123. **Declaration of interests-** None

17/124. **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)

Decision items;

17/125. **Nomination of New Parish Councillors.** None.

17/126. **Matters raised from previous meetings;-**

a. URC development – Councillors Norse and Hodbod reported progress was being made towards meeting their objectives. They reported that a number of local people and professionals had offered assistance to the committee to help it achieve its objectives. The members of the committee were meeting representative members of the County Council to discuss the use of the hall as a community hub for developing local assets to service the area, such as a suitable place for a library as a replacement for the one recently closed.
It was resolved to note the report.

b.Parish Walk There were 12 people who enjoyed an extremely interesting walk where they visited various sites of interest and locations and many important places which contributed to Simonstone and Read as they are today. We were told Simonstone village extended to the boundary of Read Hall before Read became a village. We then made our way down towards the River where the remains of a canal and mines were pointed out to us along with roads which formed the main routes during past years prior to the present day Highway.

One of the most interesting parts we visited was the recently discovered Water wheel complex which used water from the canal which ran from a wear near Altham bridge. The canal had been directed underground before it fed the Waterwheel complex. The complex had been excavated in recent years and we were all impressed by the dedication that current residents of the area had contributed to restore the site. The purpose of the water wheel was to power the coal mine with a hessian rope down 900 yards to which were at attached trucks by children working in the dark to bring the coal to the surface before the truck was placed on a track that lead down to a coal yard at Coal Staithe Yard near Cock Bridge.

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It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Brian Jeffery who lead the Walk.

- c. RVBC Is holding a Health and Wellbeing Show Case on 19th September in Clitheroe. The event will be covering a similar agenda to the one which was discussed at the August meeting of the Parish Council. Whilst the original idea was to arrange an event in the village, it is suggested that people wishing to attend the Clitheroe event who have no transport could use the Little Green Bus which will be willing to collect them and return them home. They have to inform the service should they wish to be transported.

It was resolved that the Clitheroe meeting would be an opportunity to inform residents of the meeting and that leaflets would be distributed by volunteers around the village notifying people of the meeting along with transport arrangements.

- d. **D P.C Biolleti** – School Lane Traffic problems Following a request to try and resolve the problems invitations had been sent out to hold a meeting in the coming month with the County Highway and Education cabinet members, Police and councilors to discuss ways to address the problem of road safety approaching the School.

It was resolved to note the report .

Matters requested by members.

- 17/127. **Coun. Hodbod reported that** arrangements for Planting the Spring bulbs were in hand and they will be planted on 30th September by local Guides and Scouts who are meeting opposite the Stork Hotel at 2.pm as well as members of the community who had volunteered to assist.
It was resolved to note the report.
- 17/128. **Chairman Members considered** how the Parish Council should react to a Planning application for Fracking to take place in the Parish?
It was resolved that should such an application be received the first priority would be to establish that any damage to property that may occur within Parish in the future that could be identified as being caused by the process of Fracking and the associated works in extracting gasses, the community and residents property in the Parish be given full protection as is given in Coal Mining Subsidence Compensation scheme for damage caused through the process of Fracking.
- 17/129. **LCC**
a. **Highways**
i. Street Lighting Fault on School Lane reported.
It was resolved to note the report
- 17/130. **Meeting of Read Parish Council**, Councilor Barker to report - no report
- 17/131. **Planning Application**

No: 3/2017/0803 Applicant: Huntroyde Estate Planning Application Grid Ref: 378795 435905 Proposal: To install level access showering facilities with half height doors, a toilet and wash basin in the downstairs utility room under the local authorities Disabled Facilities Grant Scheme. The work will include provision for adequate heating and ventilation and non-slip flooring. Location: 2 Priddy Bank Cottages Sabden Road Padiham BB12 9AD,
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It was resolved that no objection be made.

17/132. Martholme Greenway

- a. Coun. Meloy reported that the opening of the footpath was being delayed until Safety Road signs be placed warning motorists of the access point to the path on Simonstone Lane.

It was resolved to note the report

17/133. LALC –Minutes of the Ribble Valley Branch meeting had been attached to the agenda.

It was resolved to note the minutes.

17/134. Spot On - Kiera Martin, “Here Comes Trouble,” Dance show;- 20th October;- Tickets and posters will be available at the end of the month.

It was resolved that the Clerk distribute them on arrival to members.

17/135. Citizen Advice. A letter requesting a contribution had been received. It outlined the work of the centre in Ribble Valley. Members discussed the matter and,

It was resolved to contribute £100 to the Branch to assist it in it’s valued work in the community of Ribble Valley.

17/136. Finance

a. Payment of Accounts.

i. I R Hirst	Salary	£503.61
ii. HMRC	Tax	£124.60
iii. PSS	Expenses	£ 183.22
iv. Citizens Advice	Donation	£100.00

17/137. District Councillor Lesley Graves was attending a Ribble Valley Council meeting

17/138. Matters for reporting to other Authorities

Bus Laybye Litter bin over flowing – Swap with the School lamppost bin and the hedge needs cutting.

Woodfield Hedge, over growing the footpath and needs cutting.

17/139. Matters for consideration at the next meeting

- a. Items for including in the budget for the year 2018-2019.

- b. Christmas

17/140. The next Parish Council meeting is on the 12th October 2017 at 7pm. (RV Parish Liaison meeting on the 14th September)

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