

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone**  
**at 7.00 pm**

**Minutes**

**Present: Councillors,** David Peat, John Barker, Elisa Hargreaves, Clifton Pollard and Rob McKelvey

**In attendance** One Member of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

**Apologies** – Greera Norse, Graham Meloy, Stephen Finn.

19/141 Minutes of the meeting held on. 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**It was resolved** to approve the minutes

19/142 **Declaration of interests-** Cllrs. Barker, Pollard, Hargreaves, Martholme Greenway, Cllr. McKelvey RSVH Trustees, Cllr Peat. PA3/2019/0739.

19/143 **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins. per speaker).

A lady spoke on behalf of a group of environmental volunteers who were hoping to becoming established as a Read and Simonstone Community Environmental Group. The idea was to provide practical services to the local community e.g. recycling materials, planting trees in areas which become available within both villages, removal of intrusive weeds i.e. Himalayan balsam. Currently the group is setting up an administration structure in order that they can take advantage of varying funding sources using existing resources and creating initiatives to support both local villages.

The Parish Council requested that the new group once fully established will keep the Parish Council up to date with it's progress.

**Decision items**

**Matters raised from previous meetings:-**

18/144

a) **RSVH** Cllr. McKelvey reported that work was continuing in bringing the hall to a condition ready for opening towards the end of the month. The hall is being decorated, and the floor is being sanded. He told the meeting that scaffolding had been purchased and will be brought into use once the necessary Licenses have been obtained.

**It was resolved** to forward the contribution of £500 to the Village Hall Trustees (Cllrs. Pollard and McKelvey abstained from the discussion and approval of this item).

b) Martholme Greenway. It was reported that works were continuing and that fencing materials had been purchased and installed screening residents of Bank Terrace from being overlooked by users of the footpath. The volunteers had experienced difficulties from speeding motorists who failed to pass working parties at a reasonable speed who were ignoring the safety measures that were in place at the time. Funding from the Heritage lottery fund will be used to purchase picnic benches to enhance the Greenway's appeal to users of the track.

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Read Parish Council had approved a proposal that the track be diverted to pass near the site of the historical former coal mine water wheel “Constant Mary”.

- c) **The Clerk** has reported that he had requested that Parish Council Websites be discussed at the next Ribble Valley Parish Council Liaison Meeting .

**It was resolved to note the report**

**18/145 Bus Shelters.** The Clerk reported that RVBC has responded to last month’s report and that the responsible officer will consider options once he has inspected the sites and will replace the worst bus shelter if required and if funds are available. The Clerk reported that the Ribble Valley officer would be considering the financial options

**It was resolved to note the report.**

**18/146 Lost footpaths**

- a) Councillor Pollard asked if the council would agree to a request that the footpath from Law Farm on Trapp Lane to Lower Trapp farm on Whins Lane could be included in the definitive map as a lost footpath. This path is shown on O.S. pathfinder 680 (SD 68/73) map published in the late 1980’s. It was agreed to do this and also to ask that the footpath from the A6068 Padiham by-pass to Simonstone Lane shown on MARIO maps should be included in the request for inclusion.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk report the paths to the County Highways Office for them to be granted Public Rights of Way Status.

- b) Air quality Monitoring.

Due to the increased levels of traffic congestion, it was agreed that a request be made for monitoring of the air quality on the A671 and A678. The matter would be raised at the next PC Liaison meeting.

**It was resolved** that Ribble Valley Health Department be requested to monitor both roads to ascertain if the pollution levels are within the safe levels.

**18/147 Land adjoining Buckshaw Terrace.** Councillor Pollard reported that some vehicles had been removed. Members discussed the state of the site and there was still work needing to be done to get the area into an acceptable state.

**It was resolved** that the condition of the land be brought to the attention of the RV Health department.

**18/148 Parish Benches.** The Lengthsman has been requested to clean and treat the benches and to cut back the vegetation at the entrance of the Harewood Ave play area.

**18/149 Highways reports - Missing Grid top- Harewood Ave – Reported to LCC by Phone 24/8/19.** GH. ref 19339. It was also reported that a grid top was missing on Furness Ave. On inspection following the meeting the latter top had been replaced.

**It was resolved** to note the report.

**19/150 School Liaison meeting.** The Head teacher has been contacted and a response has yet to be received.

**It was resolved to note the report**

**19/151 Christmas time preparations.-** The meal and the entertainment is booked for the 7<sup>th</sup> December and the invitations will be distributed in early November. Christmas tree installation is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November and the Light Switch is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Final arrangements have yet to be confirmed.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

**19/152 Meeting of Read Parish Council.** Councillors Barker and Hargreaves reported that the Christmas Party had been discussed and further discussions would take place in the new year with a view to holding a joint event in 2020 in the village hall. It was also reported that the car Park adjacent to the Read and Simonstone Play area is in need of improvement and the Parish Council was considering improvement to the road to the play area along the approaches to the car park.

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**19/153 Planning Applications** – members reported that the following applications had been received

<b>3/2019/0698</b>	Wilkinsons Farmhouse Simonstone Lane	
	Remove existing Garage, Erection of a Double Garage structure with a first floor home office	No objection
<b>3/2019/0638</b>	14 Woodside Road Simonstone BB12 7JG	
	2nd story side extension above the existing garage to form an additional bedroom	No objection
<b>3/2019/0739</b>	3 Haugh Avenue Simonstone BB12 7HZ	
	Construction of a new garage with a 1 <sup>st</sup> floor extension bedroom above.	No objection

**19/154 Finance Payment of accounts.**

a RSVH Trustees	Donation	£500.00
b Martholme Greenway	Donation	£ 500.00
c Padiham British Legion	Armistice Wreaths	£45.00
d I R Hirst	Salary	£525.22
e HMRC	Income Tax	£131.20
f I R Hirst	Expenses	£114.03

It was resolved to pay the above accounts

**19/155 District Councillor’s Report** –Cllr. David Peat reported that an early meeting had been held and they were establishing their future policies.

**It was resolved to note the report**

**19/156 Matters for attention** –

a remove the draft minutes for June19/119 from the Website and replace them with the approved minutes.

b Speeding traffic on Simonstone Lane

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