

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th March 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. Geoff Hodbod Alan Duckworth, Graham Meloy, David Peat, Stephen Dawson, Joanne Quinn, Denise Rishton and Russell Hargreaves
Members of the Public 10.
In attendance – Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies for absence- None.

Decision items of business to be discussed in public Part 1 (items)

12/ 38 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th February were approved.

12/ 39 Declaration of interests- none

12/ 40 Public Participation. –

a Councillor Bruce of Read Parish Council had been invited to attend the meeting to outline her Councils Parish Plan proposal to consider a joint venture with Read in producing a Parish Plan. However it became apparent in the discussion that there was insufficient time for the two councils to meet the objectives of the Read Parish Plan. It was agreed that in future there may be areas where the two Parish Councils can cooperate with each other and a watching brief will be considered.

b Residents from a property on School Lane complained that the Parish Council was considering part of the field that they rented for grazing a horse was being pursued without consulting them. The Chairman explained that he had called at their property along with other properties on the Lane to obtain the views of the residents. Unfortunately there was no one in at the time. It was explained that there was a long history in attempts to relieve traffic congestion on the lane and to make access to the school safer and using of part of the field would contribute considerably towards meeting the Parish Council objectives. They also complained that at School times parents were parking their cars in their driveway and preventing them getting out of their drive.

c Members of the newly formed Read and Simonstone Youth Forum had met and they gave a report on their progress. They outlined their hope to try and upgrade the Read and Simonstone Play area by providing some teenage equipment, assisting residents gain language skills and to provide local young people with a forum to discuss and pursue matters of concern with the relevant bodies in order improve local facilities and activities for young people. The Chairman thanked them for attending and wished them every success in the future and looked forward to hearing from them in future.

12/ 41 Co-option of a new member- Russell Hargreaves offered to serve the Parish Council
It was resolved that Russell Hargreaves be Co-opted onto the Parish Council.

12/ 42 Matters brought forward from previous meetings –

a **Christmas arrangements for 2012.**

i Christmas Party for retired folk-

1. Catering arrangements. 2 caterers have been invited to quote.

It was resolved that Mrs Prosser be engaged to cater for the Party

2. Entertainment for the party It was reported that entertainers who had. been invited were not available.

It was resolved that members make enquires for alternative entertainment

3. Lights- Alternative Christmas tree lights were considered

It was resolved that further suppliers be approached.

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- b **SID** –The Clerk reported that
 - i **Sabden Parish Council** had presented the invoice for the trial period first 3 months of hiring and positioning the SID.
It was resolved that the arrangement should be confirmed to continue for the next 12 months.
 - ii Installation of new mounting plates. The officers responsible for Highway and Street Lighting have approved in principle that suitable sites can be found for the SID to be positioned .
It was resolved that the Clerk be authorised to have the plates installed at a cost of no more than £200.

12/ 43 LALC- Training - Training Course.

It was resolved that Coun David Peat should attend the Chairmanship Course at a cost of £25.00. and that Stephen Dawson should attend the Councillors training Courses on the 7th and 14th July ata cost of £60.

Working Party reports

- a **Notice boards** –
 - i Quotation for the type and final locations for notice boards was considered.
It was resolved that the Stork car park notice board be repositioned in the Parish Garden and a suitable wooden Notice board be purchased for installing on the Wall of the Stork hotel.
- b **Jubilee Celebrations** –A report was given that numerous activities and events were being arranged for the celebrations. There is a need for volunteers to help in organising the activities
It was resolved to note the report .
- c **School Lane** –
 - i To consider the School Risk Assessment concerning the Travel to School Plan especially the use of the Garden crossing point.
 - ii To consider Councillor Duckworth’s proposal that the Parish Council offer to rent the land adjacent to the School until such times as it is required by the School for expansion. (a copy of the proposal has been emailed to members).
- b **Governance Panel** – to consider and approve an amendment to the Parish Council Risk Assessment.
- c **Parish Plans** –
 - i A report on the Parish Plan Working Group was received and the working Group were considering the Simonstone Parish Plan briefing document and the Read Parish Plan. They were hoping to produce a programme to allow members of the community to assist in the development of the plan.
It was resolved to note the report. and to hold a meeting of the working Group at the Higher Trapp on 26th March.

12/ 49 Planning Applications.

Application number 3/2012/0109 30/01/2012	Officer: : Claire Booth 01200 414493	Grid Reference 377970 434223
Address	The Barn Dean Top Whalley Road Simonstone Lancashire	
Proposal	Repositioning and replacement of existing roof windows to rear elevation. Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	No objections	
RVBC	Recommended for approval	

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12/50 Payment of Accounts

a) I R Hirst	Salary	£477.36
b) PSS	Expenses	£127.77
c) HMRC	Income Tax.	£119.24
d) RC Traffic	Back plates for SID.	£122.40
e) Sabden Parish Council	Hire of Sid 3 months	£192.00
f) LALC	Chairmanship Course	£85.00
g) e-on`	Electricity Christmas tree`	£1.12
h) LALC	Annual Subscription	£169.66
i) Community Futures	Training	£120.00
j) Geoff Hodbod	Higher Trapp Training Exp	£18.00

12/51 Borough Councillor reports, neither Borough Councillor were in attendance.

12/52 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

- a) Seek a response from the Planning Authorities regarding the outstanding issues at Pump House wood.
- b) Caravan parked in the vicinity of Higher Trapp Farm.

12/53 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

- a) Disposal of used medical needles. Some Diabetics are having difficulty in disposing of used needles.
- b) Seeding the corners of Simonstone Lane.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 12th April 2012 in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

Confidential Items of business not to be discussed in Public)

12/54 Ribble Valley Strategic Partnership - The Clerk to Report on the Read and Simonstone Fun Run monitoring request.

It was resolved to note the report and obtain further information.

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

1. Website – A report from a resident had been forwarded concerning inappropriate behavior at the Back Lane Car park. The complaint was forwarded to the police for their attention.
2. LCC
 - a. Briefing Session Better Working between Lancashire County Council and Parish and Town Councils' on Monday 26 March, 1.00pm – 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston. Refreshments will be available from 12.30pm.
 - b. Blocked footpath – Stork/Strait Lane, reported to the LCC for attention.
3. CPRE-A Guide to Neighbourhood Planning Booklet has been distributed to members.
4. RVBC -
 - a. Council Meeting Agenda 6th March 2012
 - i. Petition Clitheroe Residents Action Group –Recommendation to the Council by the Officers to the Council, to consider the proposal put forward in the petition when forming The Councils Preferred Option consultation document.

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