

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Old School Simonstone.

Present - Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth, Joanne Quinn, Graham Meloy. Russell Hargreaves arrived at 7.30pm

In attendance – RV Coun John Hill, one member of the public & the Parish Clerk .

Apologies. Denise Rishton,

- 14/1 **Minutes of the meeting** held on 14th November 2013 were approved
- 14/2 **Declaration of interests. - none**
- 14/3 **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker) None.
- a. **Parish Councillor vacancy** – No nominations have been received.

Decision items

- 14/4 **Matters brought forward from previous meetings.**
- a. **Budget 2014- 2015** (see attached) brought forward from the November meeting.
- It was resolved** that Details of the budget be finalized at the February meeting but the precept for the year 2014-15 to be set at £8000
- Harewood Ave –School Lane – Footpath,** A report by Coun A Duckworth concerning the Footpath had been circulated and was discussed.
- It was resolved** that a letter to local residents would be written by Councillors Duckworth and Meloy asking for their views on the proposed treatment of the Safer Route to School pathway. The residents on the following streets are to be circulated;- School Lane, Haugh Ave, Harewood Ave, Scot Ave, Carleton Ave, Lawrence Ave. The results of the survey to be considered at the February meeting.
- b. **Grit bins-**
- i **The County Council** has been informed that the Parish Council wishes to join the scheme but at present is awaiting a decision by the Lengthsman as to whether or not he wishes to become involved in the scheme. A meeting has been held with the Lengthsman, the Sabden Parish Clerk, the Chairman of Simonstone Council and the Parish Clerk to discuss the practicalities of operating the scheme. A report of the Scheme and a report of the meeting with the Lengthsman and Manager had been circulated to members and was discussed in detail.
- It was resolved** that the Parish Council would not adopt the County Scheme as the Parish Council did not have the resources in order to comply with the schemes conditions. The members agreed that a consultation be carried out at various locations in the parish where Gritbins could be provided for residents on a self help scheme (similar to the one that exists on the Woodfields Estate) where the locations fail to meet County Councils criteria for a bin to be provided.
- ii **Ribble Valley Snow Angel Scheme.** Volunteers are asked to come forward to salt and grit areas near the residents of old people and areas which may become dangerous in times of ice and snow.
- The Clerk reported that RV had funding to provide a bag of Salt and a snow shovel for elderly residents properties so that either they or a local helper could ensure that their paths are cleared so as to avoid accidents at or near to their homes. RV would deliver a bag of Salt to individual residents.
- It was resolved** to inform all the residents who are elderly of the scheme and that the bags would be delivered shortly along with snow shovels where residents choose to participate.

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14/6 Governance

- a. **Meeting Dates** of the Governance Working party.
It was resolved to set a meeting date at the February Parish Council meeting.

14/7 Donations requested

- a. **CAB** – Further to the Parish Council’s request for additional information, the Bureaux had assisted 26 residents in the Read and Simonstone parishes in the last year.
It was resolved to donate £50 to the Bureaux.
- b. **Donation-** toward Speed Camera attachment operated by John Aizlewood
It was resolved be considered at February Parish Council meeting
- c. **The Little Green bus. Service**
It was resolved to donate £150.

14/8 LCC

- a. **Highways Potholes** East end Harewood Ave – have not been repaired as requested and a notice to repair Simonstone Lane has been received and promulgated.
- b. **Carleton Ave footpath** had been reported to the PROW Officer for repair.
It was resolved to keep a watching brief on progress.
- c. **Complaint to United Utilities** concerning the damage to footpath and verges between 21 and 23 Carleton Ave. Coun. Duckworth reported that some repair work had been carried out but not completed and that Coun. Duckworth was continuing to pursue the matter.
It was resolved to note the report.

14/9 Christmas .

- a. **Review.** The arrangements for Christmas 2014 - it was reported that the Parish Council had received a number of thanks from guests for what was a successful event.
It was resolved that arrangements for Christmas 2014 should be along the lines of 2013 and the date of the party should be the 6th December.

14/10 Planning

- a. **Core Strategy-**The Clerk reported that the Final Consultation stage of the Ribble Valley Core Strategy had been reached and asked if the Parish Council wished to comment on it.
It was resolved to note the report.
- b. **Mayor’s Reception** - A paper was presented by John Macholc RV Senior Planning Officer. He explained that fundamental changes had been made to Planning Laws.
It was resolved to note the report.
- c. **The Chairman reported** that he and Councillor Duckworth had had a meeting with the Chief Executive of RVBC who had suggested that the Simonstone Parish Plan should be formally accepted by RVBC.
It was resolved that for the plan to be forwarded to Ribble Valley Borough Council for formal acceptance.

Application Number 3/2013/0870 07/10/2013	Officer: : Daniela Ripa 01200 414518	Grid Reference 377522435862
Address	Land adjacent to White Hill Trapp Lane Read /Simonstone	
Proposal	Change of use from agricultural pasture land to equine facilities, to create a fenced Menage arena and 4 Paddocks. An area of ground within the boundary fence of the land, adjacent to the existing field gate entrance will have gravel laid to create a parking/turning area for horse transport vehicles. The existing field gate entrance will be moved further back into the land to allow vehicles to pull in without blocking the road (Trapp Lane). Access to the land will also be through an existing opening in the boundary wall, from the adjoining 'White Hill', Back Lane, Read, which is owned by the Applicant Applications for full consent.	
Parish Council	The Parish Council objection to this application has been responded to by LCC and forwarded to be the RV Planning Dept for consideration. and copied to members.	

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Application number 3/2013/0899 22/10/2013	Officer: Colin Sharpe01200414500	Grid Reference 377407 433189
Address	Altham Pumping Station Burnley Road Simonstone Burnley BB12 7NL Simonstone	
Proposal	Change to north west elevation. Removal of central roller shutter to be replaced with two doors with extra personnel door. Non-Material amendment.	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application number 3/2013/00989	Officer: Graham Thorpe	Grid Reference 377553 435426
Address	Tithe Barn Stables Whins Lane Simonstone	
Proposal	Detached double Garage with link to home office to be built within the Garden curtilage of Barn Stables.	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application number 3/2013/0962	Officer: Sarah Westwood	Grid Reference 377553 435426
Address	Calder Vale. Park	
Proposal	Variation of condition 2 3/2011/0222 substitute the amended plans	
Parish Council	No objection	

14/11 LALC..

- a. **Newsletter and Annual report-**
- b. **Sustainable Communities Act –2013.** This Act gives communities an opportunity to seek answers to proposals that appear to have been lost or ignored by any authority responsible for a service or when they have not received an explanation. The route that is available is through the Government website “//barrierbusting.gov.uk” However there are various questions that need to be answered before the process can be completed.
It was resolved to note the report,
- c. **Spring Conference 2014-** 5th April –Leyland Hotel – Cost £35 per delegate. Residential accommodation is available. £89.
It was resolved that the Chairman and Parish Clerk attend the conference. @£35
- d. **Training Work Shops** for the year 2014, see attached, members requirements are requested so booking can be made.
It was resolved The Chairman would attend the Chairmanship course on 6th March
- e. **Groundwork Training Day** Friday 3^{1st} January Leyland. Reminder.
Noted

14/12 Finance

a. Payment of accounts		
Dove Syke Nursery	Christmas tree	£180.00
Burnley Hire	Lighting equipment	£36.00
Mrs Wendy Prosser	Parrrty Food	£608.00
Steve Scholes	PAC test	£7.50
Jo Quinn	Provisions	£68.94
I R Hirst	Provisions	£4.00
Ron Mason	Entertainment	£80.00
D Peat	Wine	£129.80
CAB	Donation	£50.00
Little Green Bus	Donation	£150.00
LALC	Conference /Chairmanship Fees	£95.00
It was resolved that to pay the above accounts.		

14/13 Budget 2014-2015 and precept

- a. **Sign post rebuilding** – Quotations for restoration of the Blackburn Road Sign post.

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- d. **Harewood Avenue/ School Lane Footpath** Clerk reported that the Quotation for the Work had been received and the Parish Council's share of the cost of improving the footpath would be £500.
- e. **Donation-** toward Speed Camera attachment operated by John Aizlewood
It was resolved that the precept be set at £8000. Details of the budget to be finalized details including the above items at the February Parish Council meeting.

14/14 Borough Councillors reports – None.

14/15 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

- a. Coun Meloy War memorial Poppy seeds.
- b. War Memorial – progress report.

14/16 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

- a. **Road Works on Whins Lane –**
 - i positioning of Temporary Traffic Lights.
 - ii Progress report on 40MPH limit proposal on Whins Lane.

14/17 Next Parish Council meeting 13th February 2014.

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

- 1) **RVBC.**
 - a) **Agenda Special & Planning Committee meeting 12th December and 16th January 2014**
 - b) **Account and Audit Committee 2013.**
 - c) **Minutes and Proceedings of the Council December 2013**
- 2) **“Stan the Van” will visit the Stork Car park on 29th January between 10-4pm**
- 3) **LCC Sceintific Services and Trading Standards**
- 4) **War Memorials Trust Bulletin.**
- 5) **Local Government Review. Winter edition.**

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