

# Simonstone Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.00 pm

in the Old School Simonstone.

**Present Councillors.** David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, Greera Norse. Joanne Quinn, Graham Meloy & Denise Rishton.

**In attendance – 3 members of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.**

**Apologies - None**

**15/70 Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

**It was resolved** to approve the minutes.

**15/71 Declaration of interests. None**

**15/72 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker) None.**

**Decision items;**

**15/73 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.**

- a. **Community activities** – It was reported that various walks were being arranged; Conrad Chadwick would lead Bird walks, and a walk to explore the historical contribution during WW1. This walk will start at the Church Hall at 2pm on 23<sup>th</sup> April.
  - i **Youth activities**-The Scout Group had started up and they meet in the United Reform Church in Read.
- b. **“Spot on Theatre Group”** – A meeting had been held with a representative of the “Spot on” Theatre group who arrange for professional performers visit small communities. The Group is assisted by funding from the Arts Council.

**It was resolved that the** Parish Council registers its interest in the Scheme and agrees to the grant offer by Village Halls Association towards developing local facilities .
- c. **Luncheon Clubs** – Coun Norse had approached the Ribble Valley coordinator concerning the development of a Luncheon Club.

**It was resolved** - that Coun Norse would talk to the Read United Reform Church Luncheon Club to see if any residents of Simonstone attended it or if not would it possible for them, as part of the Ribble Valley initiative, to attend.
- d. **Litter Bins** The Clerk reported that he had met with the officer responsible for emptying the litter bins and he was unwilling to authorize placing a bin on Whins Lane due to the narrowness of the Lane which causes the lorries which service the bins to obstruct buses and other road users from passing.

**It was resolved** that a request be made to Ribble Valley to reconsider the Parish Councils request for a bin to be placed somewhere on the Lane.

**15/74 Matters raised by members.**

- a. Coun Hodbod – Youth Council – Councillors were concerned that they had not heard about the Council recently.

**It was resolved** That Couns. Norse and Hodbod would make enquiries and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

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- b. **Coun Meloy – Martholme Greenway Group.** The group along with other organisation was arranging for a walk across the Martholme viaduct from Great Harwood. The date was yet to be announced. **It was resolved** to note the report.
- c. **Car Parking in Lay bye A671-** a letter has been received concerning cars for sale which were being left in the lay bye/Car park for long periods of time. **It was resolved** that the Clerk respond to the correspondent explaining that the Parish Council had brought the matter to the attention of the appropriate authorities.
- d. **Coun Peat** – brought to the attention of the Parish Council that he had received the fact an expression of sadness that the Christmas Party would not be held this year. **It was resolved** to note the report.
- e. **Coun. Rishton-**
  - i Litter and condition of the highways approaching Simonstone and the Ribble Valley.
  - ii Remains of a fence on the grass verge along the A671.
  - iii Blocked gateway on Simonstone Lane.
  - iv Lengthsman Scheme.**It was resolved** that the Clerk request that the above matters be reported to the appropriate authorities.

**15/75 Reports**

- a. **The Chairman reported** that he and the Clerk had attended the Lancashire Annual Parish and Town Council Conference where the main topic discussed was changes to the County subsidized bus services. **It was resolved** to note the report.

**15/76 Governance review**

- a. **Standing Orders 2015**  
**It was resolved** to approve the Standing Orders
- b. **Adopted code of Conduct-**  
**It was resolved** to approve the Code of conduct
- c. **Asset Register. 2015.**  
**It was resolved** to add the Gavel and block presented to the Parish Council by a former Chairman of the Parish Council. Councillor Major Joan Moorhouse, to the register.
- d. **Risk Register 2015**  
**It was resolved to** approve the register
- e. **Appointment of the Internal Auditor** for the year 2014/5 and 2015/6.  
**It was resolved** to appoint Les Pickering as internal auditor for the years 2014 to 2016.

**15/77 LCC.**

- a. **Alteration to Speed limit** affecting A671 Proposals had been distributed to members and concern was expressed that the existing speed limit along the A671 through the village was to be derestricted. **It was resolved** that the Parish Council objection to any increase of the speed limit through the village be registered and that the only alteration that would be acceptable would be to reduce the speed limits.

**15/78 RVBC. -Community Watch Volunteers – a Presentation distributed to members**

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

**15/79 Planning Applications**

<b>Application number</b> 3/2015/0117 25/2/15	<b>Officer:</b> Adam Birkett 01200 414517	<b>Grid Reference</b> 377691 434428
<b>Address</b>	Beck Top Clough Lane Simonstone Burnley BB12 7HW	
<b>Proposal</b>	Single storey extension to existing conservatory at front elevation. Applications for full consent	
<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>No objection</b>	

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**15/80 CPRE-** The Lancashire Branch has a Planning Officer who will assist in making effective representations to unwelcome planning applications and help in drawing up a Neighborhood plan on request. They also ask that they be kept aware of major inappropriate applications within the Countryside Planning.  
**It was resolved** to note the offer.

**15/81 Finance**

a. **To consider the Annual accounts** for the year 2014 -15.  
**It was resolved** to approve the unaudited accounts subject to a satisfactory audit.

**b. Payments**

i	IR Hirst/White Group Ltd	Computer	£389.99
ii	Ribble Valley	Litter Bins	£530.06
iii	LALC	Subscription	£232.88
iv	RVBC	Emptying L Bins	£374.40
v	ICO	Subscription	£35.00
vi	Read Parish Council	Play area grant	£300.00
vii	St Peters Governors	Contribution	£175.00

**It was resolved** to make the above payments

**15/82 Borough Councillors** reports – none

**15/83 Matters reported by members** for consideration at future meetings  
a. Parish Plan.

**15/84 Matters for reporting** to the appropriate authorities.

a. Overgrown vegetation on Bridge Buttress Simonstone Lane restricting motorists vision

**15/85 Next meeting** is the Annual Parish Council meeting 14th May 2015 which is preceded by the Annual Parish meeting starting at 7pm.

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

**1. RVBC.**

- b. Minutes for March 2015
- c. Revenue Budget meeting 3rd March
- d. Planning Meetings Agenda for the meeting on 12th March 2015.
- e. CPRE –Field Work Spring Editions and the Spring edition of Countryside Voice.
- f. Parish Liaison meeting 26th March Agenda

**RVBC.**

- a. Minutes for March 2015
- b. Revenue Budget meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- c. Planning Meetings Agenda for the meetings on 12<sup>th</sup> February and on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Part II –

**Items of business not to be discussed in public, None**

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