

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 12th February 2015 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. David Peat, Joanne Quinn, Graham Meloy, Geoff Hobdod

In attendance – 5 members of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies - Councilor Denise Rishton whose absence were approved.

15/17 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2015 .

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

15/18 Declaration of interests. Coun Meloy - Simonstone Field day.

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

A member of the public requested that in the light of the Parish Council is interest in fostering activities in the community activities that consideration should be given to the village having it's own parish hall. The matter was discussed by all present and it was concluded that should the Parish Council's objective be realized the possibility of building a Parish Hall be reconsidered.

Two Scout leaders told the meeting that they were currently in the process of starting a new Scout Group based in the united Reform Church in Read. The Group was hoping to recruit members from the age of 6 to 11 years who live in both Simonstone and Read. They hoped that the parish would support the group once it was established. Members wished them every success.

Mr Barker of the Martholme Greenway Group told the meeting that he was in contact with SUSTRAN in order to clarify who was the owner of the track and once ownership had been established work could be started on the planning the development of the track's.

Decision items;

15/20 To consider nominations for Parish Councillors. There are now 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors. No nominations had been received.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/21 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

a. **Christmas arrangements** for 2015 and visiting theatre programme.

It was resolved to not to hold a Christmas Party this year. Instead the Library Theatre Touring Company would present a play entitled "My Brilliant Divorce" by Geraldine Aron.

b. **'Simonstone Soldiers'** A walk will be led by Brian Jeffery on April 23rd 2015 at 2pm.

It was resolved to place a notice on the notice board nearer the time.

c. **Grit bins servicing.** It was reported that the bins had been checked and been found to have varying amounts of grit in them.

It was resolved to note the report.

d. **Community activities** – Ribble Valley Village Hall Association is promoting a "Good Neighbour Scheme" Details had been emailed to members.

It was resolved that members would update Village Audit which had been distributed.

e. **Civic Sunday**–

It was resolved to hold the reception after the Civic Service on 7th June at Read Cricket Club on the same terms as last year.

f. **Signpost**- The Clerk reported that Duncan Armstrong had confirmed that the County Council would contribute half the cost of refurbishing the signpost.

It was resolved that the offer should be accepted.

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- g. **Flower bed** negotiations Coun Hodbod reported that he had spoken to a representative of Fort vale and was awaiting a response.
It was resolved that the Clerk arrange for the lengthsman to be engaged to carry out seasonal work in preparation for the coming year.

15/22 Matters raised by members.

- a. **Coun Hodbod** reported,
i That at 1 Scot Avenue changes to Planning application 2014/1005 had been made which reduced the height of the roof by .900 mm.
It was resolved to note the report.
- b. **Coun Meloy** – requested that Read/Simonstone Fete committee could use the open space on Fountains Ave for the fete as last year.
It was resolved that there were no objections to the event taking place.

15/23 Correspondence items of concern;-

- a. **Clearing the footpath** between Bank Terrace and former Railway track. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter of concern that the path was being cleared, and he had responded to the letter and that the work had been completed as requested
It was resolved to note the report.
- b. **Location of Dog bin** – request to place it on School Lane instead of near the Jubilee seat.
It was resolved that an additional dog bin be placed in the vicinity of Clough Lane as well as near the Jubilee Bench and on Whins Lane. Two to be installed in the current financial year and one in early 2015/6 funded from savings on the Signpost budget.
- c. **Overgrown hedges.** A complaint had been received that the hedges are reducing the usable width of the Footpaths on School Lane and Haugh Avenue.
It was resolved that the occupants of properties whose hedges extend beyond their boundary should be requested to cut them back to their boundary.

15/24 Reports

- a. The Chairman gave a written and verbal report of his meetings with other bodies.
It was resolved to note the report.
- b. **Martholme Greenway Group.**- Coun Meloy reported that he had attended the meeting and that the group was enthusiastic and it was decided that rather than waiting for the whole of the track to be funded, sections should be developed as funding assistance becomes available. It had been decided that a staged programme for development to be drawn up. There had been a petition which had the support of 2000 people for the Project which had been presented to LCC. The question of ownership of the line to the west of Simonstone Lane had been questioned and Mr Barker of the group told the meeting he was in contact with Sustran in order to clarify the situation. Once ownership had been established work would be started on the track's development process.
It was agreed that access to the site would be better if it was from the south side of the track adjacent to Simonstone Lane. It was also suggested that teams of volunteers may be one way of developing parts of the track as they become available.
It was resolved to note the report and when authorized the cutting back of vegetation should commence.
- c. **Lancashire County Council's Parish & Town Council Conference** is on Saturday, 21st March 2015 at Burnley Town Hall. 9.30 to 2pm.
It was resolved that Councillor Peat and the Parish Clerk attend the meeting.
- d. **Parish Champion's fund**
It was resolved that the Clerk should make an application for funding towards the purchase of a replacement computer.
- e. **Road Closure notice-** Padiham Road and Sabden Road (Read Rock Road) 30th March to 13th April Cabling.
It was resolved to note the report.

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15/25 RVBC.

- a. **Parish Liaison meeting.** The Clerk reported that the following items had been discussed;-
- i Events on the Highway. Copy of report emailed to members.
 - ii The Parish Council was invited to forward any matters it wanted to be discussed at the March meeting of the Three Tier Forum.
 - iii Parish Polls. New proposals for calling a parish pole had been agreed to reduce vexatious polls.
- It was resolved** to note the report.

- b. **Mayoral reception / Parish Council Training** 5th March 7pm Ribble Valley BC.
It was resolved that Councillors Peat and Norse should attend if available.

15/26 Planning Applications –

Application number 3/2014/1026 08/12/2014	Officer: : Claire Booth 01200 414493	Grid Reference 377945 435073
Address	Law Farm Trapp Lane Simonstone	
Proposal	Proposed new agricultural building to be approx. 22m x 11m to house heifers and calving cows Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application number	Officer: Clair Booth 414493	Grid Reference 377555 434529
Address	Witton Lodge, School Lane, Simonstone BB12 7HR	
Proposal	Proposed alteration and extension to existing double garage to create large garage with storage space and work from home office above. New rear entrance and extension to create boot room off existing utility room.	
Parish Council	No Objection	

Application number 3/2015/0063	Officer: : Colin Sharpe 01200414500	Grid Reference 377407 433189
Address	Altham Pumping Station Burnley Road Simonstone BB12 7NL	
Proposal	Non-material amendment to planning permission 3/2012/0219. Removal of curtain walling to north east elevation to be replaced with cladding and brickwork. Removal of curtain walling and high level windows to south west elevation to be replaced with cladding and brickwork. Non-Material amendment	

- 15/27 **LALC - Clerks Training** programme The Clerk reported on details of the course.
It was resolved that the Clerk attend the course to update his knowledge.

- 15/28 **Best Kept Village Competition**
It was resolved not to enter the competition this year.

- 15/29 **Finance**
- a. **Little Green Bus** - Requests for a contribution towards operating the service.
It was resolved to contribute £150.
 - b. **Sabden Parish Council** balance of 14/5 contribution to Lengthsman Scheme.
It was resolved that any residual funds should used on the following priorities, installation of 2 dog bins. preparation of flower beds and work on clearing vegetation on the greenway.

- c. **Payment of invoices**
 - i **Sabden Parish Council Spid hire £480**
 - ii **Little Green bus Donation £150**

- 15/30 Borough Councillors reports – None
 15/31 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

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- 15/32 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.
 - a. Query development on Whins Lane.
- 15/33 Next Parish Council meeting 12th March 2015 at 7pm.

RVBC extracts from the Planning meeting agenda to be held on 12 th February 2015		
Simonstone progress report		
Approved Applications	1005 1 Scott Ave	
	1072 'Highfield' Tunstead Ave	
Refused Application	3/2014/0607P Redevelopment of Livery stables and indoor arena and external riding area.	
Granting of a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed Development.		
Sections 106 application (Departure notice)	Calder Vale Park	Draft 106 Has been received from LCC.
Appeals update	0394 Stoneroyd, Haugh Ave.	Awaiting decision.
	0419, 7 Whins Lane	Appeal Dismissed 13/1/15

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

- a. RVBC.
- b. Minutes for December 2014
- c. Planning meeting Agenda for the meetings 15th January and 12th February 2015.
- d. Parish Liaison Meeting 29th January 2015.

Part II –

Items of business not to be discussed in public, None

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