

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. David Peat, Joanne Quinn, Greera Norris, Denise Rishton,

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

Apologies - Councilors Graham Meloy, Geoff Hobdod, whose absences were approved,.

15/1 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2014 for approval.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

15/2 Declaration of interests. Coun Quinn wished not to take part in discussions relating to Scott Avenue.

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

Brian Jefferies of the local Historical group reported that following the WW1 Memorial Commemoration the Group were in the process of developing a village walk based on their research into Simonstone as it was in 1914, and it is hoping to hold it in April. He added that the Group had a series of historical walks looking at various aspects of Simonstone past, eg. Commercial aspects, Battles sites, Former Village boundaries and Waterwheels.

The Chairman read out a letter he had received from the Canadian Government thanking the community of Simonstone for providing the memorial for Lance Corporal Robert James Breckell who was a native of Simonstone and became a member of the 28th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regiment) and was killed in action in the First World War on 15th September 1916.

Decision items;

15/4 To consider nominations for Parish Councilors. Councillor Waring resigned from the Parish Council There are now 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors. The former Councillor had confirmed he would assist in developing a housing strategy for the Parish but did not to want to be a Council member. There were no nominations for council members.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/5 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

a. Christmas **It was reported** that there had been 250 people attending the Switch on of the Tree lights.

However there had been a reduced number of people attending the Christmas party, 55 attended and 10 dinners had been distributed to the infirm. The Chairman expressed the Parish Council's appreciation to all those had donated Raffle prizes and those volunteers who assisted in making the event a successful one by preparing the room, waiting on and clearing way afterwards.

Arrangements for Christmas 2015 and visiting theatre programme were discussed.

It was resolved that the hall should booked provisionally for the Christmas party on 5th December and that a meeting be arranged to discuss community activities such as the future of the Christmas party, traveling theatre production, (The Clerk is to enquire what the programme for the coming year) etc.

b. Location for two additional Dog bins.

It was resolved that a bin be placed on Trapp Lane near to Jubilee bench before the end of March, and the second one place on Whins Lane after April at a position yet to be agreed.

15/6 Matters raised by members.

a. Progress of flower bed negotiations. Coun Hobdod to report at the next meeting.

b. The Clerk reported that the Pot holes on A671 nr School Lane bus stop had been reported to LCC.

It was resolved to note the report.

- c. **Signpost Clerk reported** that LCC had been approached to assist with funding the up grading of the signpost, and that D Armstrong was hoping to get a response shortly as the current post did not conform to the new regulations introduced on 1st January.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/7 Reports

- a. **The Chairman reported** on his meeting with other bodies. He thanked all who had assisted over the Christmas period. He drew the members attention to the work of the Dementia Trust that highlighted the problem facing the health care of the ageing population. He told the meeting of the need for local discussions to assist in dealing with the problem that needs to be addressed. He expressed concern that the PACT meeting had not been held and that no cancellation notice had been given. An alternative date for Civic Sunday is to be arranged.

It was resolved to note the report and that an alternative venue for future meetings be sought.

- b. **Martholme Greenway Group.-** Coun Meloy to report at the next meeting. The clerk reported that the Lenghtsman had been requested to clear the access path from Simonstone Lane at the bottom of Bank Terrace to the railway track.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/8 LCC.

- a. **Clough Lane the Clerk reported** that he had received a complaint about traffic not being able to maneuver since new sign had been placed on the lane. The County Council had been informed and the matter had been resolved.

It was resolved to note the report.

- b. **Onshore Oil and Gas Supplementary Planning Document Consultation**, details had been emailed to members.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/9 RVBC. Planning meeting 18th December details information below.

- a. **Planning Applications –**

Application number 3/2014/1005 17/11/2/14	Officer: : Claire Booth 01200 414493	Grid Reference
Address	1 Scott Avenue Simonstone BB12 7HY	
Proposal	Single storey extension Applications for full consent Simonstone	
Parish Council	Sent a letter of objection see enclosed.	

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 x11m to house heifers and calving cows Applications for full consent	
Parish Council		

15/10 LALC –

- a) **Training Programme 2015**

Chairmanship Workshop 12th March 7-9pm £25.00

It was resolved that Councillor Peat will attend the Course on Chairmanship and that members would consider their needs once the details are available.

15/11 Finance**a. Payment of invoices**

i	J Quinn	Christmas expenses	£75.75
ii	D Peat	Party Decorations	£11.00
iii	W Prosser	Buffet	£592.50
iv	R S Mason	Entertainment	£80.00
v	Byrnes	Wine	£90.75
vi	Burnley Hire Centre	Light (switch on)	£31.20
vii	Dove Syke Nursery	Christmas Tree	£228.00
viii	Lancashire Training	Chairmanship course	£25.00

It was resolved to pay the above accounts.

15/12 Borough Councillors reports – None**15/13 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings.**

- a. Christmas
- b. Community meeting- Traveling Theatre group, Walks, Dances, and additional activities.
- c. Core Strategy.
- d. Footpaths

15/14 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.**15/15 Next Parish Council meeting 12th February 2015.****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 meeting 16th December 2014. 15/10
- d. Adoption of the Ribble Valley Core Strategy report.

Clerks and Councils Direct –December**Part II – Items of business not to be discussed in public, None.**

RVBC extracts from the Planning meeting agenda held on 18th December 2014		
Simonstone progress report		
Approved Applications	0853 5 Bylands Close	
	0958 Highfield Tunstead Ave	
Granting of a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed Development.	0924 1 Scott Ave.	
Sections 106 application (Departure notice)	0649 Calder Vale Park	
Appeals update	0394 Stoneroyd, Haugh Ave	Awaiting decision.
	0419 7 Whins Lane	Questionnaire sent 10/11/14

Chairman's Signature.....