

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.00 pm**  
**in the Old School Simonstone.**

**Present Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, Greera Norse.**

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

**Apologies - Councillors Joanne Quinn, Graham Meloy Denise Rishton whose absences were approved.**

**15/54 Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 .**

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

**15/55 Declaration of interests. None**

**15/56 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker)**  
**None.**

**Decision items;**

**15/57 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.

**15/58 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.**

a. Community activities – Village Audit It was reported that the Audit was being updated and the details have been added to the Parish Council Website and a brief notice would be placed on the Parish Council notice board. Ribble Valley Village Hall Association is offering grants to encourage more community activities in the hope that members of the communities.

**It was resolved** to note the report and to make a request for assistance for a travelling theatre group to visit the village .

b. Signpost Clerk. The Clerk reported that order has been placed for the improvements to the signpost and that the County Council will contribute 50% of the costs the work are due to be completed in the next financial year.

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

c. Flower bed. Councillor Hodbod reported that Fort Vale has agreed to look after the flower beds at the bottom of Simonstone Lane and they would supply and place a plaque recording their Company's role in maintaining the beds.

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

d. Dog bins emptying – the Clerk told the meeting that he had suggested that in order reduce the cost of maintenance that Litter bins should be placed at the locations previously requested.

**It was resolved** to approve the suggestion and to make the necessary arrangements

**15/59 Matters raised by members.**

a. COUNS Hodbod and Norse. Annual garden competition.- additional judges and prizes,

**It was resolved** to that the Garden competition as should continue as in previous years 2 prizes awarded one for small and one for larger gardens of £20 per class.

b. COUNS Peat reported that the Martholme Greenway Group had approached Sustrans who were making enquiries regarding the development of the Western leg of track from Simonstone Lane.

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

c. COUN Peat - Opportunity to have a Parish Council App. Cost £65 in the first year.

**It was resolved** to not to take up the offer.

**15/60 Correspondence Items of concern.**

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- a. Overgrown hedges -The Clerk reported that he had requested the County Highway Dept. who had contact the owners of properties whose hedges obstructed the footpaths on School Lane and Haugh Avenue and he reported that the hedges had been attended to.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

**15/61 Reports**

- a. Chairman and Coun Norse . – Reported that they had both attended the Mayor’s Reception and Training meeting where the work of parish councilor’s and how their efforts can enhance their local communities and how to become a Councillor in the forth coming elections.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

**15/62 Governance review**

- a. Financial Regulations and Audit Arrangements 2014 are the background to the following:-
  - i “All about Local Councils” for information.
  - ii Draft Standing Orders forwarded to members, based on NALC 2014 were reviewed and **It was resolved** to amend them and distribute them to members for approval at the next Parish Council meeting.
  - iii Transparency code for smaller authorities 2014  
**It was resolved** to adopt the code.
  - iv Adopted code of Conduct- review forwarded to members  
It was resolved to add the extract from the Localism Act chapter7 section 27 para10 in order to clarify when declaration of interests apply.
  - v Asset Register. 2015. Updated and forwarded to members.  
It was resolved to approve the updated Register.
  - vi Guide for Councillors on personal interests.

**15/63 LCC.**

- a. Parish Champion’s fund an application was made to fund a replacement computer. The application was successful and a grant of £274 has been received.  
It was resolved to note the report.

**15/64 RVBC.**

**15/65 Planning Applications –**

<b>Application number</b> 3/2015/012530/01/2015	<b>Officer:</b> Claire Booth 01200 414493	<b>Grid Reference</b>
<b>Address</b>	Beck Top Clough Lane Simonstone Burnley BB12 7HW	
<b>Proposal</b>	Discharge of conditions 3 (materials) 4 (window details) 5 (timing of roofing works) 6 (bat boxes) of planning permission 3/2014/1054	
<b>Parish Council</b>	No action required	

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

**15/66 Finance**

**a. Payment.**

- i LALC Subscription. £232.88
- ii I R Hirst Salary £503.29
- iii HMRC Income Tax £126.00
- iv PSS Expenses £93.57
- v Eon Electric/lights. £0.00 no charge
- vi Sabden P.C Lengthsman.

**It was resolved** to pay the above accounts.

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- 15/67 Borough Councillors reports – None
- 15/68 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings - no matters
- 15/69 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.
  - a. Farmer Fence on A671.
  - b. Southern Bus shelter faults.
  
- 15/70 Next Parish Council meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

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

- a. **RVBC.**
- b. Minutes for March 2015
- c. Revenue Budget meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- d. 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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