

**Simonstone Parish Council  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30 pm  
in the Old School Simonstone.**

**Present-** Councillors. Denise Rishton, Dave Waring, Geoff Hodbod, Greera Norse. David Peat. Joanne Quinn

**In attendance** – RV. Cllr J Hill. One member of the public and the Parish Clerk .

**Apologies.** Graham Meloy

**14/193 Minutes** of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 for approval  
**It was resolved** to approve the minutes.

**14/194 Declaration of interests.** Coun D Peat donation to the V in C.  
**It was resolved** to note the declaration.

**14/195 Public Participation.**

Report from the Pact meeting was received by a member of the PACT committee who gave apologies for PC Dinah Bioletti.

It was reported that there had been various incidents in the area that a male and female were in a dispute on School Lane, about car parking. There had been a burglary on Harewood Avenue. A number of incidents had occurred involving drugs and the offenders had been dealt with. The police requested the Parish Council's support for closing the Back Lane as the Car park on the lane was being used for criminal and antisocial behaviour. The closure of the lane was necessary in order to apprehend the offenders by closing easy escape routes. Members explained that whilst they wished to support the Police they were also concerned that the closure should not be permanent as this route was used by many people from far and wide as a route to gain access to various parts of the area both for business and recreational purposes. They went on to explain that a more formal application to close the lane would be the preferred method of consultation. The next PACT Meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 18.00hrs at 2 Jubilee Street Read.

Martholme Report – Barbara Sharples and John Barker representing the Group brought members up to date with development of the campaign to reopen the line and told the meeting that they had received over 2000 signatures from people from far and wide who supported the reopening of the route. They requested a letter of support from the Parish Council and it was agreed that one should be sent.

**14/196 Decision items;**

a. **Election of a Vice Chairman.**

**It was resolved** that Graham Meloy be the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

b. **To consider nominations** for Parish Councillors.

**It was resolved** that Joanne Quinn be elected as a Councillor of the Parish Council

**14/197 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.**

a. War Memorial; the Chairman reported that the occasion was a very successful one and that the Parish Council was very pleased that over 70 guests had attended including the Lancashire Deputy Lieutenant, The Mayor of Ribble Valley attended and the service of Dedication was conducted by the Dean of Blackburn the Very reverend Christopher Armstrong. The Canadian High Commission was represented by LCol Peter Holst. Stacy Bouch of the Canadian Royal Regina Rifles who was a relative of James Breckell who was killed in September 1916. who had travelled from Canada to attend the dedication along with many other relatives who

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had travelled from far and wide to join with the parish in the act of remembrance. He went on to thank the local businesses and Ribble Valley Borough Council, both members and officers who had given unstinting support to the Parish making the event a memorable one.

- b. **It was resolved** that letters of thanks be sent to all people who had contributed to the success of the day.
- c. **Christmas Party** – The Clerk reported that the catering, and the entertainment arrangements had been confirmed and invites have been distributed.
- d. **Christmas tree.** The Clerk reported that a price has been received for the supply of the Christmas tree and that there had been no increase of last year's price.  
**It was resolved** to purchase the tree and for it to be erected on 29<sup>th</sup> November.
- e. **Christmas Party** working group to follow this meeting.  
**It was resolved** that the Christmas arrangements be approved.

**14/198 Matters raised by members.**

- a. **Simonstone Lane Hedges** had been cut as requested.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.
- b. **Blackburn Road flower bed.** Cllr Hodbod told the meeting that he had spoken to a representative of the management of a company adjacent to the beds with a view to their ground staff taking over the maintenance of the beds. He had not received a response as the management had not had time to make a decision.  
**It was resolved** to await the outcome of the discussions when Cllr Hodbod would report back.
- c. **Signpost** Clerk to report.  
**It was resolved** that both matters to be considered in the budget discussions.

**14/199 Chairman's report, meetings with other bodies;-**

- a. **Martholme Greenway Group** -The Clerk reported ;–
  - i That he had received a request from the group that we consider appointing a member onto the Group's Committee.  
**It was resolved** that Cllr . Graham Meloy should represent the Parish Council on the Committee and Cllr Joanne Quinn agreed to act as a reserve in the event that Cllr Meloy is unavailable.
  - ii Access to the Western track from Simonstone Lane between Bank Terrace and the track fence was badly overgrown.  
**It was resolved** that the Lengthsman be requested to clear the access.

**14/200 Parish Council Meeting dates for 2015.**

**It was resolved** that the Dates be approved as amended.

**14/201 LCC.**

- a. **Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review** and Statement of Community Involvement Consultations.  
**It was resolved** to note the review.
- b. **Road maintenance programme.** The Clerk outlined the strategy of the highway department in it's approach to dealing with the backlog of maintenance on the roads throughout Lancashire.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

- c. **Definitive Footpaths**- Notice had been received that there was to be a Review of Definitive Footpaths and that volunteers were required to assist where necessary.  
**It was resolved** that Cllr Norse be appointed as the Parish Council’s Representative.

**14/202 RVBC.**

- a. **Ribble Valley Village Association** – A request had been received for the Parish Council to support the Associations “Good Neighbour Scheme”  
**It was resolved** that Cllr Quinn be appointed as the Parish Council’s representative.
- b. **Parish Liaison** Cllr Meloy had reported the meeting to members by email which include a report on Superfast Broadband and Highway maintenance.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.
- c. **Road Closure notice** – 8<sup>th</sup> November. Signs had been placed on lampposts and notice boards near affected road.
- d. **It was resolved** to note the report.

**14/203 Planning Applications**

<b>Application number</b> 3/2014/0835	<b>Officer:</b> Colin Sharpe 01200414500	<b>Grid Reference</b> 379144 436091
<b>Address</b>	Foulds House Farm Sabden Road Simonstone Padiham BB12 9AD	
<b>Proposal</b>	Extension to an agricultural livestock building (additional floor space 125m sq)	
<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>No objections received</b>	

- 14/204 Citizens Advice Bureau** had requested a donation towards meeting their running cost .  
**It was resolved** that a donation of £100 be forwarded.

**14/205 Finance**

- a. **Payment of invoices**
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| i Citizen Advice Bureaux | Donation         | £100.   |
| ii British Legion        | Wreaths donation | £100    |
| iii I R Hirst            | Salary           | £480.14 |
| iv HMRC                  | Income tax       | £120.40 |
| v PSS                    | Expenses         | £129.11 |
| vi VinC. (Bugler)        | Donation         | £50.00  |

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

- b. **Revised Estimate for the 2014/15-**  
**It was resolved** to approve revised estimate of £12,241 which included the donations and expenditure on the WW1 Memorial

- c. **Budget 2015/16**
- i Additional items for inclusion in the budget for 2015-2016.

Mirror Trapp Lane	£350 including erection.
Dog bins ,Trapp Lane	£450 including service.
Read Parish Council review Play area contribution	Increase of £90.
Solar Panel lighting for Notice board.	£50.
Increase in amount of Spring bulbs.	£100
Bus Stop Notice board	£250
Travelling theatre performance	£235 to be self funding.

**It was resolved** that the precept for the year 2015/16 be set at £8200 and that the budget be set at £9000 with the balance to be taken out of reserves.

**14/206 Borough Councillors report** – Coun Hill told the meeting about the new arrangements for business rates in the next financial year and that local government will received 25%.of the rate levied under the new arrangements introduced next year.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

**14/207** Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings None

**14/208** Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.- None.

**14/209** Next Parish Council meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

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

1. RVBC.

- a. Planning meeting Agendas for the meetings on the, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014,and 13 November
- b. Accounts and Audit Committee
- c. Parish Liaison meeting Agenda
- d. CPRE- Countryside Winter 2014
- e. Clerks and Councils Direct –September

Part II – Items of business not to be discussed in public, Item of commercial sensitivity-None

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