

# Simonstone Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

In the Old School Simonstone.

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

**In attendance** – 1 Member of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst

**Apologies** – Graham Meloy, Jane Shaw, Denise Rishton. RV Coun. Lesley Graves were approved

**16/79 Minutes of the meeting held** on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

**16/80 Declaration of interests. None**

**16/81 Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

A member of the public expressed concern that there was a threat to Hammond Field Read being built on and that a “Save Our Village” campaign had started, Read Parish Council was supporting the campaign and was opposed to the development of 50 houses being built on the land. She asked that the Parish Council support Read Parish Council actions.

### Decision items;

**16/82 Matters raised from previous meeting.**

a. **Stall for village fete** - It had been suggested that packets of wild flower seeds be distributed at the Fete.

**It was resolved** that a suitable quantity of wildflower seeds costing no more than £20 be purchased for distribution at the Fete.

b. **School fete stall or game** – members are requested to consider a suitable game eg Bat the Rat, Lucky draw or any game that members may know of

**It was resolved** to consider this at the next Parish Council meeting.

c. **Spid – Ribble Valley Parish Grants.**- 2 prices had been received for the supply of a speed indicator sign

**It was resolved** to apply for a grant for the supply of a Spid and additional lights to augment the Christmas lights.

d. **Options for Christmas buffet.** The services of Rob Mason (Entertainer) have been confirmed. He will attend.

**It was resolved** that quotes for the supply of a suitable buffet be obtained for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

e. **Parish Garden Simonstone Craft showcase Sculptures-** Two local craft businesses have been approached and they are considering the idea of placing suitable items for exhibition in the Parish Council Garden.

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

**Christmas tree planting.** A local business has been approached and is considering the planting of a tree to grow in the Parish Council Garden to avoid the annual purchase of a tree.

**It was resolved** to support a successful outcome.

f. **Garden competition prizes** – It was suggested that there be two prizes this year of £35 each including a contribution from Huntroyde Garden Centre.

**It was resolved** to approve the suggestion that Coun Hodbod arrange this.

g. **Defibrillators** The Clerk reported that a defibrillator would be installed outside the Time Business Park and that the first training course will be held next week and 15 people will be attending it. Further courses will be held after the pilot course has been held.

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

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**16/85. Community activities - Working party**

a. Coun Bridge had reported that there has been little support for a trip to a place of interest after she contacted local organisations.

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

**16/86. Housing** for the Elderly, Following the possibility of developing suitable housing, an appraisal as been received for the building of 8, 2 bedroom bungalows on a shared ownership of a development. The Proposer has asked if the Parish Council would like to take matters forward.

**It was resolved** that the matter be discussed at the next meeting when more members are attending .

**16/87. Correspondence items**

a. **An email** was received expressing concerns about the manhole on A671 at the bottom on Bealey Avenue; The matter was reported to the LCC highways and the informant notified.

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

b. **Spot On Autumn Schedule of Plays** – Council to consider the menu of events available for the Autumn and to decide on a Show. Menus have been distributed to members by email.

**It was resolved** that the menu be re-circulated so that members can select three performances listed in priority order so that a booking can be made by the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

c. **An email** had been received questioning the presence of an advertisement on the Parish website. The item was removed.

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

**16/88. Reports**

a. **Planning Training Event** –Couns. Jayne Shaw and Sue Bridge to report. No report had been received.

b. **Ribble Valley Parish Liaison Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April**

i Japanaese Knot Weed –control methods were discussed and the need to seek advice to report its presence to RVBC.

ii Local Plan update-Development of the second stage was outlined which included future consultation processes .

c. Recycling of green waste – alternative solutions to the disposal by the local authority were being considered after the closure of Farrington reprocessing plant.

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

**16/89. Planning applications**

Application <b>2016/0067</b>	Officer Rebecca Hailiwell 01200424518	Grid ref376955 434348
Address	10 Westminster Close Simonstone BB12 7ST	
Proposal	New pitched roof to replace flat roof over existing first floor extension.	
Parish Council	No objections received	

Application 3/2016/0309	Officer Robert Major 01200 414516	Grid ref377106 434576
Address	Land adjacent to 2 Harewood Avenue Simonstone BB12 7JB	
Proposal	Erection of one new dwelling house (resubmission of application 3/2016/0034)..	
Parish Council	No objection	

**16/90. Martholme Greenway –**

- a. An offer had been received from the Martholme Group to assist the Parish Council in meeting the objectives contained in the Simonstone Parish Plan, by applying for the path along the track bed of the former railway, extending from the western end of the Padiham Greenway to Simonstone Lane, to become a Public Right of Way. The details have been distributed to members.

**It was resolved** to accept the offer of assistance.

**16/91. LCC – Public Rights of Way (Lengthsman) Maintenance Scheme Membership** a request has been received for the Parish Council to renew its membership of the scheme. A copy of the 2015- 2016 Accounts were discussed

**It was resolved** to renew the membership of the scheme and a contribution of £700 be forwarded.

**16/92. LALC- see attached minutes****a. Training****i Effective Meetings Workshop 14<sup>th</sup> June****ii Clerk Training Programme**

. **Annual Conference** – see attached programme

**It was resolved** that the Clerk should attend the conference

**b. Ribble Valley Branch meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm West Bradford Village Hall.**

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

**16/93. Best Kept Village competition 2016**

**It was resolved** not to enter the competition.

**16/94. Local Government Boundary Commission- Electoral review –Final recommendations** see the full report on [www.counsultations.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.counsultations.lgbce.org.uk)

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

**16/95. Finance**

- a. **Unaudited accounts for the year 2015-16** had been distributed for consideration and approval.

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

- b. **Annual Governance Statement 2015/16-** the Chairman read out and completed the Statement

**It was resolved** to approve the completed statement.

**c. Accounts to be paid.**

i	ICO	Annual fee	£35.00
ii	LALC	Subscription	£212.37
iii	Mrs Starkie	Rent	£50.00

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iv	Read Parish Council	Play area cont.	£300.00
v	St Peters School Governors	Hall cont.	£175.00
vi	RVBC	Litter bin service	£384.79
vii	Zurich	Insurance	£214.91
viii	Sabden Parish Council	Spid 15/16	£480.00
ix	Sabden Parish Council	Lengthsman	£700.00
x	Huntroyde/ Geoff Hodbod	Garden comp prizes	£40.00.

**It was resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

**16/96. District Councilors’ report** had been distributed  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

**16/97. Item for reporting to other authorities.**

- a. **Excessive amount** of time taken to repair the manhole on A671 at the bottom of Haugh Ave, blocking the footpath and restricting the Road.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and is held in the Old School Hall School Lane Simonstone starting after the Annual Parish meeting which starts at 7.pm.**

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

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