

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 13th August 2015 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. David Peat, Denise Rishton, Greera Norse. Joanne Quinn, Susan Bridge, Jayne Shaw, Geoff Hodbod and Graham Meloy.

In attendance –Parish Clerk- Roger Hirst.

15/121 Apologies - None

15/122 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2015.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

15/123 Declaration of interests. None.

15/124 Public Participation. None

Decision items;

15/125 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

a. Community activities -

i Coun Norse – gave a report of her progress on identifying Community Organizations that are available and to date she had discovered 43.

It was resolved that the list when completed would be placed on the website and on notice boards and be made available at the Butchers shop, Library and the Stork Hotel. The list would contain contact details of the organisations.

ii Theatre Working Group, Coun Quinn reported that arrangements were in place for the 7/11/2015 performance of 'My Brilliant Divorce', seating 100, priced at £5. Tickets would be sold by members and the butchers shop, Stork hotel and at the Church and Constitution Club.

It was resolved to note the report and print the tickets.

iii Positioning the Whins Lane Litter bin. Members had met and identified the preferred location for the type and location of the bin.

It was resolved that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

Matters raised by members.

15/126 Coun Denise Rishton

a. Lengthsman cost update.

The Clerk gave the current costs incurred.

It was resolved to note the report.

ii Blackburn Road sign post.

The Clerk explained that the new finger post had been made and that he had requested that the work be completed at the earliest opportunity.

It was resolved to that the Clerk convey the Council's concern over the time taken to complete the work.

15/127 COUNS Greera Norse and Geoff Hodbod had Attended a Lengthsman meeting and distributed their report to members which gave an account of how the scheme operated and benefits parish councils derived from being a member of it;-

i Last year the Lengthsman scheme had attracted a grant of 50% towards the labour costs.

ii A local contact who would be able to deal directly with the Lengthsman as would assist in getting a faster response for the work to be done.

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iii LCC Signposting project. £200 per Parish, members were requested to forward details of defective Right of way signs (PROW) to the parish Lengthsman contact.

iv Anticipated income streams.

It was resolved to accept the report and appoint Coun Greera Norse to be the Councils Lengthsman's contact. A list of operations that the member wished to be carried out within the scheme complete was drawn up. It was pointed out that some of the work suggested was the responsibility of other bodies.

15/128 Coun Sue Bridge – requested that the Parish Council should consider providing:-

a. **Community Skip** - members discussed the provision of a skip. It was the opinion of the meeting that should one be provided it would be used by residents. Coun Bridge stated that in some parts of Padiham and Burnley community skip were provided and she offered to get more information about their provision and report back to the Parish Council.

It was resolved to consider a report from Councillor Bridge at the next Parish Council meeting.

b. **Newsletter** – was discussed and it was agreed that the Chairman's monthly report that was distributed via the Parish Council's website, Facebook, Village news and Local papers gave sufficient coverage for the Parish Council matters.

It was resolved to take no action at the present time.

15/129 Coun Denise Rishton –

a. **Simonstone Lane Hedges** – The Clerk reported RVBC (20/7/15) that the hedges be cut back and to date he had had no response. He had spoken with a County Officer concerning the state of the Lane and reporting system. He was advised that the only way for Parish Councils to contact the County Council, was by email or the phone reporting system. Consequently, a report was attempted via the web and after completing the web page and answering the questions asked it ceased to operate failed and transmit the message. So it was necessary to ring to report the matter by phone (ref on 77515). The time taken to make one report was ¾ of an hour!

It was resolved to note the Clerk's report.

15/130 Coun David Peat –

a. At the last Parish Liaison Meeting the Chairman was elected Chairman of that committee. Some of the dates for both meetings clash.

It was resolved that the next meeting be held on the 3rd September.

Correspondence Items

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a. **WW1 Memorial** A letter of has been received from the Canadian Government confirming the receipt of the photographs of the memorial.

It was resolved to note the contents.

b. **Damaged wall on Simonstone Lane** the landowner has been notified.

It was resolved to note the matter.

c. **Woman's Institute**- A Letter has been received from a member of the WI, who stated that the local branch has produced a "What's on" leaflet for a number of years and has decided to discontinue producing it in the hope that the Parish Council will produce one and will continue to deliver them personally to "Newcomers" of the village to make them welcome to the village.

It was resolved that the Clerk reply and confirm that the Parish Council has no intention to replace the service that the WI has provided to the community.

d. **Good Neighbours**:-Grants and Monitoring The Parish Council has been asked for information and the effect that the Grants is having on the Parish.

It was resolved to respond to the request.

e. **Parish Garden** – A complaint had been received about the missing trees in the parish garden.

It was resolved that a response should be sent to the complainant explaining the problems with the site.

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f. A letter had been received requesting that Best Kept Garden should visit the back gardens as opposed to judging the gardens from the footpath.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to the complainant that there would be no change in the current procedure as it would mean that the Judge would have to make 1000 visits as the gardens are judged twice in the season And that the competition is for front gardens visible from the footpath.

Reports

15/132 Chairman. – August –

a. **Autumn Walks**- Members were asked to suggest the dates for a Walk to visit parts of the parish of local significance to be lead by local Historian Brian Jefferies.

It was resolved to publish the dates when available.

b. **Housing needs** -a meeting to discuss the Parish Plan housing needs requirement with RVBC.

It was resolved that a meeting should be arranged with local land owners to investigate if any suitable sites for elder people housing could be made available.

a. **Coun Meloy** – reported on the following;-

i Martholme Greenway Group had been accepted by Sustrans as an affiliate and has been given permission to work on the Track bed and to clear the track along the route.

ii Viaduct Open days- there had been a successful weekend in July where over 180 people visited the site and a number joined the Group, and a series of walks is being arranged on the 29th August.

iii Simonstone Lane access to the Track bed - Fort Vale is unable to provide access to the site.

It was resolved to note the report.

b. **Coun Hodbod** – Garden Competition – Spring bulbs-

It was resolved to purchase spring bulbs for planting this September/October for the parish garden and verges within the parish.

15/133 Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral review.

It was resolved not to comment.

15/134 LCC

a. **Countrywide signposting project.** The County Council is asking for information on any Right of Way Footpath that hasn't a signpost at its start. The County needs to know of its location so that it can be marked.

b. **Grant Funding for Highway matters** – A request for details of a grant towards SPID expenses has been forwarded to the County and has been accepted. The result is awaited.

c. **Road Works notice Padiham** - Sabden Road. (Red Rock) will be closed on the 28th August 2015 to allow for surface dressing to be carried out.

It was resolved that the above matters be noted.

15/135 RVBC

a. **Concurrent** functions grant aid (25%) eg Litter bins,

It was resolved that an application should be forwarded.

b. **Pendle Hill Landscape** Partnership Scheme The Clerk reported that the scheme was being formed to enhance the area round Pendle Hill. Parishes located in the area and specifically bordering the hill had been requested to nominate a Councillor to join the management board.

It was resolved to note the report.

c. **Tour of Britain Cycle Race** – Whins Lane is part of the route when the race passes through the village on the 7th September in the afternoon.

It was resolved to place notices on the notice board and website.

d. **Parish Liaison** – see Chairman's Report Agenda (15/128a).

It was resolved to note the report.

15/136 **Planning Applications** – 0505 Koonha Simonstone Lane to replace disused garage. No objections had been received.

It was resolved not to object to the application.

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15/137 LALC

- a. Accounts for the year ending 1/3/15 has been received.
- b. National Salary award £10.527hr.from 1/1/15.
- c. Audit arrangements- Councils will be able to make their own arrangements for external audit from 2017.
- d. AGM notice 7/11/15 – 1 Voting Representative and additional non-voting representatives may attend the meeting. Resolutions for consideration at the meeting to be forwarded by 21st August.

It was resolved to approved the salary award and note the above items.

- e. War Memorial Trust – Coun Peat to report

15/138 Finance

- a. **BDO** final Audit statement for the year 2014-15.(formal approval after alterations approved at the June meeting has been updated).

It was resolved that the annual return be approved and accepted for the financial year 2014/5.

- b. **Report on budget** The Clerk had distributed a copy of a report showing the budget balances for August 2015.

It was resolved to approve the report

c. **Payment.**

i	BDO	Audit Fee	£156.00
ii	Eon	Electricity	£1.22
iii	CPRE	Subscription	£36.00
iv	Higher Trapp/IRH	Meeting 14	£6.50

It was resolved to pay the above accounts

15/139 **Borough Councillors report** – Lesley Graves (See attached).

It was resolved that a notice concerning incorrect delivering of mail due to the incorrect post code be placed on the notice board.

15/140 **Matters reported by members** for consideration at future meetings

- a. Street name plates to be checked by members and faulty ones to be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.
- b. Parish Council arrangements for the annual remembrance service 8th November.

15/141 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

15/142 Next Parish Council meeting 3th September 2015.

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

- a. **RVBC.**
- b. Minutes for July 2015
- c. Planning Meetings Agenda for the meeting on 2th July
- d. Accounts and Audit committee meeting 14th June
- e. Report Review of Members allowance Scheme 14/7/15
- f. Parish Liaison meeting See Chairman’s report. LALC-
- g. Martholme Viaduct Open day -29th August and local history walks in September and October.

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