

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on 30th June 2016

In the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, , Graham Meloy, Greera Norse

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

Apologies –. RV Coun. Lesley Graves. Coun. Jayne Shaw,

16/115. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2016

It was resolved to approve the minutes

16/116. Declaration of interests. None.

16/117. Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker). None

Decision items;

16/118. Nomination. Dr John Barker was nominated to become a Parish Councillor.

a. **It was resolved that** Dr John Barker be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

16/119. Matters raised from previous meeting

a. **Options for Christmas buffet. Members considered the** Menu proposed for the buffet approved it..

It was resolved that W Prosser be asked to provide a finger buffet as agreed.

b. **Christmas tree planting.** Coun Lesley Graves had reported that Trapp Forge and Huntroyde Saw mill were hoping to plant a living Christmas tree in the Parish Council garden.

It was resolved that members welcomed the report and thanked those concerned for the public spirited offer of assistance.

c. **Garden competition** Councillor Hodbod reported that the Gardens had been judged by Marion Kelly and two gardens in Clough Lane and one on Fountain Ave. had won the competition.

It was resolved that Mrs Kelly and all those who had taken part are thanked by the Parish Council for their efforts.

d. **Defibrillators.** The first training session was deemed to be a success and 15 Time employees attended the session and a First Responder assisted with the training.

It was resolved that further courses should be organised.

e. **Spot on**

i It was reported that a performance of “Professor of Adventure” had been held and was very much appreciated by the people who had attended. A grant of £383.20 to cover the loss will be received from Spot on derived from various grants that are currently available.

ii Another performance from Spot on has been arranged for the 5th November of Fol Espoir's 'Instructions For American Servicemen In Britain' “ which has been hailed as amusing. The show and has been booked and is to be held in the St Peters Church Hall, 7 for 7.30pm.

It was resolved to note the report.

- f. **Civic Sunday.** The Parish Council considered a report concerning the future of the Annual event and after some considerable discussion by members it was felt that possible changes could be made to widen the appeal of the event. **It was resolved** that both Read Parish Council and the Vicar consider a joint service held by both parishes alternating the venues the first time for the event to be held on 11th June 2017 at St John's Church Read.

16/120. **Community activities -**

- a. **Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership** – Chairman gave a report about the partnership. He explained that it will promote improving the area through setting up training schemes, covering Environmental and Landscape management, Access improvement, Scientific research in covering flora and fauna, geology and economic promotion. Initially the Partnership will be funded for 3 years and has £2M budget. It is managed by a locally recruited management committee who will be assisted and monitored by the County Council who manages the Bowland AONB scheme. **It was resolved** to note the report.

16/121. **Correspondence items none**

- a. Two letters had been received expressing concern about 2 Planning applications 3/2015/0283 and 2/2015/870 and were not in accordance with the approved site plans and that two buildings had been constructed that do not appear on the site plans. Also that a PROW footpath is no longer usable as shown on the Map. There is an incorrect statement along with other associated footpath issues. The second letter was also discussed expressing concern about the development of the Equine centre and that the footpath was running through the centre of the development along with 2 larger sheds which had been placed adjacent to the paddock. Members expressed concern that these developments did not appear to have been identified in the application and did not appear to have gone through the necessary planning procedures. **It was resolved** that the letters be forwarded to Ribble Valley Enforcement officer for his attention and if necessary take the appropriate action.

16/122. **Reports. Chairman to report on** discussions with Coun Peter Collinge Chairman of Read Parish Council Parishes regarding matters of mutual interest that are proposed in a report to the County Council Cabinet Bus services

- a. **Bus services** - a joint response regarding the modifications to the bus services between Sabden Clitheroe Read and Simonstone that are seriously affecting the residents and businesses of the 3 parishes needs to be considered. **It was resolved** to note the report and authorise further discussions to continue in order to seek a resolution to the matter.
- b. **Surplus Assets** – the County Council is looking to dispose of its surplus assets, some of which may have belonged to former Authorities and parishes if the current senior authorities no longer have an interest in them or use for their original purpose before the reorganization. **It was resolved** that further discussions with both Sabden and Read Councillors should continue and the 3 Parish Councils continue to look at ways in resolving issues of mutual interest.

- c. **Ribble Valley/ Parish Council working party** The Parish Council considered membership of the working party set up to consider various matters that affect joint discussions when considering the effect of the County Council's proposed changes to the community of the Ribble Valley.
It was resolved that Coun Greera Norse be the Parish Council representative on the Working Party.

16/123. Planning

Application 3/2016/0507	Adam Birkett Officer: 01200 414571	
Address	Land opposite Foxhill House Whins Lane Simonstone	
Proposal	Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 3/2012/0789 to reflect reduction in size of first floor windows, increase in size of bifold doors to rear elevation, removal of bifold door on front elevation, insertion of three-paned window at ground floor. Amendments to front porch to provide a gabled roof and removal of entrance door from side of porch to front. Increase in size of garage to provide double garage facilities with a gabled roof.	
Parish Council	No objection	

16/124. LALC-

- a. **Annual General Meeting** which will be held on Saturday, 19 November 2016 at 10am at County Hall, Preston
It was resolved that the Clerk attend on behalf of the Parish Council
- b. **Councillors and Clerks Workshop**
It was resolved that Coun Barker attend the Workshop.

- 16/125. Martholme Greenway – Coun Graham Meloy** reported there were to be 2 Open days in July when electric trains would be running over the viaduct.
It was resolved to note the report

16/126. RVBC – Parish Liaison meeting the Chairman to report.

16/127. Finance

- a. **The Clerk reported** that the National Joint Council for Local Government Salary Awards 1st April 2016 and for 1st April 2017, had arrived.
It was resolved to adopt the salary awards as recommended.

b. **Accounts to be paid.**

i	Peter MacQueen	Fee (subsidy to be received)	£500.00
ii	David Peat	Chairmans allowance	£140.00
iii	I R Hirst	Salary	£497.77
iv	PSS	Tax	£124.20
v	HMRC	Expenses	£243.73

It was resolved pay the above accounts

16/128. District Councillors report

- a. Councillor Lesley Graves was unable to attend the meeting but had sent an email in which she reported *that* ;-
- i **She had discussed** the planting of a live Christmas tree in order to avoid the necessity of purchasing a tree every year Two businesses had offered to assist in obtaining and planting a tree.

- ii **She had pursued** the highway safety improvement at the junction of Fountains Avenue and Simonstone Lane with the County Council.
- iii **Knot weed and** blocked drains on Simonstone Lane had been reported to LCC Highway department.

16/129. The next Parish Council meeting is on the 11th August 2016 7pm.

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

- 1. Ribble Valley BC.**
- 2. Planning and Development Committee Agenda meetings 30th June**
- 3. Public Sector Show on the 22nd November in Central Manchester**

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