

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on 11th June 2015 at 7.00 pm

in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, Greera Norse. Joanne Quinn, Susan Bridge, & Denise Rishton.

In attendance – 1 members of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

15/105 Apologies - Cllrs Jayne Shaw, Graham Meloy.

15/106 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2015 for approval.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

15/107 Declaration of interests. Cllr David Peat & Geoff Hodbod. –Planning Application 3/2015/0329.

15/108 Public Participation. N.one

Decision items;

15/109 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

a. Community activities

i Theatre groups –

a) Spot On unable to find a programme for the available dates before the new year 2016.

b) The Library Theatre Group will give a performance of 'My Brilliant Divorce' on 7th November.

c) Hirer of the halls has to comply with various licensing obligations. We should be registered with the Performing Rights Society, but not necessary for a RVBC Entertainment License as under 500 will be attending.

It was resolved that a Working party to be formed - Cllr Joanne Quinn, Denise Rishton and Susan Bridge to consider entertainment options for the benefit of the community and to report their findings to the August Parish Council Meeting.

ii **Parish Plan** review. RVBC Planning officer has been approached concerning the best way forward. Colin Hirst has agreed to meet with parish representatives to discuss ideas for making progress and develop the housing requirements identified in the Parish Plan.

It was resolved to accept the offer to meet with the Colin and staff. Cllrs. Hodbod, Peat and Clerk to meet them and report to the next meeting.

iii **Litter bin** – RVBC are willing to consider suitable locations where the bin can be situated but sites will be subjected to a satisfactory risk assessment for a RCV. (Rubbish Collection Vehicle)to carry out the work in order to reduce the to-oing and fro-wing. Copies of the necessary documents have been forwarded to members.

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

iv **Community Organizations** List –Coun Greera Norse reported that she had made considerable progress and she had located almost 30 organisations listed.

It was resolved to note the report.

v **Flower bed maintenance Lengthsman** has now been requested to carry out the necessary work. Dave Smith, who has been a very helpful contact at Fort Vale, is to retire in August.

It was resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Smith thanking him for his help over the years to the Parish Council and community projects.

15/110 Matters raised by members.

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- a. **Cllr Quinn Website & Coun Hodbod** -Beauley Ave footpath, hedges and tree. The Clerk has reminded the LCC Highways of previous requests to resolve the complaints and copies have been forwarded to County Councillor Atkinson about the local concerns. Members have been notified but to date no response has been received.

It was resolved that Cllr Hodbod would visit the properties to discuss the problem that the hedges are causing to pedestrians on the footpath.

15/111 Correspondence Items of concern

- a. Cllr Peat reported that had received a letter from a resident requesting that a pedestrian crossing be installed across the A671 at the top of Simonstone Lane to make crossing the road safer at this location especially for School Children.

It was resolved that the clerk write to the complainant and to forward the letter to the county councillor expressing the Parish Council’s support for a crossing at this location.

15/112 Reports

- a. **Chairman.** – a copy of the report had been distributed and the following matters had been pursued;-
 - i War Memorial Trust Lancaster ;re War Memorials in Community. This is a joint venture of Civic Voices, Historic England,Imperial War Museum and War Memorials Trust, to register and survey the condition of the 100,000 war memorials in the UK. There are approximately 85,000 in England and circa 10% are thought to be unsafe or in danger of loss. He registered the new Simonstone Memorial on behalf of the Simonstone Community.
 - ii A letter had been received from the Minister for Veteran Affairs of Canada ,to complement the Parish’s efforts in remembering the fallen in WW1 and requested photographs of the 3rd Plaque for the Government of Canada Veterans website.

It was resolved to approve the action to register the new Memorial and that photographs of the memorial be forwarded to the Canadian Government website.

- b. **Coun Meloy** – No report.

15/113 RVBC.

15/114 Planning

Application number 3/2015/0323	Officer: : Adam Birkett 01200 414571	Grid Reference 377409 434372
Address	County House Simonstone Lane Simonstone BB12 7NX	
Proposal	24/04/2015 First floor extension Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application number 3/2015/0329	Officer: : Adam Birkett 01200 414571	Grid Reference 377370 434498
Address	4 Haugh Avenue Simonstone BB12 7HZ Simonstone	
Proposal	Demolition and removal of existing timber and asbestos concrete garage. Construction of a replacement K-rendered breeze block garage with terracotta Marley tiled roof on existing footprint Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	No objection	

15/115 LALC

- a. **Branch meeting** 7th July at Salesbury Memorial Hall, 7.30pm. members are invited to attend.

It was resolved to note the meeting date.

15/116 Finance

- a. **BDO** The final Audit statement for the year 2014-15 had been received and adjustment to the asset register had been made.

It was resolved to approve the statement.

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b. **Notification** From the Pensions Regulator- informing that the Parish Council should be registered by the 1st May 2017. The Parish Council has been registered, the Clerk is the nominated contact.

It was resolved to note the report.

c. **Hiring the School Hall** It had been suggested that the Parish Council should check if a license is required in order to comply with the Licensing Act 2005 this is not required (see above) though the necessity to register with the Performing Right Society had not been resolved.

It was resolved to note the report.

d. Payment.

i	RVBC	Additional Domain	£8.38
ii	Read and Simonstone YG	Contribution for equipment	£50.00
iii	Huntroyde Garden Centre	Prizes ~Garden Competition	£40.00
iv	Ebay/Coun Hodbod	Windows 7 Programmes	£58.89
v	I R Hirst	Salary	£492.80
vi	PSS	Expenses	£135.08
vii	D Peat	Chairman’s Allowance	£145.00
viii		& travel expenses.	£61.20
ix	HMRC	Income tax	£123.00
x	BDO	Audit Fee	£36.00

It was resolved to pay the above accounts.

15/117 Borough Councillors reports - Cllr Grave report had been received and welcomed

It was resolved to note the report.

15/118 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings.

15/119 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

15/120 Next Parish Council meeting 13th August 2015.

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

- a. **RVBC.**
- b. Minutes for April 2015
- c. Planning Meetings Agenda for the meeting on 4th June
- d. Parish Liaison meeting 18th June.
- e. LALC- LRC magazine Spring 2015

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