

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, Greera Norse. Joanne Quinn, Graham Meloy & Susan Bridge.

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

Apologies - Denise Rishton and Jayne Shaw.

15/87 Appointment of Chairman of the Parish Council for the municipal year 2015/16.

It was resolved that Councillor David Peat be Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

15/88 Appointment of vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was resolved that Councillor Graham Meloy be vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2015/16.

15/89 Appointment of Councillors. The Clerk reported that the following Councillors had been Elected in the Uncontested Parish Council elections;-

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| a. Susan Bridge | e. David Peat |
| b. Geoff Hodbod | f. Joanne Susan Quinn |
| c. Graham Nigel Meloy | g. Denise Rishton |
| d. Greera Norse | h. Jayne Shaw |

15/90 Appointment of Councillors to represent the Parish Council on the following bodies for 2015/16

Office	2014/15	2015/16
RV Parish Liaison Committee 5	David Peat & Geoff Hodbod	David Peat and Graham Meloy with new members attending when available.
L A Local Councils	Dave Waring & Graham Meloy	Coun Peat and Meloy
Parish Planning areas	As allocated by Chairman	As allocated by Chairman
8 6 Governance Panel	David Peat Geoff Hodbod. & Ken Bury	David Peat, Geoff Hodbod and Greera Norse.
Bank Signatories	Councillors as currently agreed and the Clerk	All members
Champion for the Elderly	Dave Waring	David Peat and Greera Norse

15/91 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2015

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

Declaration of interests. None

15/92 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker.

Several members of the public requested to speak of their concerns regarding Planning application 3/2015/0306 where the applicant requested that the variation of condition 14 on the 3/2009/0786 be granted. (The condition sought to extend the hours when the site could operate up to 9.00pm in the evening).

Several people spoke of their horror that the times of operating were even being considered as their quality of life had been seriously affected since the time the centre was opened and they had were totally opposed to any alteration of the planning conditions imposed originally.

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They complained about the blatant disregard of the existing conditions. These related to loud music being played late in the evening which was heard by residents living in the village away from the immediate vicinity of the site.

Flood lights were being used.

Traffic and buses visiting the site were causing serious road safety concerns 80 seater buses were causing serious obstruction to road users as in order to access the site they were blocking the road completely whilst manoeuvring on the Road, which is subject to a 60mph limit and where the site lines a planning conditions failed to be achieved nature due to bends on the road.

Residents living in the area complained that they were intimidated by representatives of the site when they interrupted a private dinner party of elderly ladies and were abusive to the host and guests.

The planning condition limiting parking on the site was being ignored and often was beyond the capacity of the site, double decker buses with 80 seating capacity were parking within the site along with minibuses and other forms of transport were parking on site having discharged their passengers. Photographic evidence has been forwarded to the Planning Department.

Residents expressed serious concerns that the operators of the site appear to have a blatant disregard of the planning conditions which were set to minimize the disturbance both to the local residents and the wild life, which appears to be least of the operators concerns and they expressed their total opposition to any change to the existing planning conditions and in particular condition 14, the subject of planning application 3/2014/0306.

Decision items;

15/93 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

- a. **Community activities**
- b. **Spot on theatre group**
 - i **The Ribble Valley Village Hall Association** has offered a grant towards the cost of putting on a production. Details have been forwarded by email.
It was resolved that arrangements for a play based on the WW1 Gallipoli campaign should be requested.
 - ii **Parish Plan** review Members agreed that there had been significant progress in developing the plans objectives and to investigate ways of progressing the housing strategy for retired villagers wanting to downsize but live in the parish so releasing a larger property which would be available for a family.
It was resolved to carry on exploring ways of implementing the plan and conduct a further review in a year's time.
 - iii **Litter bin** – the Clerk reported that there had been no response from Ribble Valley on the request to reconsider the placing of a bin on Whins Lane.
It was resolved that the Clerk make further enquiries.
 - iv **Couns Hodbod and Norse reported**
That the Youth Council was progressing well and the group was properly constituted. However, there were a number of older members due to leave as they were due to go to university and they are looking to recruit new members. The type of activities that they undertake are various Community based projects eg. Litter picking and environmental projects and support for local activities.
It was resolved to support the group by providing equipment to the value of £50.
 - v **Luncheon Club** –Meets regularly on the third Tuesday in the United Reform Church and there was also a Breakfast Club in the village which meets regularly at the Cricket Club.
It was resolved that more details of membership will be obtained for the next meeting

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Vi Flower bed, The Clerk reported that maintenance work on Simonstone Lane has started and has been undertaken by the Parish Lengthsman.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/94 Matters raised by members.

a. Couns Peat.

- i Civic Sunday is on 7th June followed by a reception at Read Cricket Club

It was resolved to confirm the arrangements with the caterer.

15/95 Correspondence Items of concern.

a. An email had been received concerning a hedge at the bottom of Beaulay Ave which was encroaching over the footpath. The Clerk had informed LCC Highways about the local concerns. And the hedge had been cut.

b. **Car advertising** - A car for sale in the lay-bye on Whalley Road. The complainant had been written to and told of the limited action that could be taken. Members reported that the car was no longer there.

It was resolved to note the above correspondence.

15/96 Reports

a. **The Chairman's Annual** report had been read out at the Parish meeting and copies distributed to members present.

It was resolved to note the report.

b. **Coun Meloy** reported that the –

i **Martholme Greenway Group** had received a response concerning access to the Track from Simonstone Lane and the company was unable to accommodate the request.

ii **SUSTRANS** –were in the process of recruiting volunteers for the Greenway Group and would assist in training and support for volunteers who wish to engage in developing the track.

iii **Steering Group** had been set up to develop a strategy leading to developing the track.

iv A report Mr Barber Chairman MGG had been distributed, the Group was organizing a Bio Blitz order to establish a baseline of the Flora and fauna found on the route and volunteers are welcomed to assist in the work.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/97 RVBC.

15/98 Planning Applications –

Application number 3/2015/0283 18/03/2015	Officer: : Colin Sharpe 01200414500	Grid Reference 377712 435634
Address	Land adj Trapp Lane Read/Simonstone	
Proposal	Redevelopment of existing equestrian centre to form horse stables and livery, indoor arena and external riding area, including the demolition of the existing dilapidated building. Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application number 3/2015/0306 26/03/2015	Officer: : Officer: Colin Sharpe 01200414500	Grid Reference 377749 434780
Address	Pump House Dean Wood Trapp Lane Simonstone Lancashire Simonstone	
Proposal	Variation of condition 14 of planning consent 3/2009/0786 to amend closing time to 2100hrs form the of end of March to the end of August	
Parish Council	The Parish Council strongly objects to this extension and already there had been many breaches of the existing planning conditions.	

Application number 3/2015/0253	Officer: : Adam Birkett 01200 41457	Grid Reference 376915 43442
Address	5 Byland Close Simonstone BB12 7QA.	
Proposal	Proposed dormer extension and alterations..Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	No Objection	

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15/99 LALC

- a. Councillor Training details of training opportunities and been received
- b. Conference 2015 6th June Leyland Hotel 9.30am -3.45pm cost £35.00 per delegate

It was resolved to note the offers

15/100 Finance

- a. **Auditors report on the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year 2014 -15.** Hard copies were available at the meeting and soft copies have been forwarded for members. The Chairman read out the Annual Governance Statement confirming that the Parish Council had complied with all the mandatory Audit requirements.

It was resolved to approve the above Internal Auditor’s report and Annual Statement of Governance.

b. Payment.

i	Zurich Insurance	insurance	£200.70
ii	Les Pickering	Audit	£60.00
iii	Mrs Starkie	Rent	£50.00
iv	Lancs training Partnership	CILCA Course	£150.00

It was resolved to pay the above accounts

15/101 **Borough Councillor reports** – Borough Councillor Lesley Graves introduced herself as a new Borough Councillor and she told the meeting that it was the first time that she had taken up office. As there had not been a meeting of the borough councillor there was nothing to report except to say that she is on the Parish Liaison, the Health and Housing and the Planning Committees of the Borough Council.

Richard Bennett was elected to the Borough Council and is a member of the Licensing and Community service Committee.

It was resolved to note the reports

15/102 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

15/103 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

15/104 Next Parish Council meeting 11th June 2015.

Part II –Items of business not to be discussed in public, None

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 16th April 2015.
- d. CPRE –Field Work Spring Editions and the Spring edition of Countryside Voice.

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