

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 3rd September 2015 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. David Peat, , Greera Norse., Susan Bridge, and Graham Meloy.

In attendance –Parish Clerk- Roger Hirst.

15/143. Apologies Denise Rishton , Joanne Quinn, Jayne Shaw, and Geoff Hodbod.

15/144. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2015.

15/145. It was resolved to approve the minutes

15/146. Declaration of interests. None.

15/147. Public Participation. None

Decision items;

15/148. Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

a. **Community activities** -

b. Coun Norse -Community Organizations – gave a report and list of all the organisations that are in the village and area.

It was resolved that the list would be placed on the website and on notice boards and be made available at the Butchers shop, Library. the Stork Hotel, Schools and Churches and Constitutional Club The list contained contact details of all the listed organisations.

c. **Cycle Race leaflets** – had been distributed to the residents on Whins Lane.

It was resolved to note the report

d. **Theatre Working Group**, Coun Bridge distributed posters and flyers for the show also tickets were distributed for the performance of 'My Brilliant Divorce',

It was resolved that Tickets are to be sold via councillors,the Stork, library, the butchers shop and posters are to be distributed widely eg the Church and Constitution Club. Members to action the report.

15/149. Whins Lane Litter bin. The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a response from the County Council

It was resolved to note the Clerks report.

Matters raised by members

15/150. Coun Peat :-

a. **Armistice Sunday.** 8th November at 11.30am at the War Memorial outside St Petter's Church.

It was resolved that the Parish Council should be represented at the service and lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

15/151. Coun Rishton

a. **-Hedge Cutting** Wilkinson Farm. A leaflet had been delivered to the property and work had been actioned.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/152. Coun Hodbod.-Bulb Planting details of various suppliers was considered.

It was resolved that Councillor Hodbod would make arrangements for Huntroyde Garden Centre to provide the Bulbs suitable for planting in the verges and the Parish Council Garden.

15/153. Couns Norse-reported that she had been in contact with the Lengthsman and had asked questions about the scheme with him. She had established that :-

a. he was not willing to take on the regular emptying of litter bins owing to the mixed nature of the material that is deposited in them some which, require specialist disposal arrangements, though he would not allow over full bins to remain in that condition.

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b. Some of the work requested was subject to legal restraints and cannot be carried out as and when the Parish Council requests them. (eg Bat and bird legislation).

c. It was stated that the cleaning bus stop was a responsibility of Ribble Valley as they had adopted this responsibility a number of years ago.

It was resolved to note the report and to request Ribble Valley to clean and maintain their bus shelters in the village .

15/154. Chairman's Report

a. The Chairman brought to the Parish Council that on the 9th September the Queen would have been the longest serving Monarch in British History.

It was resolved that the Parish Council should convey its loyal congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen.

b. The Chairman's reports for August and September had been distributed;-

c. Housing needs A meeting with Huntroyde Estate Offices has been held where the Parish Council's Parish plan was discussed and the need for housing land for single elderly people who wish to downsize and wish to stay in the village could move into was also discussed. It had been agreed that the Estate would consider the request and respond to it for the October meeting.

It was resolved to note the reports.

15/155. Martholme Greenway -Coun Meloy reported –

a. that there was to be a meeting of the group on Friday the 4th September and that there had been an Open day on the 29th August. clearance work on the track bed would commence in the Autumn.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/156. LCC .

a. Funding for School Crossing Patrol.

b. Lancashire County Council is currently reviewing options for future funding of services, including school crossing patrols, through a zero base budget review. At the moment we plan to present options to the county council's Budget Scrutiny Working Group in October 2015 and anticipate that Cabinet will publish budget options for consultation in November 2015, as part of the normal budget cycle. Given the current position the county are not yet able to process the Parish Council's request. This will be subject to the future budget decisions taken by the council.

It was resolved to not the report.

c. Funding for SpID -A application form has been forwarded for funding and acknowledged and decision is awaited.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/157. RVBC

a. Concurrent functions grant aid Litter bins. An application has been forwarded to RVBC and acknowledged a decision is awaited.

b. Planning Applications – The Clerk reported the Planning application 3/2015/0495 Land at Worthalls Farm Westfield Avenue Read BB12 7PW had a number of properties in it for elderly single people.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/158. LALC – Clerks Training –The Clerk reported that he had attended a CILCA training session and the topics considered were Standards for in public life, Community engagement, Training and Council development.

15/159. Finance

a. Payment.

i	IR Hirst	Salary	£492.60
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ii	HMRC	Income tax	£123.20
iii	PSS	Expenses	£84.21
iv	D Peat	Meeting expenses	£21.60

It was resolved to pay the above accounts

15/160. Borough Councillors report – Lesley Graves apology received.

15/161. Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings.

- a. Street name plates to be checked by members and faulty ones to be considered for repair or replacement at the next Parish Council meeting.
- b. Purchase a bench in Commemoration of her Majesty the Queen becoming the longest serving monarch in British history.

15/162. Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

15/163. Next Parish Council meeting 8th October 2015.

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

- 1. b. **RVBC** Minutes for Accounts and Audit Committee.26th August 2015 6.30pm.
- 2. Planning Meetings Agenda for the meeting on 2th July
- 3. Martholme Viaduct Open day -29th August and local History walks in September and October.
- 4. Parish Walk – 7th September meet at the Parish Garden at 6.30pm.
- 5. Parish Liaison meeting 6.30pm 10th September 2015

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