

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on 11th August 2016

In the Old School Simonstone.

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

In attendance – RV Coun Lesley Graves. 2 Members of the public and Parish Clerk, Roger Hirst

Apologies –. RV Coun. Jayne Shaw, Graham Meloy, John Barker

16/130. Minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2016

It was resolved to approve the minutes

16/131. Declaration of interests. None.

16/132. Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker). None

Decision items;

16/133. Nomination. The Clerk reported that Dr John Barker had not complied with the Declarations of Interest legislation as he had not returned the necessary declaration within the 28days from the date of his nomination as a requirement of the act and was therefore, unable to become a Parish Councillor.

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

16/134. Christmas

a. **Caterer** has been engaged

It was resolved to note the engagement

b. **Tree planting** RV Coun Graves and Mrs Kelly planted a Christmas tree which had been donated.

It was resolved that Coun Graves be thanked for her gift and Mrs Kelly for planting the tree.

c. **Spot on** –

i The balance of the grant towards the performance of the “Professor of Adventures” has been received.

ii The notices for the performance on the 5 November “Instructions for American Service Men in Britain” have been received. Arrangements for the sale of tickets and assistance for setting out the hall from 2.pm before the show and (90 minutes) after the show need to be made. A request for catering information and accommodation needs to be made. Costs to be reclaimed from Spot On

iii It was resolved that a meeting be held on 14th September 7.00pm at the Higher Trapp to make the final arrangements.

16/135. Joint Parish Civic services Read Parish Council has agreed to join with Simonstone Parish Council in holding an annual Civic Service alternating between St John’s Church Read 11th June 2017 and St Peters Church Simonstone in 2018.

It was resolved the arrangements as above be confirmed.

16/136. Bus services and County assets matters- discussions with neighboring Parishes– Chairman to report that the Ribble Valley parish Liaison Working party had produced a report confirming that a hub for County Services be set up in Whalley for the South eastern parishes of the borough.

It was resolved that the Clerk confirm the Parish Councils acceptance of the recommendations contained in the report.

16/137. Ribble Valley/County Working Party. PROW 3 Footpath condition surveys –
It was resolved that the 3 reports be forwarded to the County Council for its attention.

16/139. Community activities -

a. **Bulb Planting** – Spring bulb planting.

It was resolved that 2000 bulbs be planted in verges and the Parish garden and Coun Hodbod and Norse assisted by Mrs Kelly would coordinated the schemes.

16/140. Correspondence items

a. **Two letters** concerning the A671 Hole in the road at the bottom of Haugh Ave. A response had been forward to the complainants and Nigel Evans MP who had asked BT for a response. County Councillor Albert Atkinson had also been made aware of the Parish Council’s concern. It was reported that BT has been working for 2 days to rectify the problem but the hole had not be repaired.

It was resolved to note the report and to monitor developments

b. **The eroded footpath** on Blackburn Road first reported in January has not yet been attended to and Councillor Atkinson has forwarded a request to the County management for a response, and a response is awaited.

It was resolved to note and monitor the action in resolving the matter.

16/141. Reports. Chairman to report on discussions with neighbouring Parishes regarding matters of mutual interest that are proposed in a report to the County Council Cabinet Bus services.

16/142. Planning Applications

Application 3/2016/0663	Officer Adam Birkett 01200 414571	Grid ref 377478 435315
Address	Land (former quarry) opposite Foxhill House Whins Lane Simonstone	
Proposal	Erection of a detached dwelling with attached double garage and minor amendments to the scheme approved under 3/2012/0789, Applications for full consent Simonstone.	
Parish Council	No object	

Application 3/2016/0678	Officer Adam Birkett 01200 414571	Grid ref : 377647 435644
Address	Mr T Whittaker The Old Stables Higher Trapp House Trapp Lane Simonstone BB12 7QW	
Proposal	15m diameter, round, covered horse exercise arena..	
Parish Council	Concern is was expressed that the development appears to be over large for a non commercial activity and for family use. With many previous concerns not been addressed blocking of footpaths, building and shed being erected in open countryside. It would appear that there is no point in making the planning aware of local opinion as there has been little or no actions taken to address the local concerns.	

Application 0671 3/2016/0671	Officer Adam Birkett Officer: 01200 414571	Grid ref 377450 433357
Address	Development Address: Fort Vale Engineering Ltd Calder Vale Park Simonstone Lane Simonstone BB12 7ND	
Proposal	Application for retention of unauthorised solar panels providing 931.84 kWp to power existing manufacturing facility .	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application 3/2016/0693	Officer John Macholc Officer: 01200414502	Grid ref
Address	Calder Vale Park Simonstone Lane Simonstone BB12 7ND	
Proposal	Discharge of conditions 3,4,11 and 13 (foul and surface water drainage), 5 (hard and soft landscaping), 6 (construction method statement) and 10 (assessment of mine workings) from planning permission 3/2016/0040. Discharge of Conditions Simonstone	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application 3/2016/0727	Officer John Macholc :01200414502	Grid ref 377450 433357
Address	Fort Vale Engineering Ltd Calder Vale Park Simonstone BB12 7ND	
Proposal	Variation of condition 9 (security lighting or floodlighting) of planning permission . 3/2016/0040 to allow details of lighting to be submitted prior to their use rather than prior to commencement of development	
Parish Council	Concern was expressed that there should be no light spillage beyond the boundary of the site.	

16/143. Highways Complaints

- a. **Hedge on School Lane ref number 172279** - Hedge overhanging the road and causing damage to passing vehicles – County reported that the hedge has been cut.
It was resolved to note the report

16/144. Martholme Greenway – Councillor Graham Meloy - no report.

- 16/145. **LCC – Threatened closure** of Read Library, Concern was expressed about the loss of the library along with access to a public computer and historical local documents which contain local information which had been researched over many years for community use.
It was resolved that the Clerk make enquires of the costs that would be involved to retain the service on a run by local volunteers basis until such times that an alternative site can be found for it to be operated from.

- 16/146. **RVBC - Grant funding - Barrett homes** is offering £1000 for community projects.
It was resolved that the Clerk make enquire if the funding could be used to help maintain the local Library for a period of time subject to the agreement of the County Council.

- 16/147. **RV Village Hall Association** Grant funding is available for community projects up to £700.
It was resolved that the Clerk enquiry if the funding could be used to assist a Parish Council locate and identify premises suitable for public services and including renovation.

16/148. LALC-

- a. Community Engagement with Case Studies – Workshop 27th September- £25

16/149. Finance

a. Accounts

i CPRE Annual Subscription £36

It was resolved to pay the above subscription

16/150. District Councillors reports see attached

It was resolved to note the report.

- 16/151. **Joint meeting with St Peter's School to discuss matters of mutual interest. Members are welcome to attend on 15th September 5.pm.**
Noted

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- 16/152. Matters of concern** for reporting to the other attention of other authorities.
a. **Vegetation** over growing footpaths causing obstruction when vehicles are parked causing obstruction to pedestrians. Both the County highways and poice to be informed.

16/153. The next Parish Council meeting is on the 22nd September 2016 at 7pm.

Chairman's signature

Late report not shown on the agenda.

16/143

Ribble Valley Councillors report

Author Councillor Lesley Graves

Lancashire Highways has been contacted regarding an update on the traffic island at the top of Simonstone Lane and was informed that the idea had been scrapped. However, it was possible that there was more chance of success regarding funding for a zebra crossing there. A funding request had been made for it, and as it is the only one in the Ribble Valley asked for there is a possibility that it would be successful.

I raised the matter of the keep clear painted road sign outside the Stork/Garage and was told that the relevant department had been contacted some time ago and reminder would be sent to it to expedite matters. I will chase the matter up within the next two months.

I have also been in contact with the District Lead officer regarding the erosion at the Altham Bridge and was informed that the original job had been sent to the incorrect team and the correct team are now dealing with this matter, I was told that I should hear of progress within twenty days. I would like clarification on who exactly is dealing with this matter so that can progress can be made and I will report any developments in due course.

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