

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on 9th February 2017

in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors Graham Meloy, Geoff Hodbod, David Peat, and Greera Norse.
In attendance –. 1 Member of the public, RV Coun Lesley Graves, and Parish Clerk, Roger Hirst.

Apologies-Coun. Jayne Shaw. John Barker and Elisa Hargreaves.

17/16 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2017.

- (a) **It was resolved** to approve the minutes

- (b) **Presentation by Mr Seaforth of Read and Simonstone Tennis Club**, who outlined proposals that the club had to replace the Club house of advanced years, which had become increasingly expensive to maintain and lacked the facilities (electricity) that are expected in the present day sports club. The replacement building will encourage a wider use of activities which would appeal to all generations within Read and Simonstone. One of the chief objectives was to encourage physical activity across the communities in order to create a healthier life style and reduce the level of inactivity that is a cause of much incapacity in the ageing population. The club is keen to become a local meeting place to increase the social interactions between sections of the community whilst using the tennis and other sporting activities not catered for in the two villages.

- (c) The club has just renewed a 25 yrs lease with the land owner and has received Grant funding toward meeting the cost of the development which is to proceed in two phases. Phase one is to replace the existing building and phase two is to creating better access and lighting, security and increase the use of the outdoor playing areas.

- (d) The project was estimated to cost in the region of £250k. And the club had engaged a Professional fund raiser, to assist them in developing the project at a cost of 10% of the funds raised.

- (e) The Club asked for a letter of support for the project from the Parish Council. Members agreed that the Clerk should forward a letter of support to the Club.

17/17 Declaration of interests none declared.

17/18 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker).

17/19 Decision items;

- (a) **Nomination** of Parish Councillors. None.
- (b) The Chairman asked where notices of vacancies could be seen, and pointed out that they could be seen, since last July, in the minutes on the Parishes website and information leaflets on the notice boards.
It was resolved that the notices be refreshed and greater prominence be given to vacancies on the parish website

17/20 Matters raised from previous meetings.

17/21

- a **WW1** The members considered how to present the book “Up The John!” in which a former Simonstone resident Lance Corporal Robert James Breckell’s name is recorded. The book is the history .of the Canadian Regiment of The Royal Regina Rifles and memorabilia presented to the Parish Council at the World War One Remembrance Service in November 2014 is to be displayed. It had been previously intimated that the Head Teacher would assist in helping to provide a suitable location for the Book and objects of memorabilia.
(1) **It was resolved** the Clerk discuss the matter with the Head teacher

17/22 Spid 3 sites for the placing of the Spid plates have been agreed but two of the sites suggested were not suitable. Alternative locations;-

- (1) for post no3 on Fountains Avenue.
(2) Place a Spid post on Whins Lane and Sabden Road approaching the junction with Whins Lane both sites currently a 60mph limit, subject to the County Safety Committees approval who have been approached regarding this .

It was resolved to proceed with suggestions once county has approved the sites and that the necessary materials be obtained and installed.

17/23 Matters requested by members

17/24 Ribble Valley Parish Liaison meeting.

- a **Presentation by Dog Wardens** –see attached report.
b **Payphone report** See attached
c **Transparency Act** – following the Parish Council’s request the matter was discussed and a response will be forthcoming.
d **The Borough Council** is considering suitable locations for beacons to be placed for communities to participate in a National chain of beacons to mark the end of WW1 on 11th November.

It was resolved to note the report

17/25 LALC – Chairmanship Workshop 16th March £25.00 per person for the course.

It was resolved to note report

17/26 Correspondence.

- a **A request had been received** for traffic calming measures to be placed on Simonstone Lane on the approaches to Tunstead Ave. The Clerk reported that he had responded and that there had been a scheme drawn up some years ago which had not been proceeded with due to the costs and that the road is one of the main routes for ambulances to travel down when called to incidents in Ribble Valley.

It was resolved to note the report.

17/27 Reports

- a Pendle Hill Partnership- Coun. Peat reported on a Partnership meeting he had attended and the main points were as follows [-
i) The partnership is to improve the area through the training of local staff in walling, building, hedging, etc
ii) To support local initiatives to make the area more accessible and improve the facilities in the surrounding designated areas parts of Read and Simonstone are within the supported area.

- a There were so far 17 projects being considered and there is funding of £2.3m for the 3 year life time of the scheme.
It was resolved to note the report.

- b **The Clerk reported** that there was still money available in the “Ribble Valley Councillors fund” which can be used for parish betterment should the District councillor agree.

The following suggestions have been made:-

- (a) To provide posts @ £200 approx each for the 2 Spids.
- (b) To contribute to Lengthsman’s time towards clearing part of the route on the old railway track.
- (c) To the Martholme Greenway project.

It was resolved to apply for funding to purchase 3 additional posts for the Spid and 1 backing plate.

- c **Meeting of Read Parish Council,**

17/24 Planning no applications received

- a A Letter of objection to 3/2016/1192- Hammond Ground, had been circulated to members.

It was resolved to note the letter.

17/25 Martholme Greenway Councillor Meloy reported that a planning application had been prepared and that a letter of support from the Parish Council was requested for the 1st stage of the project from Simonstone Lane to Gooseleach Wood. Additional support for the project was increasing and improvement to the Great Harwood section to Martholme was due to be completed shortly.

It was resolved that a letter of support for the application be forward to the Group.

17/26 Finance

- a Grants
- b Receipts
 - i) Ribble Valley Concurrent function grant £78.00
- c Payment of Accounts. None

17/27 District Councillor Graves reported that she approved the Parish Council’s application for the of the use remainder of the District Councillors Grant for the year 2016/7.

It was resolved that the Clerk make the necessary application and arrangements.

17/28 The next Parish Council meeting is on the 9th March 2017 at 7pm.

Chairman’s Signature.....

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