

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on 19th May 2016

In the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, Sue Bridge, Jayne Shaw, Graham Meloy

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

Apologies –. RV Coun. Lesley Graves.

16/92. **Appointment of Chairman** of the Parish Council for the municipal year 2016/17.

It was resolved that David Peat be Chairman for the ensuing year.

16/93. **Appointment of vice-Chairman** of the Parish Council

It was resolved Graham Meloy be the Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

16/94. **Appointment of Councillors** to represent the Parish Council on the following bodies for 2016/17.

Office	2015/16	2016/17
RV Parish Liaison Committee	David Peat and Graham Meloy	David Peat and Graham Meloy with new members attending when available
L A Local Councils	Coun Peat and Meloy	Coun Peat and Meloy
Parish Planning areas	As allocated by Chairman	As allocated by Chairman
Governance Panel	David Peat, Geoff Hodbod and Greera Norse.	David Peat, Geoff Hodbod and Greera Norse
Bank Signatories	All members	All members
Champion for the Elderly	David Peat and Greera Norse	David Peat and Greera Norse

It was resolved that the above members be representatives of the Parish Council on the above bodies.

It was reported that Denise Rishton and Joanne Quinn had resigned from the Parish Council.

It was resolved that letters of thanks be sent to them for their service to the community/

16/95. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2016** for approval.

It was resolved the minutes were approved

Declaration of interests. Coun J Shaw PA. 0384

16/96. **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

- **Mr. John Tilley** of Padiham Community Action Group spoke on behalf of the Group about proposals in the Burnley development plan concerning the allocation of Green belt land just across the boundary in Burnley from Simonstone for industrial. Development. There were 2 sites of concern identified, one of which is adjacent to the river Calder and to the East of the A6068. This area of Green belt land is flooded on occasions of heavy rain. To allow development in this area would cause an increased speed of water run off into the river which would have a direct impact on the industrial area in Simonstone and also have an adverse effect on flood villages such as Whalley and Ribchester downstream both of which have serious flooding problems already.

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Decision items;

16/97. Matters raised from previous meeting

- a. **Housing** for the Elderly, Following the possibility of developing suitable housing, an appraisal as been received for the building of 8, 2 bedroom bungalows on a shared ownership of a development.
It was resolved to take no action at the present time.
- b. **Spot On Autumn** Schedule of Plays – Council to consider the menu of events available for the Autumn and to decide on a Show. Menus have been distributed to members by email.
It was resolved to request a performance of “Instruction for American Service in Britain” during early November.
- c. **Stall for village fete – 25th June** A packet of wild flower seeds has arrived
It was resolved to accept the offer of assistance form Marion Kelly who would prepare the seeds and distribute them on behalf of the Parish Council
- d. **School fete stall or game** – Brought forward from April meeting for consideration when members are requested to consider a suitable game eg Bat the Rat, Lucky draw or any game that members may know of.
It was regretted that the Parish Council would not be able to assist this year.
- e. **Options for Christmas buffet.** The services of Rob Mason (Entertainer) have been confirmed. He will attend.
It was resolved to arrange for a buffet to be provided within the cost limitations as agreed. Clerk to report progress at the next Parish Council meeting
- f. **Christmas tree planting.** The Clerk will report any outcome at the Parish Council meeting.
It was resolved that additional enquires be made.
- g. **Garden competition** Councillor Hodbod reported that the judge was making initial inspections.
It was resolved to note the report.
- h. **Defibrillators.** It was reported that the first training session had taken place and was deemed to be a success and 15 Time employees attended the session. Members of the First Responders had assisted in providing instruction. Further courses are being arranged.
It was resolved to note the report
- i. **Civic Sunday** Arrangements 5th June for the service at St Peter’s Church at 9.30am.
It was resolved to accept the guest list of people who have contributed to the work of the Parish Council during the past year.

16/85. Community activities - Working party

- a. **Members were** requested to assist in setting up and managing the hall for the show “The Professor of Adventure” on the 20th May at 7pm in the School Hall. Coun. Meloy, Peat and Nick and Daniel and Scout group would help at the event.
It was resolved to approve the arrangements.

16/86. Correspondence items

- a. An email was received asking for the minutes of the April meeting and the agenda for the May meeting.
- b. An email suggesting an improvement may be made to the Parish Council website forwarded to our website manager for information.
- c. Letter re fracking see attached.
It was resolved to note the above letters.
- d. Padiham Community Action Groups.
 - e. **It was resolved** to object to the current proposals contained in the Burnley Local Plan to develop on the green belt land adjacent to the Shuttleworth Meade industrial area, concerning the fact that the development would cause an increase in the speed of water runoff due to increasing of intensity of rain fall in recent years which has had and adverse affect on sites both in Simonstone industrial area and villages downstream.
 - f. Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Scheme
It was resolved to note the report
- g. Spot on finance cuts in the grants that support the Group They requested that the ticket prices be adjusted to ensure the future of the group
It was resolved that the ticket prices be increased by £1.

16/87. Reports

- a. **Planning Training Event** –Couns. Jayne Shaw and Sue Bridge reported that the event was promoting the development of the Neighborhood Plans which is helpful for some communities.
It was resolved to note the report

Application 3/2016/0384	Officer Adam Birkett	Grid ref : 377833 433344
Address	Norwood Blackburn Road Simonstone BB12 7NQ	
Proposal	Removal of condition 2 of planning permission 3/1999/0860 to remove the occupancy restriction. Location	
Parish Council	Coun Shaw left the room during the discussion of this item. The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal	

Resubmission of the Application below

Application number3/2015/0906	Officer: : Robert Major	Grid Reference 377104 434586
Address	Land adjacent to Time Business Park,	
Proposal	Proposed Business Park comprising 18 industrial units for b2 general industry andB1 (offices and light industry)	
Parish Council	Concerns were raised about vehicle parking and manoeuvrability and the impact on the highway congestion especially at peak periods.	

LALC –

- 16/88. Martholme Greenway –** . A request from the group for assistance on the 14th May on the Fund raising open day on the Martholme viaduct when a steam train will be crossing over the bridge. It was reported that 300 people attended the event.

It was resolved to note the report.

- 16/89. Lengthsman programme** of work for 2016-17. Are there any additional requirements which need to be done in the coming year?

It was resolved that a planting of spring flowering bulbs be added to the programme of work for the year.

16/90. LCC

- a. **Cabinet agenda** Item for the meeting to be held on 10th May where proposals to change how the county council delivers some of its local services were discussed. See the following link.
<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=40174#mgDocuments>.
 Consultation on the proposals start on the 18th May . A decision on a final set of proposals is due to be made in September. (Read Library closure)
It was resolved to consider the effect of the proposals at the next Parish Council meeting.
- b. – **LCC reference A671** complaint 156004 concerning the road works at the bottom of Haugh Ave on A671. The matter has been reported to BT Openreach for their attention. The Clerk reported that there is no phone communications system available for public authorities to speak to anyone there who can assist in resolving the long standing issue. An additional complaint has been lodged with LCC via "Highway fault report" system but the system shows on the County Council website. that the matter has been resolved. However after a number of phone calls and persistence it was finally possible to speak to someone in the Highways Department who explained that Openreach had been working on site and damage had been done to some underground equipment. The Highways Department had contacted the company but the matter had not been resolved.
It was resolved that an early resolution of the matter be pursued as a matter of urgency.

16/91. **RVBC** – Following the start of the new civic year the progame for the Council's meetings has been received. The dates for the Parish Liaison meetings clash with the Parish Council meeting dates which are on the 9th June and the 8th September. Does the Parish Council wish to change the dates of its meetings to the following Thursdays.

It was resolved that in future years the annual calendar of Parish Council meetings be drawn up after the Municipal calendar has been received.

16/92. **LALC- see attached minutes**

- a. **Ribble Valley Branch meeting 25th May 7.00pm** West Bradford Village Hall.

It was resolved to note the date.

16/93. **Finance**

- a. **Audited accounts for the year 2015-16 for approval.**

It was resolved to approve the Audited Accounts.

- b. **Accounts to be paid**

i	Tower Mint/IRH	Birthday Medals	£189.00
ii	Les Pickering	Audit Fee	£65.00
iii	Boston Seeds/IRH	Flower seeds	£20.00
iv	G Hodbod	Poster materials	£11.20
v	Sabden Parish Council	Lengthsman	£700.00

It was resolved to approve payment of the above accounts

16/94. **District Councillors none had been received**

16/95. **The next Parish Council meeting is on the 30th June at 7pm.**

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