

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 22nd September 2016
In the Old School Simonstone.

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

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

Apologies –. Couns. Jayne Shaw, Graham Meloy, RV Coun Lesley Graves

16/153 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2016

a. **It was resolved** to approve the minutes

16/154 **Declaration of interests.** None.

16/155 **Public Participation.** David Ingham of the Ribble Valley Association Outlined the work of the Association which includes fostering and developing village halls within Ribble Valley in community centres for small communities. There are at present 40 village halls throughout the Valley. The Association encourages support both the use and management of the halls for the communities they serve. He introduced the Reverend Michele Jarmany who outlined a decision that the leaders of the United Reform Church had made for the buildings to be offered to both local Parish Council for community use.

a. Members considered the offer and await the considered response of Read Parish Council until the Parish Council is invited to become involved in further discussions.

16/156 **Decision items;**

16/157 **Matters raised from previous meeting.**

a. A671 Hole in the road at the bottom of Haugh Ave. The underlying problem that BT had had been rectified and the County Council and County Councillor Albert Atkinson had been informed but the work that is required has not been completed.

i **It was resolved** that a final approach be made to the Council before publicising the County Councils lack of concern.

b. **The Clerk reported that** a grant had been offered for the purchase of a Spid and that the police had given their advice on the preferred model.

i **It was resolved** that the Spid be purchased as per quote.

c. **Working party report** - 14th September. Autumn events.

i **It was resolved** to accept and approve the report.

16/158 **Read Parish Council** members considered the response from Read Parish Council concerning both parishes holding joint Civic Sunday in future

a. **It was resolved** that in future both Parish Councils would alternate Annual Civic Services between St John’s Read (2017) and at St Peter’s Church Simonstone (2018).

16/159 **Correspondence items Crime report Aug 16**

a. **Two letters** Criminal activities report had been received and dealt with by the Clerk and were distributed with the agenda

i **It was resolved** that a request to residents who live in a no cold calling zone report any cold call contact without putting themselves at risk to the police or the Parish Council Clerk.

b.

- c.
- d. **Shady walk footpath**– A letter of concern had been received concerning the footpath and the clerk had requested a response from the County Council which had been received and distributed to members along with the agenda.

It was resolved to note the report

16/160 Reports

- a. **Pendle Hill forum** update Chairman to report; the meeting had been postponed.
- b. **Parish Liaison meeting**.- the Chairman reported that the following matters had been discussed;-
 - i Report on the Boundary Commission’s Electoral review briefing – the objective is to equalise the number of electors per councillor.
 - ii Affordable Warmth Campaign
 - iii Parish Clerks Briefing
 - iv LCC property report that the library in Read would close at the end of the month.

It was resolved to note the contents of the report

- c. **St Peter’s School 15th September** the Chairman reported that the arrangements for the Christmas activities were discussed and it was agreed that Christmas tree switch time be changed to 6.30pm and that a note was to be included in the school newsletter joint meeting to parents . A request also would be included asking for assistance erecting the tree, as well as bulb planting. Members appreciate the co-operation of the school in Parish and Community activities.

It was resolved to note the report.

16/161 Planning

- a. **Burnley Local Plan Preferred Options.** The Parish Council’s final submission had been distributed for members to consider..
- b. **Ribble Valley Consultation Local Plan Draft** proposals, Members had been notified of the Ribble Valley website the link :- *Ribble Valley Housing and Economic Development DPD: Issues and Options Consultation (Regulation 18) and Draft Proposals Map*; and a hard copy had been available at the meeting. The Clerk gave a résumé of the documents explaining the considered effect and implications for the Parish.

It was resolved to note the report.

- c. **Boundary Commission-** Proposals for the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries. See link file

<http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-boundary-review-initial-proposals-launched/> the members were made

aware of the effect of the initial proposal and the options available for the Council and public alike to make representations during the process of the Commissions work. The Chairman told the meeting that various organisations were in the process of making a response to the initial proposals and these would be available for members to consider during in the consultation process before any changes would be made.

- d. **It was resolved** to note the report.

- 16/162 Martholme Greenway – Councillor John Barker** Reported that Sustrans were to assist in developing the route between School Lane and Gooseleach Wood. It was hoped that

further clearance work on the eastern section from Shuttleworth Mead A 6068 towards Simonstone Lane would commence in the New Year. There has been additional funding allocated for the project for the Great Harwood section of the track to be improved up to and across the viaduct, after which there will be further days when it will be open to

the public when the RV Live Steamers will be running their steam trains over the viaduct giving trips for members of the public to enjoy. He told the meeting that the local St Peters's School was wishing to get involved in the project

16/163 Threat to close Read Library. It has been decided that the Library is to close. The County Council is open for suggestions to enable libraries to continue opening on a volunteer basis. However the meeting was told that the Library would be closed by the beginning of October.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the County Council Library service asking that all the local research artefacts and historical documents be sent to the archive at Townley Hall so that they are available for all local residents to research.

16/164 RVBC - Grant funding Barrett homes details had been attached and circulated.

It was resolved to note the report

16/165 RV Village Hall Association Grant funding is available for community projects up to £700. David Ingham of the Association will be in attendance to explain a scheme that is available to the Parish Council. Discussed at the opening of the meeting see above.

16/166 LALC-

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

It was resolved to note the report

16/167 Finance

a. Accounts		
b. Huntroyde Nurseries	Bulbs	£240
c. I R Hirst	Salary	£497.57
d. HMRC	Tax	£124.40
e. PSS	Expenses	£57.93

It was resolved to Pay the above accounts.

16/168 District Councillors Report none

16/169 Items for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting;

a. **Final arrangements** for the play, Christmas Tree erection and the switch on as well as the Party.

16/170 The next Parish Council meeting is on the 13th October 2016 at 7pm.

Chairman's signature _____

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

- 1. Minutes and Proceedings of Ribble Valley Council and Committees July 2016**
- 2. Local Plan for Ribble Valley 2008-2018 Regulations 18 Issues and Options Housing and Economic Development DPD August 2016**
- 3. Parish Liaison Meeting 8th September Planning Agenda 15th September.**
- 4. The Clerk SLCC September edition.**