

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**  
**in the Old School Simonstone.**

**Present Councillors**, Graham Meloy, David Peat, John Barker, Greera Norse, Geoff Hodbod and Elisa Hargreaves.

**In attendance** – Coun Graves, Parish Clerk Roger Hirst,

**Apologies-**

- 17/178. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
**It was resolved** to approve the minutes.
- 17/179. **Declaration of interests-** None
- 17/180. **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)

**Decision items;**

- 17/181. Nomination of New Parish Councilors'. None Received
- 17/182. **Matters raised from previous meetings;-**
- a. URC development – Coun. Norse and Hodbod reported that the trustees of the Read and Village hall committee had Applied to the Charity Commission for the group to become a registered Charity to assist them in their work. They reported that they were in the process of arranging various community activities in order to increase the usage of the building, as the nursery had moved operations to a new location. They were seeking the cooperation of the owners of the building to assist them by reducing the restrictions on the groups fund raising efforts in order to achieve a speedy conclusion of buildings acquisition.  
**It was resolved** to note the report
- b. Christmas arrangements – Padiham Rotary will be in attendance on the 27<sup>th</sup> November for the switch on at 6.30pm.
- i. The Christmas tree has been ordered
- ii. The tree to be erected on the 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am. Members reported that 9 volunteers had been identified to assist in the erection of the tree.
- iii. Christmas party arrangements. We have been requested to delay setting out the hall for the party until after 8.15pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and assistance was requested of members and volunteers to assist both on Friday (setting up) and on the Saturday for both welcoming the guests and serving the meal. It was suggested that invitations be sent out to all residents in the parish using the local delivery agent when making the regular deliveries and/ or volunteers about Xmas party: Clerk to draft.  
Guests would be based on a first come first served basis and restricted to 80 places.  
**It was resolved** all responses be directed to the Clerk or if received by Councilors forward to the Clerk at their earliest convenience.
- iv. Raffle Prizes, members to obtain prizes from local sources.  
**It was resolved** that the Clerk obtain the wine etc from the usual source.
- c. Road safety meeting an update has been requested on the result of the discussion with County Councillor Iddon, Cabinet Member for Highways. No response had been received  
**It was resolved** to note the report.
- 17/183. School Road Safety week 25<sup>th</sup> November. The Chairman reported that the School was  
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making arrangements and he would make enquiries if any assistance was needed.

**It was resolved** to note the report

- 17/184. **Boundary Commission Parliamentary constituency recommended changes.** Members discussed the proposal.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk should write to the commission registering the Parish Councils' objection to the proposal as the Parish Council was of the opinion that as the current arrangement was satisfactory as it satisfied the numerical requirement of the act and the Ribble Valley is a totally parished Borough, changes to the boundaries would destroy what has been a very positive relationship between Parliamentary, Parish and the Borough Council.

- 17/185. **RAF 100yr commemoration**

**It was resolved** that Councilor Hodbod would make a suitable Planting in the Parish Garden and £200 be made available to purchase the necessary plants.

- 17/186. **LCC**

- a. Highways Damage to verge where bulbs are planted.

**It was resolved** that the clerk make enquires to ascertain if the damage to the palinginf would be made good on completion of the work.

- b. Lancashire Volunteer Partnership Recruitment Campaign, The County Fires service asked if parishes would assist them by publicizing their efforts to develop the initiative.

**It was resolved** to assist the initiative.

- 17/187. **Meeting of Read Parish Council,** Coun. Barker reported that in future the Parish Council would meet in St John's Parish Church. and that a member of the Parish Council had resigned.

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

- 17/188. **Planning Applications - none**

- 17/189. **Martholme Greenway**

- a. Councilors Barker and Meloy reported that the Sustran had signed off the work in developing the Footpath and all that remains to be done is that LCC Highways have yet to install signage at Simonstone Lane.

**It was resolved** to note the report

- 17/190. **Environment Agency -Fracking in Lancashire response 2<sup>nd</sup> information request.** Clerk reported no response had been received. Councilor Meloy told the meeting that he had details of a site in the area which had received a block license and he would let the Clerk have the necessary details.

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

- 17/191. **Spot On –**

- a. "Hear Comes Trouble". Clerk to reported that there had been 41 tickets sold the team and the Church hall were to be complemented for their effort in hosting the event. There were mixed impressions to the actual show, the final conclusion was that there was support to continue with Spot On performances in order to encourage interest live arts in the local area.

**It was resolved** to note the report

- b. Spot ON – Members considered the Spring Menu of performances available along with the changes made to the funding arrangements for future shows by the introduction of a reduction of funds due to the County Council have to ceasing to provid funds.

**It was resolved** that the following show be requested;-

Option 1 'The Things I say when I don't say I Love you' preferred date 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Options 2 "Where's My Igloo gone" 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> March. Both shows received maximum support funding.

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**17/192. Finance –**

**a.** Revised estimate for the year 2017-2018

**It was resolved** to approve the estimate.

**b.** Budget for the year 2018-2019 and Precept

**It was resolved** to increase the budget by £1000 to support Community facilities. and to set the Precept at £8400 with the excess to be taken from balances.

**Payment of Accounts.**

i.	Burnley Plant Hire	Christmas lights	
ii.	Dove Syke nursery	Christmas Tree	
iii.	Wendy Prosser	Party Catering	
iv.	Sparkle sisters	Party Entertainment	
v.	D Peat	BL Wreaths	£31.00
vi.	PSS	Expense	£91.27

**It was resolved** to pay the above accounts

**17/193.** District Councilor Lesley Graves. –no report

The next Parish Council meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm.

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