

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 12th October 2017
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors, Graham Meloy, David Peat, John Barker, Greera Norse,
In attendance – Coun Graves, Parish Clerk Roger Hirst,
Apologies- Geoff Hobdod and Elisa Hargreaves

- 17/160. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 7th September 2017
It was resolved to approve the minutes.
- 17/161. **Declaration of interests**- None
- 17/162. **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)

Decision items;

- 17/163. Nomination of New Parish Councillors. None Received
- 17/164. **Matters raised from previous meetings;-**
- a. The Chairman reported on the School Lane Road Safety meeting 22nd September and the minutes of the meeting had been emailed to members and placed on the Website. It was reported that there had been 3 Other accidents in the vicinity in recent weeks involving County Council vehicles and Private cars, Commercial vehicles and these had been reported to the County Highway along with reports from those present at the meeting
It was resolved to approve the minutes
 - b. The Chairman met with Friends of Simonstone School on the 5th of October where the Road Safety Week on 20/26 November 2017 was discussed and the School was hoping to raise the issue of Road safety with parents of Children who attend the School.
It was resolved to note the report.
 - c. URC development – Coun. Norse Reported that much progress had been made in setting up the administration of the group. More people were using the Church hall. 8 volunteers were hoping to make the Spot On production a success.
It was resolved to note the report
- 17/165. **Christmas arrangements –**
- a. Padiham Rotary will be in attendance on the 27th November for the Switch on at 6.30pm.
 - i. A Similar Christmas tree has been offered at the same price as last year. The tree to be erected on the 25th November 9.30am. and volunteers are required to assist in putting it up.
 - ii. Christmas party arrangements. We have been requested to delay setting out the hall for the party until after 8.15pm on Friday 8th as the Church will be in use beforehand. Villagers will be notified of the final arrangements in November.
It was resolved to approve the arrangements.
 - b. The Clerk reported on the recent exhibition “Health and Wellbeing Show” in RVBC Chamber and a list of organizations who displayed their services for both young and old had been circulated
It was resolved to note the report.
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- c. RVBC Cleansing Dept had been requested to swop the litter bins between the Lay bye and School Lane.
It was resolved to note the report.

17/166. Matters requested by members

- a. Con David Peat -RAF coloured bulbs around the WW1 oak to commemorate the 100 years anniversary.

It was resolved to plant an area in the parish Garden near the Oak tree to with appropriately coloured plants to commemorate the anniversary.

- b. Councillors Meloy and Peat met up with Nigel Evans MP on his annual tour of the constituency and explained the recent Road Safety issues around School Lane and the approaches to the School. Whilst they were on site with him they were able to see for themselves the difficulties buses have when a bus came past the school,

It was resolved to note the report.

- c. A list of theatrical performances had been circulated to members which were available for small communities to engage in.

It was resolved That the list be passed to the RSVH group for them to consider in their fundraising attempts to purchase the UCH. The Parish Council would underwrite the event up to £350.

- 17/167. RVBC** has made available some Dog bags and they are available for people who request them on a first come first served basis. Coun Hodbod had the supply.

It was resolved to note the report

17/168. LCC

- a. Public Rights of way. 2 reports had been circulated with the agenda concerning blocked footpaths and they had been attended to and brought into a usable condition.

It was resolved to note the report

- b. Highways

- i. TTRO Formal Notification - Trapp Lane, Simonstone Road Closure. Details had been distributed to members.

- ii. Faults reported

257855
10/09/2017
Whalley Road, Simonstone, Ribble Valley
Tree maintenance required. Both the hedges and the trees in this location need attention as it is a bus stop/ Lay bye. People are complaining about the vegetation and litter bin. The litter bin is not a highway problem and the Parish Council is taking care of the litter problem. The Trees had been attended to but the Litter bins required repositioning
It was resolved to note the report

- iii.

Reference number:	257852
Reported on:	10/09/2017
Location:	Woodsfield's, Simonstone, Ribble Valley
Description:	Hedge pruning request The hedge as been overgrown for a long time. Unfortunately people have to walk on the road because of the overgrown trees. It was resolved to note that the work had been carried out.

- 17/169.** Meeting of Read Parish Council. Coun. Barker gave a report on the recent Parish Council meeting at which a member of the Council had resigned. Items discussed were that there was to be some improvements to allotments and play area.

It was resolved to note the report

17/170. Planning Applications

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Planning Application No: 3/2017/0878

Grid Ref: 377636 435625

Proposal: Proposed construction of stud manager's house, adjacent to existing equestrian centre. Re-submission of application 3/2016/1001.

Location: The Old Stables Higher Trapp House Trapp Lane Simonstone BB12 7QW

It was resolved to object to the application, as the site appears to be becoming a commercial activity where it was originally a hobby site only. We object also that the site is outside the settlement boundary.

- 17/171. **Martholme Greenway** Councilors Barker and Meloy reported that;-
- a. People had started to use the foot path but that it had not been officially opened as additional road signage was still to be installed and this was expected to be completed by January.
 - b. Asda Store in Accrington had opened a public support election for the development of the Greenway.
- It was resolved** to note the report.
- 17/172. **LALC – Ribble Valley Area Meeting**, Ribble Valley Civic Suite at 1900 hrs on Tuesday 28th November 2017.
- It was resolved** to note the report
- 17/173. Environment Agency in response to Freedom of information request concerning “Fracking in Lancashire” the response had been distributed to members with the Agenda.
- It was resolved** to that additional information be requested asking for details regarding the number of exploration blocks that have been sold and their locations in Lancashire.
- 17/174. Spot On – “Hear Comes Trouble”. It was reported that tickets and leaflets for the show have been distributed to the RSVH Committee who are managing the event as their first show. Kiera Martin has arranged for a Ceilidh. After the main part of the show a 3 piece band and a caller will be leading the Ceilidh. Anyone who wishes to join in the fun by playing an instrument, singing or telling stories or dancing, Country or Scottish dancing, are welcome to come along.
- It was resolved** to purchase additional posters
- 17/175. Finance –
- a. The final audit report had been received and distributed to all members of the Parish Council. Copies had been placed on the notice board and website as we are required to do.
- It was resolved** to approve the report.
- b. Revised estimate for the year 2017-2018
- It was resolved** to approve the revised estimate at the November meeting
- c. Estimate draft for the year 2018-2019.
- It was resolved** approve the budget at the November meeting of the Parish Council
- d. Income £728. has been received from RVBC from the District Councillor's Grant last year.
- It was resolved** to note the report
- e. **Payment of Accounts.**
 - i. BDO Audit invoice £156.00
 - ii. Society of Local Council Clerks Annual Subs £67.00
 - iii. Nu age printer Posters £65.00
- It was resolved** to pay the above accounts.
- 17/176. District Councillor Lesley Graves.
- 17/177. The next Parish Council meeting is on the 2th November 2017 at 7pm.

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