

# Simonstone Parish Council

## Parish Council Meeting

held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone

at 7.00 pm

### Minutes

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

**In attendance** –One member of the public, RV Coun. Lesley Graves & Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

**Apologies** – Cllr. David Peat

**18/108 Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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

b) **Declaration of interests. None**

**18/109 Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

a) A Lady reported that vehicles were parking on the grass verge and causing damage to the verge on Whalley Road.

**18/110** on Simonstone Lane the pavement down the west side of the Road from Tunstead Ave to the first property is unusable due to the overgrown hedge.

**18/111 Decision items;**

a) **Nomination** of New Parish Councillors. None

**18/112 Matters raised from previous meetings;**

**18/113** Coun Hodbod and Norse reported that considerable progress had been made on RSVH committees plans towards the purchase of the URC. They told the meeting that

a) The Business Plan had been updated and copies had been circulated to members.

b) A further 2 Trustees had joined the committee.

c) the complex had been taken off the market due to the application for the hall to be recognized as a Community Asset.

d) Fund raising was continuing and applications for various fund bodies had been made and further were to be applied for.

e) 150 residents had attended the regular the Monthly information meetings and it is hoped that various working parties can be formed to assist in developing hall management strategies for the future of the hall in order to identify the various requirements that will enhance the services available for the future success once the hall is acquired.

f) The RSVH would appreciate it if the Parish Council could make a bid for the purchase of the hall.

**It was resolved** to note the report and consider the request for a Parish Council bid at the next Parish Council meeting.

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**18/114     The Clerk reported that after requesting 4 operators to quote for Grass Cutting on Harewood Ave Green, Ribble Valley BC, Lancashire Education Dept and the Lengthsman were approached.**

**It was resolved** that Ribble Valley be request to maintain the area for the remainder of the year and the municipal year ending 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

**18/115     Matters requested by members**

a) Councillor Meloy- A letter from CRPE concerning fracking should be considered as it highlighted it was Government’s intention to fast-track fracking applications made by developers. Members discussed the matter.

**It was resolved** that Councillor Meloy will inform Nigel Evans MP of the Parish Councils opposition to fracking until there were satisfactory compensation arrangements in place to protect owners of property from any damage caused by the procedure.

b) Coun Geoff Hodbod-Bulb Planting. Spring bulb planting was discussed and he reported that a good number of villagers had complemented the Parish Council initiative.

**It was resolved** that Huntroryde GC provide £240 worth of bulbs.

**18/116     Meeting with Ribble Valley BC to discuss possible ways of supporting the acquisition of the URC for the Benefit of the community.**

It was stated that;-

a) The elders of the URC had notified the Parish Council that they were to hold the final service at the Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and they had notified the URC Union of their intentions.

b) The Read and Simonstone Village Hall committee had drawn up a business plan to be used as an aid for funding the project. This had been submitted to the Read Parish Council and the public for their information and comment. An application for funding the project had been submitted to various funding bodies for consideration and to date funds had been received in the region of £13k with commitments of a further £50k.

c) Notification has been received from the URC union that the building had been put on the market.

d) The RSVH committee had registered the complex as a Community Asset with RVBC which will delay the sale of the property for 6 months and as a consequence the committee had received notification that the vendors agent withdrew the “for sale” notice.

e) Simonstone Parish Council members met with officers of Ribble Valley BC to discuss ways of assisting the Parish Council and the RSVH committee to acquire the complex using a Public Body Funding Loan. It became apparent at the meeting that as the complex was in the Parish of Read, there could be difficulties in obtaining such a loan.

f) Subsequently a meeting was held with members of both Read and Simonstone Parish Councilors and members of the RSVH committee to explore various options on how to proceed and consider matters at a future date.

g) **It was resolved** to note the report and to consider alternative ways of fund raising.

**18/117     Correspondence**

a) The Clerk reported that A Mobile Cinema had approached the Parish Council and had offered it’s services to the council giving a performances at a basic cost of £400, plus cost of films which are variable and hire of Hall. Tickets at £10 based on 100 people attending should cover the cost of films such as Mama Mia.

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**It was resolved** that a list of films available along with cost be requested in order that members can consider a possible programme for showing in January or February next year.

- b) Armistice Programme An Email had been circulated prior to the meeting asking that the Parish Council considers commemorating the 100year anniversary of the ending of World War 1.

**It was resolved** to take no further action as the Parish Council had already commemorated the occasion prior to receiving the letter.

- c) A report had been received that a cow had gained access to Martholme Greenway. The Clerk had reported the matter to the relevant people and a member of the Parish Council told the meeting that a fence had been broken down and that both the Farmer and Sustrans had been notified of the complaint

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

**18/118 LALC**

- a) Ribble Valley Area Committee meeting to be held at Ribble Valley Civic Suite, 13 Church Street , Clitheroe BB7 2DD on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.00pm. Would members please notify the Clerk if they wish to attend

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

- b) Neighbourhood Planning Workshop Clerk to reported that he had attended the work shop and had foundit helpful. However consideration should be given prior the next Parish Council meeting of local councils who have undertaken the process and to consider the benefits that they have received.

**It was resolved** consider the responses at the next Parish Council meeting.

- c) Consultation – Re; the Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy  
[://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/rural-economy/Rural-economy-Call-for-Evidence.pdf](http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/rural-economy/Rural-economy-Call-for-Evidence.pdf). Please consider the above link so that the Parish Council can consider a response. See attached.

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

- d) 74th Annual General Meeting which will be held on Saturday 17 November 2018 at 10am at Howick House, Penwortham.

**It was resolved** to consider attending at the next Parish Council meeting.

**18/119 Meeting of Read Parish Council, Councilor Hodbod attended the meeting and he reported that Councilor Doreen Colinson had resigned from the Parish Council.**

**It was resolved** to note the report

**18/120 Planning**

- a) 3/2018/0637, Proposed new business unit. Development Address: Time Technology Park Blackburn Road Simonstone.

**It was resolved** that no objection be made.

- b) Consultation Regulation 22 Modifications; Additional Housing allocations total required 165 from the proposed sites a hard copy of the proposal had ne circulated at the meeting.

**It was resolved** that the proposal for site 24 on Whins Lane be rejected and an alternative site as proposed for additional housing for the elderly be offered in the Parish Plan as a substitute site. The objection to site 24 was that it was on Whins Lane which is a narrow lane and would cause congestion.

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**18/121 Spot On.** “The Haunted Man”. 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. St Peters Church. Friday has been booked for the event.  
**It was resolved to approve the** arrangement. Tickets £10 and to be made available online as well as locally.

**18/122 Finance**

a) **Payment of Accounts.**

i) **Huntroyde GC                      Bulbs                      £240**  
**It was resolved to pay the above account.**

**18/123 District Councillor’s report none**

**18/124 The next Parish Council meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm.**

**Chairman’s Signature.....**

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