

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 11th January 2018
in the Old School Simonstone.

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

In attendance – Coun Graves, 1 member of the public, Parish Clerk Roger Hirst,

Apologies- None

18/ 1 **Minutes of the meeting** held on 2nd November 2017

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

18/ 2 **Declaration of interests**- None

18/ 3 **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker) None.

Decision items

18/ 4 Nomination of New Parish Councillors'. None Received

18/ 5 **Matters raised from previous meetings;**

a. **URC development** – the Chairman and the Clerk reported on a meeting with Rev. Jarmany and Anne Wild from the Church management committee. The Parish Council had invited Rev.Jarmany to attend the Parish Council meeting. She rang the Clerk and gave her apologies. Subsequently a meeting was held with Ann Wild, the Chairman and the Clerk.

The purpose of the meeting was to confirm the original intention of the Church Authorities to dispose of the Church to the community of Read and Simonstone which was still the case.

It was resolved to note the report and that both the Chairman and Clerk would attend a meeting of the Church authorities on Friday.

b. **Christmas arrangements** – The Clerk reported that the Christmas party had been a successful event and members had received a number of thank-you messages. It was requested that assistance on the day would be of help. Letters of thanks are to be sent out to contributors who helped make the Party a success.

c. **Lights Switch** on was very successful and a large number of families were in attendance and were hosted by the Brownies and Guides, supported by Padiham Round Table and St Peter's School which was much appreciated.

It was resolved that letters be sent to all contributors to the Christmas events.

d. **Christmas arrangements 2018** Christmas events switch on, Party arrangements including Catering, entertainment, and dates.

It was resolved that the Christmas lights to be switched on on the 3rd December and the Christmas Party be held on Saturday the 8th December and entertainment be the Secret Singers and be made for a repeat of the catering arrangements. Investigate the provision of a crib for next year.

18/ 6 **RAF 100yr** Coun Hodbod reported that Hyacinth bulbs had been planted by pupils from St Peters School. Members were told that the school's efforts in planting had been reported with Photographs in 3 local papers.

It was resolved to thank the school for their contribution to this important commemoration.

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18/7 Matters requested by members

a. Hedges on Clough Lane over hanging the road LCC has been notified.

It was resolved to note the report.

18/8 Meeting of Read Parish Council, Councillor. Barker reported that there had been a new Councillor.

18/9 Planning Applications

a. Hammond .The Parish Council had been notified of a Planning appeal that has been lodged with HM Planning Inspectors and the Clerk submitted a Planning Appeal APP/T2350/W/17/3185445 confirming the Parish Council’s objection to Planning proposals.

It was resolved to note the report

18/10 Martholme Greenway Councillors Barker and Meloy reported that the new extension across Martholme viaduct had been opened to the eastern end and work was now to start on extending the Greenway from Padiham to Simonstone Lane. Lancashire Highways had not yet installed the safety signage at the crossing point from the Gooseleech section of the Greenway at the Simonstone Lane Crossing.

It was resolved to note the report

18/11 RVBC – Has offered to provide free of charge to elderly resides Grit bags, Only 2 requests has been received. It was reported that a list of residents who are on the Christmas Party list are eligible to receive one.

It was resolved to forward the list the on behalf of the elder residents who may not be aware of the offer.

18/12 LALC- Finanace Workshop 8th February 2018 7-9PM Horwich House Penwortham see attached the programme for the year of Courses. Please confirm courses you would like to attend.

It was resolved to note the report

18/13 Lancashire Police Commissioner – letter explaining an online survey see attached.

It was resolved to note the report

18/14 Ribble Valley Village Hall Committee is to meet on the 18th January at West Bradford village Hall to discuss the future of the committee.

It was resolved that the Chairman would attend the meeting.

18/15 Fracking Information -Councillor Meloy reported that he had received a response to the letter he had sent to Nigel Evans MP concerning the Osprey developments. The letter stated that the company had been granted a license for the exclusive right to Petroleum Exploration and Development License (PEDL). All the necessary permissions eg Planning, Safety, Health and Safety matters are subject to due scrutiny before any work can be started. The Licensee is responsible to ensure any damage to buildings, Water contamination has to comply with all permits that are that are issued by the Environment Agency.

As regards damage to property, the letter states “any potential damage as a result of fracking, such as earthquakes, subsidence, heave and landslip are all covered, in general, under buildings insurance” The letter states that the Association of British Insurers confirms that is the case.

“In addition to insurance cover, landowners, could bring about a claim against the Company which is the same approach which applies to a wide range of other industries”

It was resolved to note the report

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18/ 16 Spot On –

- a. **“Hear Comes Trouble”**. Clerk reported that the Village Hall committee who had managed the show were to be congratulated on how well the arrangements had been organised. Sadly, it was reported that many of the posters that had been distributed to advertise the event had been removed shortly after they had been put up. However, there had been an increase in local people who had attended the show.

It was resolved to note the report

- b. **The next show** has been arranged for Friday 23rd March and is **“Sam Brady: Things I Say When I Don't Say I Love You”**. The venue is St Peters Church Simonstone. The Read and Simonstone Village Hall Committee will assist in running the performance. The Clerk reported that an online ticket booking scheme was available for Spot On venues and the Parish Council has been invited to attend a training session for the scheme.

It was resolved that the arrangements be approved and that members who wished to attend the online Booking scheme should contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

18/ 17 Finance –

- a. **Zurich Insurance** – Risk assessment training 1/2/18 £30.

It was resolved that the Clerk attend the seminar.

- b. **Change of External Auditor** see attached letter for information.

It was resolved that the Clerk join the webinar on 23/1/18

- c. **Payment of Accounts.**

i	Burnley Plant Hire	Lighting	£25.20
ii	National Touring Forum	Kiera Martin	£600.00
iii	RVBC	Leaflet	£45.00
iv	Huntroyde Garden Centre	Bulbs	£240.00
v	Sainsbury/IRH	Party supplies	£24.00)
vi	Total/IRH	Party Supplies	£49.86)
vii	Lidl/IRH	Party Supplies	£27.61)
viii	Aldi/IRH	Party Supplies	£3.30)= £104.77
ix	I R Hirst	Salary	£502.61
x	Wendy Proser	Catering	£537.00
xi	HMRC	Tax	£125.60
xii	Olwyn Pearce	Entertainment	££80.00
xiii	Byrnes Wines	Wine	£104.85
xiv	Dove Syke	Christmas tree	£240.00

18/ 18 Items for reporting to other Authorities.

- a. Highways problems :-

- i Haugh Ave uneven footpaths ,Harewood Ave potholes, Simonstone Lane, , potholes and broken drain opposite Valley terrace, hole in footpath at corner with A671 and Simonstone Lane, corner of School Lane/A671 hole in foot path.
- ii Broken Street name sign on Haugh Avenue and the need for the Dog bin near the bottom of Scot Avenue to be repaired as the bin lid is rusting through.
- iii Response to be requested from LCC Cabinet Chairman Iddon re the Highways safety issues discussed at the October Parish Council meeting. Particularly the pedestrian crossing.

Items for February meeting, Village fete on 16th June, use of Stork Green, and the Garden Competition this year,

18/ 19 District Councillor Lesley Graves. None

18/ 20 The next Parish Council meeting is on the 14th February 2018 at 7pm.

Chairman’s Signature.....

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