

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**in the Old School Simonstone.**

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

**In attendance** –RV Coun. Lesley Graves & Parish Clerk Roger Hirst,

**Apologies**- None

**18/ 42 Minutes of the meeting** held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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

**18/ 43 Declaration of interests**- None

**18/ 44 URC development** –

- a. Coun. Greera Norse reported on the public meeting with Read and Simonstone Village Hall Committee held on 22/2/18 and gave a brief outline of the progress of the project to date and discussed the need for people to come forward to help with fundraising.
  - i The Meeting was told that the building would have to be modernized with the help of grants and a Nursery extension would be incorporated. It is also hoped to allocate some of the allotment space for parking. Funding for renovations could be applied for from grants.
  - ii However, more people attended and gave their support to the project. As a consequence, a number of Audit skills, a questionnaire and a number of volunteer forms had been returned and completed from people offering their services. She reported that progress was being made on developing a Business Plan.
  - iii She also reported that Trustees particularly are needed to join the Group as the workload has increased.
- b. The Clerk reported that he attended the Trustees meeting and he was pleased to report that considering the low number of Trustees they had made significant progress in obtaining information which will help in developing a business plan which is required to access grant funding.
  - i Working parties to design the development plan and to recruit additional knowledge were needed, as were Trustees. It was reported that funding for the next 25yrs was welcomed and it will assist in maintaining the continuity of the Community hub in order to carry on the valued service that the URC has continued along with the forbears of 130yrs.
  - ii The Clerk reported that he had been pleased to see the amount of preparation that had already been carried out.  
**It was resolved** to note the reports.
- c. Chairman and Clerk’s Meeting with the URC Elders Chairman was abandoned due to the adverse weather and has been rearranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the URC at 7pm.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

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**18/ 45 Spot On arrangements** for the performance of Sam Brady on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March in St Peters Church. Tickets and posters have been delivered to RSVH committee and are being distributed.

Arrangements were discussed and members who area able to assist would be welcomed to help set out the hall at 6pm. The Clerk would inform members should there be any change in the detail once he has further information. He suggested that ticket sales are available at the Stork Hotel and Online. He mentioned that on line tickets sales are available.

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

**18/ 46 Matters requested by members**

**18/ 47 Joint Civic Sunday** with Read Parish Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> June to be held at St Peter's Church followed by a reception at Read Cricket Club. CC has yet to respond.

It was resolved that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

**18/ 48 Meeting of Read Parish Council,** Couns. Barker and Hargreaves to report. The Parish Council had not held a meeting.

**18/ 49 Planning Application** No: 3/2018/0106 Proposal: Installation of 25 containerized battery units for the storage of electricity and ancillary infrastructure. Location Burnley Road Simonstone

**It was resolved** to make no objections.

**18/ 50 Martholme Greenway.** Coun Barker reported the LCC would install the Road signs after the busy period had come to an end. He continued by saying that stoning of the foot path in various places required attention , SUTRANs had felled some trees in various areas and it that will facilitate better access and it was hoped that some of the timber will be used to screen adjacent properties from being overlooked by walkers. The Clerk reported that there had been a complaint about the amount of litter that had been occasionally dropped in the lay bye nearby.

**It was resolved** to note the report

**18/ 51 RVBC – Parish Liaison Meeting.**

a. The Parish Council has been notified that the concurrent function grant, including the Lengthsman Scheme, has been approved and is now included in a grant of £285 which had been received.

b. The Parish Council has requested that the Committee gives an update on the new Data Protection Act that comes into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

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

**18/ 52 Correspondence –**

a. Senior Road Users workshop notices has been placed on the notice board.

b. Dog Fouling Fountains Ave. RVBC Dog Wardens have visited the area and placed Warning Notices in the vicinity.

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

c. Injustice to Lancashire Communities Vulnerable to Flooding.

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

**18/ 53 LALC-**

a. A copy of the new Data Protection Act has been received.

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b. Grant funding for Printer Scanner has been applied for from the Transparency Act fund. A response is awaited.

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

**18/ 54 Ribble Valley Village Hall Committee** Nothing to report

**18/ 55 Finance**

a. **Payment of Accounts.**

i	Coun Hodbod/Huntroyde	garden comp prizes.	£50.00
ii	I R Hirst	Salary	£502.61
iii	I R Hirst	Expenses	£218.58
iv	HMRC	Tax	£125.60

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

**18/ 56 Borough Councillor's** report. none

**18/ 57 Items for reporting to other Authorities.**

**18/ 58 The next Parish** Council meeting is on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7pm.

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