

# Simonstone Parish Council

## Parish Council Meeting

to be held on 10<sup>TH</sup> May 2018.

in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone

at 7.00 pm

### Minutes

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

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

**Apologies** – None

- 18/74**     **Appointment of Chairman** of the Parish Council for the municipal year 2018/19.  
The Chairman removed himself from the Chair during the election.  
**It was resolved** that Councillor David Peat be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the municipal year 2018-2019.
- 18/75**     **Appointment of vice-Chairman** for the ensuing year.  
**It was resolved** that Councillor Graham Meloy be elected as vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the municipal year 2018-2019.
- 18/76**     **Appointment of Councillors** to represent the Parish Council.  
**It was resolved** that the Councillors named serve on the following bodies for the municipal year 2018-2019 .

Office	2017/18	2018/19
<b>RV Parish Liaison Committee</b>	<b>David Peat and Graham Meloy with new members attending when available</b>	<b>David Peat and Graham Meloy with new members attending when available</b>
<b>L A Local Councils</b>	<b>Coun Peat and Meloy</b>	<b>Coun Peat and Meloy</b>
<b>Parish Planning areas</b>	<b>As allocated by Chairman</b>	<b>As allocated by Chairman</b>
<b>Governance Panel</b>	<b>David Peat, Geoff Hodbod and Greera Norse.</b>	<b>David Peat, Geoff Hodbod and Greera Norse.</b>
<b>Bank Signatories</b>	<b>All members</b>	<b>All members</b>
<b>Champion for the Elderly</b>	<b>David Peat and Greera Norse</b>	<b>David Peat and Greera Norse</b>

**18/77**     **Declaration of interests** None

**18/78**     **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker). None.

**18/79**     **Decision items;**

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

**18/80**     **Matters raised from previous meetings;**

a) Coun Hodbod reported that there had been considerable progress made by RSVH Committee by gaining additional Trustees who had worked on progressing the Business Plan to the final stages,

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when it was to be presented to the Church Elders. A funding application for the purchase of the Church would be made shortly.

**It was resolved** to note the progress and that the Parish Council would at some time like to have a presentation of the business plan.

**He also reported that** a resident had asked that a theft of paving stones from Railway terrace be brought to the notice of the Parish Council.

**It was resolved that** the police and County Council be informed of the theft.

**He also requested that** the grass on the school playing field behind the Church be cut.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk request the School to contact the appropriate department.

- b) **Civic Sunday** .Joint arrangements with Read Parish Council have been made for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Invitations had been distributed and acceptances had started to arrive.

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

- c) **Martholme Greenway** – Coun Barker reported that the new signs and posts had been installed and that an official opening of the section from Simonstone Lane and Gooseleach Wood was being arranged. Work was continuing at the Martholme/ Great Harwood end . He reported that Ribble Valley had not signified that they were able to assist in funding the project at the current time.

**It was resolved** to note that progress was being made but the Parish Council was disappointed that RVBC was unable to assist at the current time.

- d) **ICO** – General data Protection regulation- Statement from the Office notifying the parish and others about some changes regarding how members of the Parish Council deal with data. Changes to the legislation are due to be put before Parliament shortly.

**It was resolved** to note the report and await further developments and legislation.

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**Matters requested by members**

- a) **Royal wedding** .On previous occasions the Parish Council purchased commemorative medals for the Children at the school. The School has made no arrangements to buy anything for this event.

**It was resolved** to note the response from the School and as Prince Harry is not an immediate successor to the Crown the Parish Council would not make a presentation on this occasion .

- b) **Neighborhood Watch.** A recruitment of volunteers campaign is under way for those who are interested in becoming local coordinators. Those interested should contact the Clerk for further details. The Clerk reported that a scheme had been set up some 20 years ago which lasted for approximately 2 to 3 years, .

**It was resolved** to reconsider the scheme when volunteers are willing to support it.

- c) **No Cold Calling Zone.** The following email was received form a resident asking that signage be posted at an appropriate location to prevent nuisance callers pestering residents in houses on the estate on and around Fountains Avenue” . It seems to have been omitted when the avenues off the north of Whalley Road had them fixed up. The Clerk reported that he had investigated the matter and established that there is a waiting list for new zones to be set up. The Parish Council would need to establish local support

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for a zone to be to be set up.

**It was resolved that** volunteers be asked to undertake the necessary investigation in order establish the demand for a zone to be set up.

- d) **WW1 Centenary Commemoration- Ribble Valley BC** Cllr. Jim White, the Armed Forces Champion, is seeking to ascertain whether the towns and villages of the Ribble Valley are planning any activity or event to commemorate 100 years since the end of the Great War

**It was resolved** that as the Parish Council had previously commemorated the Great War no further action should be taken. .

**18/82 LCC Highways – Street Lighting Survey.** The County Council is considering reducing the amount of routine maintenance in order to take advantage of the LED street lighting upgrade which had taken place over a number of years to reduce operating costs and light pollution. The measures include : ending the fortnightly inspection of unlit of lamps and the 5 year inspection of light points and to service the lamps every 10years. Members of public and public bodies would be encouraged to report street lighting faults by contacting the County Council website “Report It” or by phone..

Members were concerned that these changes were of serious concern on public safety grounds

**It was resolved** that the Clerk write to County Council of the Parish Council’s concerns regarding the potential reductions on public safety grounds, particularly on Motorways.

**18/83 Meeting of Read Parish Council,** no report.

**18/84 Planning** No report

**18/85 LALC**

- a) **New Clerks and Councilors Training** session July. No one is available to attend.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

**18/86 Spot On.** “The Haunted Man”. Enquiries have been made regarding the availability of the United Reform Church and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct would be free from early afternoon and Saturday 20th October after 3.30pm . Would the members consider if they would like to confirm the location for the show.

**The** RSVH committee agreed to manage the event, supported by the Parish Council.

**18/87 Finance**

- a) Accounts for the year 2017-18

**It was resolved** to approve the audited account for the year 2018.

- b) It is not necessary to forward the details of the Governance Documents as had been done in the past. The Parish Council can self certify the Audited documents themselves having fully completed the audit as before. In order to do this the Parish Council can elect to complete the “ Annual Governance and Accountability Return and forward the “Certificate of Exemption”.

**It was resolved** to approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and forward the Certificate of Exemption to the External Auditor.

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- c) **The Internal Auditor's report** for 2017/18 had been circulated to members.  
**It was resolved** to approve the internal auditor's report.
- d) **Appointment of Internal Auditor** for the year 2018-2019  
**It was resolved** to appoint L. Pickering as Auditor for 2018/9..
- e) **National Salary award for Parish Clerks.** The Clerk reported that agreement for the year 2018-20 had been received. .  
**It was resolved** to circulate a copy of it to members.
- f) **Insurance** for the year 2018-19 was considered.  
**It was resolved** to renew the policy with the current provider.

g) **Payment of Accounts.**

1. Eon	Electricity CH	£19.19
2. Zurich Insurance	Insurance	£ 257.22.
3. RVBC	Website	/£16.78
4. L Pickering	Internal Audit	£65.00
5. Ribble Valley CAB	Donation	£150.00

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

**18/88** **District Councillor Lesley Graves** told the meeting that there had been a serious collapse of the river bank which had affected the boundary wall and footpath on Blackburn Road and that she had reported it to the County Council.

**18/89** **The next Parish Council** meeting is on the 14th June 2018 at 7pm.

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