

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**  
**in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone**  
**at 7.00 pm**

**Minutes**

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

**In attendance** –Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

**Apologies** – RV Coun. Lesley Graves

**18/126 Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

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

b) **Declaration of interests. None**

**18/127 Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

**18/128 Decision items;**

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

**18/129 Matters raised from previous meetings;**

a) Couns. Hodbod reported that good progress was being made on the RSVH on funding and considerable increase in cash receipt was being made .

b) An updated Business Plan (18/8/18) has been received.

c) Ribble Valley BC has to approve the application for the complex to be an “Asset of Community Value” which Read Parish Council submitted. Notices are to be inserted in the press shortly.

d) RSVH – Request that the Simonstone Parish Council forward a bid in order to secure it’s interest in acquiring the complex on behalf of the community. A recent email suggests as Simonstone Parish Council is not the primary Parish Council concerned with acquiring the complex as it is within Read, Read Parish Council should submit the bid.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk make enquiries and to take the appropriate action.

e) Coun Peat met Nigel Evans MP to discuss the Parish Council’s concerns about Fracking and he informed him of the Parish Council’s policy on the matter which was ensuring that residents whose property is damaged by the operation should be compensated similar to those whose property is damaged by the coal mining industry. There are concerns about damaging the emergency water supply that is within the parish.

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

f) Parking on verges on A671 had been reported to LCC.

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

g) Consultation Regulation 22 Modifications

A response to the above consultation and been made and the Parish Council Chairman reported that he had discussed the Parish Councils opposition to the Haugh Farm Housing proposed development and that the Parish Council e still favoured a limited development of bungalows in the Village Centre with the Planning Department.

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- h) Harewood Avenue – Grass cutting progress report. Discussion arose on whether the mowing of the site would attract the grant funding available from the County Council  
**It was resolved** that the Clerk make enquires

**18/130 Matters requested by members.**

- a) Christmas arrangements – Provision of Crib  
**It was resolved** not to purchase a crib due to the lack of storage but to make the usual Christmas arrangements as in previous years.  
Advertisement on the Parish Councils Website. Members had been approached by Commercial Concerns who wished to place adverts on the Parish Council website. The matter was discussed.  
**It was resolved** that the proposal could lead to complications as was not compatible with the impartiality that the Parish Council should extol.
- b) Coun Hodbod – Burst Pipe Whalley Road – reported and repaired.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

**18/131 Correspondence. It was reported that a mobile cinema had offered a choice of films that are available complete with estimated costs. Members considered the report.**

**It was resolved** not to proceed with the matter.

- a) Copy letter has been received from a resident who had complained about the condition of Back Lane Road (not in the Parish) to the County Council. The County Highways letter to the resident explained that the lane was not a priority for the forthcoming year. It would be considered for repairs in a survey for highway repairs in the 2019-2020 year.  
**It was resolved** to note the report
- b) Email has been received regarding “No Cold calling” the writer wrote Email has been received regarding “No Cold calling” the writer reported “ I've personally informally discussed the apparent oversight with 9 out of 11 households on Waverley Close along with 5 from Fountains Avenue. It comes as no surprise to me that they are all in favour, in fact several wanted to sign a petition on the spot!”  
**It was resolved** that the Clerk would be willing to consider a petition from the whole of the estate before a request would be forwarded to the LCC as they have many requests for more zones to be introduced but due to reduced resources they were unable to provide them.
- c) Back Lane, Old Roman Road; A letter has been received from a resident of Simonstone who had complained to the County Highways Dept. about the condition of the Road. He had received a response from Phil Durnell Head of Highways informing him that the lane had been inspected but was not considered a priority for repair in the coming year but will be considered again for repair in the 2019/20yr . Members had been sent a copy by email for information,  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

**18/132 LALC**

- a) 74th Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 17 November 2018 at 10am at Howick House, Penwortham  
**It was resolved** that the Parish Clerk should attend the AGM.
- b) The Ribble Valley Branch met and the following matters were discussed;-  
Ribble Valley Protocol for the public to speak at RV Council meetings A copy had been attached to the agenda.  
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- c) The Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw visited Sainsbury’s Clitheroe on 6<sup>th</sup> September. Clerk reported that he had met the Commissioner and had suggested to him that it would be helpful if he could meet with other Parish Councils in the District. The commissioner agreed and the Chief Executive of RV was contacted and would make the necessary arrangements for him to attend a Parish Liaison meeting.

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

- d) Funding availability –
  - i) Awards for All – see <https://www.biglo.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england>
  - ii) Fields in Trust – Centenary Fields, Active Spaces,
- e) Ribble Valley Branch meeting Minutes had been distributed to members

**It was resolved** to note the report

**18/133 LCC Parish Champions Newsletter - Grant offers**

**It was resolved** to request a grant towards a location information board at the entrance of Martholme Greenway.

**18/134 Meeting of Read Parish Council,** Councillor Barker made a report of the proceedings.

**It was resolved** to note the report

**18/135 Martholme Greenway** Councillor Barker reported that the Great Harwood section of the Greenway was to be opened next month and requested assistance in gaining access to short portions of land along the track which will be required for completion of the path.

**It was resolved** that the Parish Council would give the assistance as required.

**18/136 Planning**

- a) Planning Application No: 3/2018/0708 Grid Ref: 377424 434257. Proposal: Conversion of existing attached garage to bedroom with en-suite. Location: Wilkinson’s Farm, Simonstone Lane Simonstone BB12 7NX

**It was resolved that there would be** no objection

**18/137 Neighborhood planning–** The Clerk reported on the Longridge and Bolton by Bowland Neighborhood Plans and hard copies were available at the meeting and for members to peruse.

**It was resolved** to note the report

**18/138 Spot On.** “The Haunted Man”. 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. St Peters Church. Posters have arrived and tickets at £9.00 are available both on line and from Parish Council members and the Stork Hotel. Arrangements for the evening were agreed and members would lay out the hall at 6.30pm.

**It was resolved** to agree the above arrangements.

**18/139 Finance**

- a) **Payment of Accounts.**

i) I R Hirst	Salary	£512.55
ii) HMRC	Tax	£128.29
iii) I R Hirst	Expenses	£102.25

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

**18/140 District Councillor’s report - none**

**The next Parish Council meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7pm.**

**Chairman’s Signature.....**

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