

Simonstone Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
held on 14th February 2019.
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.00 pm

Minutes

Present: Councillors David Peat, John Barker, Elisa Hargreaves Graham Meloy. Greera Norse

In attendance - RV Coun. Lesley Graves. 4 members of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies – Geoff Hodbod

19/35 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2019.

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the above meeting.

19/36 Declaration of interests - Hargreaves and Barker –Martholme Greenway.

19/37 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker) – A member of the public reported that the street name signs on Tintern Avenue and Sawley Avenue require repair. A lady complained that a skip at the top of Simonstone Lane had been placed on the footpath which caused a serious obstruction for pedestrians. It was requested that the Clerk report the matters to the appropriate authorities.

Decision items;

19/38 Nomination of New Parish Councillor. Clifton Pollard had been nominated to become a Parish Councillor.

It was resolved to appoint Clifton Pollard as a Parish Councillor.

19/39 Matters raised from previous meetings;

a) Christmas arrangements for 2019. The Clerk reported that a price had been agreed for the amended Party Menu.

It was resolved to accept the price as quoted for the addition of soup to the meal.

b) The Clerk reported that Read Parish Council asked for details of the Parish Councils program of activities and dates for the year 2019-20.

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

19/40 Couns. Norse gave a verbal report of RSVH and actions;-

i) a bid to purchase the village hall had been submitted and that the funding for the purchase had come from a local benefactor and trust funds.

ii) there had been an increase in Trustees bringing the number to 9. The Trustees are looking for a Treasurer and Secretary.

iii) there are subcommittees being formed and are already active, e.g. the Friday Café now being held at the Constitutional Club in Read having transferred there after the closure of the URC.

iv) the Trustees hope to be able to progress their ideas once they know the outcome of their bid.

It was resolved to note the report.

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b) Civic Sunday – Read Parish Council is scheduled to make the arrangements this year.

There had been a response to a request for details.

It was resolved to note the report.

19/41 Martholme Greenway. Couns. Barker and Hargreaves reported on a meeting held with representatives of Connecting East Lancashire regarding ways of improving and encouraging better ways to travel.

.It was outlined at the meeting that the point of the organization was to promote cycling as an alternative form of travel by offering funding to people and bodies to encourage them to set up volunteer groups to recycle cycles and bring them back into use for employment allowing sustainable transport access to most of the industrial areas North East Lancs. The Group was keen to support the work of the Martholm Greenway but it did not have any funds available to support it.

It was resolved to note the report

19/42

a) Leeds Library Theatre – Happy Jack Arrangements. The clerk reported that a Press release has been sent to the Burnley Express and the Clitheroe Advertiser and will be published on the 14th February as an article., A number of volunteers had been recruited to assist setting up the hall and manning the evening.

It was resolved to note the report

b) Rural Touring Dance Initiative (RTDI) – Dance Ambassador is being sought to promote Dance in Rural areas. Details have been forwarded to members.

It was resolved to note the report .

19/43 Governance matters :-

a) Information Commissioner – Parish Councils Transparence policy to be reviewed. See attached.

It was resolved to accept the Parish Council’s reviewed Policy.

b) Asset Register review.

It was resolved to rearrange the lay-out of the Register.

c) At the RV Parish Liaison meeting in November it was suggested that a meeting of Parish Council Clerks be held to consider Governance matters. The meeting has been postponed until after the Parish Council elections have been held in May.

It was resolved to note the report.

19/44 RVBC.- Details of the RV Seniors Forum who requested volunteers from the local area to consider representing elderly people who would be willing to assist the Forum in developing local servicesfor the older people.

It was resolved to note the report

19/45 LCC

a) Parish and Town Council Update/Briefing 12th March. Paul Rigby the County

b) Councils’ Parish Champion will explain the new arrangements for the new year.

It was resolved that the Chairman will attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

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- i) Proposed changes at the County's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). A background report on the consultation document was circulated and it was suggested that members respond directly via the internet and the County website
It was resolved that members respond individually to the County Questionnaire

Correspondence

19/46 The Clerk reported that notice of the Burnley Draft Shop Front and Advertisement Design Supplementary Planning Document was available for members to refer to for information. Should any members wish to make a comment on it the Parish Council will be available to assist.
It was resolved to note the report

19/47 Meeting of Read Parish Council. Councilor Barker reported that there had been a joint meeting of the both Read and Simonstone Parish Councils, with the Trustees, to consider the joint funding for the purchase of the Village Hall. Read Parish Council had agreed to assist in obtaining a loan from the Public Works Loans Board to finance the hall. Shortly after the meeting a private source of funding had been offered to the Trustees. As a consequence the joint funding of the hall by a loan from the PWLB was no longer required. A bid to the URC had been lodged and the outcome was awaited.
It was resolved to note the report.

19/48 LALC –
a) The most recent minutes and reports of the County and RV Branch have been distributed to members.
It was resolved to note the report
b) Training Planning Workshop
It was resolved to note the report

19/49 Planning Application
a) 3/2019/0054
Single storey extension to rear with central pitched roof, new external rear door to have door and bifolds. Walls to be rendered to match the rest of the property. 4.2m long, 3.9m (max) high 2.9m high to eaves.
Development Address: Glengarry Simonstone Lane, Simonstone BB12 7NX
It was resolved that there was no objection to the application.

19/50 CPRE Road map Neighbourhood. The proposal had been distributed.
It was resolved to note the report .

19/51 Finance
a) Payment of Accounts. None

19/52 District Councillor’s report

The next Parish Council meeting is on the 14th March 2019 at 7pm.

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