

Simonstone Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
held on 10th January 2018.
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.00 pm

Minutes

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

In attendance - Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies – RV Coun. Lesley Graves

19/7 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2018.

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the above meeting

19/8 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 4th January 2019

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the above meeting

19/9 Declaration of interests - Hargreaves and Barker –Martholme Greenway, Hodbod – RSVH .

19/10 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker) –none

Decision items;

19/11 Nomination of New Parish Councillors. Coun. Hodbod and Meloy had had interest shown by two people in becoming a Parish Council Councillor – they would both report back at the next meeting

It was resolved to note the reports.

19/12 Matters raised from previous meetings;

a) Christmas review of 2018 programme.

i) Christmas Tree. The installation was successful with the help of the Lengthsman and our team.

ii) It is hoped that similar arrangements will continue next year.

iii) Switch on arrangements.- it was considered that they should be repeated in future years.

The Parish Council to provide illumination and manage the road crossing point from the assembly point in St Peters into the School Grounds.

It was resolved to liaise with the head teacher to seek her agreement.

iv) Party Invitations. There were 109 distributed to 165 people and 65 people accepted. Members were requested to inform the Clerk of any changes to the list that they may become aware of.

It was resolved to note the comment

v) Meal – It was reported that some people had requested that some heated food would be appreciated and it was agreed that Soup (preferably Mushroom) be provided and followed with a buffet for the party in 2019.

It was resolved to approve the change.

vi) Entertainment – the Secret Singers provided a pleasing performance at the party. It was suggested that a band provide the entertainment for the 2019 Party if available or the Man in Red who performed at the Read Party.

Chairman's initials.....

It was resolved that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for 2019 and send letters of thanks those who assisted in the 2018 celebrations.

19/13 Christmas arrangements for 2019. the dates are as follows :-

- i) Erection of Christmas Tree. Saturday 30st November 9. for 9.30am
- ii) Christmas Lights Switch on Monday 2nd December 6.30pm
- iii) Christmas Party for the Retired Saturday 7th December

It was resolved to approve the above dates.

19/14 Village Hall Survey and outcome of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting were considered along with discussions held with Read Parish Council on 9th January and outcome of the meeting and decision on how to take matters forward.

It was resolved to consider and implement the objectives in consultation with the potential partners.

19/15 Couns. Hodbod reported following:-

- i) that he has obtained the services of a retired solicitor to assist in advising the Trustees upon the purchase of the complex and associated legal matters. He also reported that a copy of the vesting document had been received and enquiries were being made concerning the vendors to enable the purchase negotiations to proceed.

It was resolved that a small working group be formed to help with the legal structure and to ensure both Parish Councils and the Trustees of their joint responsibilities.

19/16 A letter had been received from a resident regarding Risk assessment and it's effect on precept should the Parish Council decide to obtain a PWLB. The Clerk told the meeting that he had confirmed that the consultations were proceeding and his concerns would be addressed. to ensure that all parties act with due diligence in the purchase and management of the hall and to make a clear process to safeguard the Council tax payers should there be a failure by RSVH Trustees to repay the loan to the Parish Councils.

It was resolved that a small working party be formed from Read and Simonstone Parish Council's. and the RSVH Trustees, 1 representative (Chairman preferred) each, with the assistance from a solicitor and with Clerical assistance to develop a management and purchasing strategy for the property.

19/17 The Clerk reported that the Lancashire Parish Champion had given a grant of £200 toward the cost of an information board on Martholme Greenway. The money had been forwarded to the Group. John Barber told the meeting that the board was being manufactured and it would be erected on the Greenway looking towards the former Simonstone Railway Station.

It was resolved to note the report

19/18 Connecting East Lancashire. A new Government campaign Group requested a meeting with interested parties in order to discuss ways of improving and encouraging better ways to travel.

It was resolved that the Clerk arrange a meeting with a representative of the Group.

Matters requested by members.

19/19 RVBC – Parish Website- the minutes have been added to the website and they are now up to date but there is still work to do to bring other sections up to date.

It was resolved to note the report.

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- 19/20 LCC Road Closure - Padiham Road, Sabden from its junction with Simonstone Road to its junction with Back Lane, Read. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0930 hours on Monday 7th January 2019 until 1530 hours on Wednesday 9th January – Simonstone Road .
It was resolved to note the report
- 19/21 LCC Road Closure- Portfield Road, Whalley from its junction with Portfield Lane to its junction with Sabden Road in the borough of Ribble Valley
It was resolved to note the report.
- 19/22 Winter weather information Gritting updates are posted on the website and our social media channels. Website - www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter Twitter - www.twitter.com/lancashirecc Facebook - www.facebook.com/lancashirecc □ Winter bulletins are available - during continuous severe weather we will also issue regular winter bulletins to keep you updated on the weather forecast and gritting activity.
It was resolved to note the report.

Correspondence

- 19/23 The Clerk reported the Leeds Library Theatre “ Happy Jack" has been booked for the 23rd of February, cost £295 plus Hall fees.
It was resolved that the Clerk arrange for Posters and tickets to be printed and distributed for the performance and members and RSVH Trustees were requested to support the event by selling tickets and assisting on the day by setting out of the Hall and organizing a raffle for the benefit of the RSVH Trustees Village Hall funds.
- 19/24 Meeting of Read Parish Council, Councilor Barker to report. He reported that the meeting discussed Christmas matters and a letter from RSVH Trustees requesting details of the vesting document from the URC Trust had been received.
It was resolved to note the report
- 19/25 Martholme Greenway, Councillor Barker See 19/11 above
- 19/26 Northern Powerhouse 27th -28th February at Old Trafford free event – Booking date before 25th January
It was resolved to note the report
- 19/27 Police funding. A request has been received for the Parish Council to place on its website a notice asking for assistance for funding to help bridge their precept shortfall, The Chairman told the meeting that the Commissioner of the County Police Force Clive Grunshaw would be attending the next Ribble Valley Parish Liaison meeting on the 31st January at 6.30pm
It was resolved to note the report
- 19/28 LALC . Finance Workshop – 7th February 2019 7 – 9 pm, Howick House, Penwortham, Preston £25.
It was resolved to note the report
- 19/29 NALC. The Public Sector Bodies (web site and Mobile Application) No 2 Accessibility Regulations 2018. – We are asked to consider if our website meets the new criteria that comes into force before 23rd September 2020. There is an App to assist easy access to our website.
It was resolved to note the report and to consider any amendments to it when further information becomes available.

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19/30 Planning

- a) Planning Consultation 3/2018/1139 Calder Vale Park Simonstone Lane Simonstone BB12 7ND

It was resolved not to object to the Application.

- b) Applicant: Messrs K and M Derbyshire Planning Application No: 3/2018/1108 Grid Ref: 377828 435547 Proposal: Proposed extension to rear. Location: Trapp Forge Trapp Lane Simonstone BB12 7QW

It was resolved not to object to the Application

19/31 Finance

- a) National Pay Awards to come into affect 1st April 2019. Changes to scale banding from the old band 22 to the new band 7 to 12.

It was resolved to approve the new arrangements and salary scale.

- b) Receipts

LCC Parish Champion grant	Martholme	£200.00
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It was resolved to note the report.

- c) Payment of Accounts

i) Martholme Greenway	Grant	£200.00
ii) Wendy Prosser	Buffet	£540.00
iii) Secret Singers	Entertainment	£85.00
iv) Byrnes	Wine	£78.96
v) Dove Syke Nursery	Christmas Tree	£240.00
vi) I.R.Hirst	Provisions	£56.08
vii) Burnley Hire Centre	Lighting	£45.60

It was resolved to pay the above accounts

19/32 District Councillor's report none

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

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