

Simonstone Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
held on 13th June 2019
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.00 pm

Minutes

Present: Councillors, Graham Meloy, John Barker, Elisa Hargreaves, Greera Norse, and Rob McKelvey

In attendance Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies – Stephen Finn. David Peat

19/109 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2019.

It was resolved to approve the minutes

19/110 **Declaration of interests-** None

19/111 **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins. per speaker).None

Decision items

19/112 **Matters raised from previous meetings:-**

- a) Councillors Finn and Pollard agreed to be bank signatories?
- b) Councillor Pollard agreed to be the Parish Council's Champion for the Elderly
- c) Councillor Finn agreed to be the co-ordinator to the Lengthsman..
- d) Councillor McKelvey is to attend the LALC Councillors' Training Course, as approved at the April meeting.

It was resolved to note the report

19/113 **RSVH Couns.** Rob McKelvey reported that the RSVH Trustees had completed the purchase of the former United Reformed Church and it will be known as the Read and Simonstone Village Hall. He told the meeting that work was proceeding to bring it up to the required standards for it to be opened later in the year, once the necessary works had been completed and the necessary licenses had been obtained.

It was resolved to note the report

19/114 **“Love Letters From Blackpool”** – the performance will take place in RSVH on Friday 8th November, now it has been confirmed that the sale has been completed and the Village Hall Trustees have agreed to manage the performance.

It was resolved to note the report

19/115 **Website** – the Clerk reported that the website is now operational and Coun. Finn is in the process of updating it but there are still problems that need to be sorted out. Mr. Hodbod had been of great assistance in helping to resolve the problems.

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- a) The Parish Council email address has been changed to iansimonstone@gmail.com as the previous address has been compromised and blocked and emails had not been received.

It was resolved that the efforts be continued to resolve the problems..

19/116 Merchant Navy Commemoration. The supply of the flag has been arranged and will be handed to the Read and Simonstone Constitutional Club in time for the Commemoration in November.

It was resolved that it would be the Parish Council’s contribution to the event.

Matters requested by members

19/117 Litter bins overflowing at the bus lay-bye A671- the condition was reported to the RV Health Department along with a request to exchange the bin with the bin from outside the School, which is larger. RVBC responded that they will look into relocating the bins but they wouldn’t want them to cause a problem on Trapp Lane and School Lane.

It was resolved that the Clerk should enquire about the result of the Borough Council’s investigations.

19/118 Planning Applications – None

19/119 Meeting of Read Parish Council. Councillors’ Barker and Hargreaves reported that Councillor Pollard had been elected to Read Parish Council and had been elected to be the vice Chairman of the Council. Councillor Pollard told the meeting that a number of years ago Read Parish Council had agreed to allow Simonstone residents to become tenants of the Read Allotment gardens. A member of the Parish Council was drawing up a report on the allotments to see if access to the site could be improved and other necessary works carried out in the hope that a more equitable way of maintaining the site for the benefit of gardeners from both communities could be achieved.

It was resolved to note the comments and await the report in due course.

19/120 Lancashire CC- Changes to resident parking schedules;-

- (a) Remove all information in Schedule 3 and replace it with the table below-

Ribble Valley	Residents Parking Permit Fees (All Zones)	
	Cost	Maximum per household £25)
	£25	1

It was resolved to note the report

19/121 Finance

- a) **To confirm and approve the following items which will be placed on the parish website.**
- i) To approve the Certificate of Exemption –Agar 2018-19 (Part 2)
 - ii) To note the Annual Internal Audit Report 2018-19
 - iii) Section 1- The Annual Governance Statement for 2018-19

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- iv) Section 2 Accounting Statement for 2018-19
- b) See the attached items
 - (a) Bank Reconciliation
 - (b) Analysis of variations
 - (c) Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights

It was resolved to approve the above audited documents and to display them on the website and to placed the notice on the notice board informing the public of their rights to inspect the documents and their rights.

c) Payment of Accounts

1. RVBC	Website Fee (2yrs to 2021)	£23.98
2. LALC	Councillor training	£63.00
3. I R Hirst	Salary	£525.22
4. HMRC	Tax	£131.20
5. I R Hirst	Expenses	£129.82

It was resolved to pay the above accounts.

19/122 District Councillor - The Clerk told the meeting that Councillor Peat had reported that he had been elected on to the following committees of Ribble Valley District Council.:-

- (a) Policy and Finance Committee.
- (b) Audit and Accounts Committee.
- (c) Parish Liaison Committee (vice Chairman).
- (d) Health and Housing Committee.

It was resolved to note the report

19/123 The next Parish Council meeting is on the 8th August 2019 at 7pm

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