

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

Minutes

Present: Councillors David Peat, John Barker, Elisa Hargreaves, Greera Norse and Clifton Pollard

In attendance - RV Coun. Lesley Graves. 8 members of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies – Geoff Hodbod and Graham Meloy

19/55 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2019.

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

19/56 Declaration of interests - Hargreaves and Barker – Martholme Greenway, Greera Norse RSVH.

19/57 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker) – the following points were raised by members of the public;-

a) A lady thanked the Parish Council for the assistance that the RSVH Trustees had received from the Parish Council. Some members of the Council had formed a working party which eventually set up the Charity “ Read and Simonstone Village Hall Trustees”, whose efforts led to making a bid to purchase the former Congregational/URC Church, which had been accepted by the vendor.

b) A resident reported the following items;-

i) street Name Plate at the top of Lawrence Ave was missing.

ii) the footpath signpost on Carlton Avenue leading to the Tennis Club was lying on the ground.

iii) At the access to the Martholme Greenway from Simonstone Lane it was suggested it would benefit from the installation of dog waste bin. It was explained that the use of dog bins was no longer recommended due to the cost of maintaining them. The Parish Council had installed 2 litter bins and paid £405 for servicing them last year.

iv) A671- Fountains Avenue and Scott Avenues crossing points. The Chairman explained that discussions had been held with County Councillor Albert Atkinson and a Highways team from the County Council who had explained that the costs would be in the region of 100k and installation would be dependent on highway priorities.

v) The Chairman reported that on Trapp Lane a Tree on the East side of the Lane

vi) Whins Lane. A wall had collapsed onto the road.

vii) The Bus Lay- bye on Whalley Road is being used for selling cars.

It was resolved that the Clerk report the above matters to the appropriate authorities.

Decision items;

19/58 Nomination of a new Parish Councillor. The Clerk reported that he had received two applications from people wishing to become Parish Councillors. One of the candidates withdrew his nomination due to the approaching Parish Council elections to be held in May

It was resolved to appoint Mr. Stephen Finn as a Parish Councillor.

Matters raised from previous meetings

19/59 Coun. Greera Norse RSVH reported that a bid to purchase the former URC had been accepted by the vendors and that it was hoped that the sale would be completed within 6 weeks.

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She also reported that there would be a meeting on Tuesday 19th March at 6.30pm at the Higher Trapp for Trustees and interested parties to plan for the development of the Village Hall.

It was resolved to note the report..

19/60 Civic Sunday – It was reported that Read Parish Council is willing arrange the joint Civic Sunday on the 9th June at St Johns Church Read, followed by a reception at Read Cricket Club.

It was resolved to note the report

19/61 Martholme Greenway- Coun. Barker reported that a new Information Board had been installed and details had been placed on Facebook. He told the meeting that a screen was to be erected to give residents of Bank Terrace privacy from the users of the Greenway.

It was resolved to note the report

19/62 Matters raised by members –

a) Coun. Hodbod had requested that the Village Garden Competition be continued this year and Marion Kelly has offered to act as Judge. The Parish Council will provide £50 to fund prizes as in previous years.

It was resolved that the Garden completion arrangements should continue as last year..

b) John Barker reported that he had received a request from a Bank Terrace resident to replace the road safety mirror which had become de-silvered and was no longer usable. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had replaced some mirrors 9 years ago as the LCC highway refused to accept responsibility for it in 2010 . The cost of a replacement is between £90 to £150. Details had been discussed and had been circulated.

It was resolved that a replacement be purchased at a cost of £114..

19/63 Entertainment and Arts

a) The Clerk gave the results of the Happy Jack performance. Ticket sales £375. Library Theatre £265. Hall Hire £60 – Profit £50. A raffle had raised £72.50 which was handed directly to the trustees. Total raised for the RSVH Trustees was £125.50

It was resolved that the profits be forwarded to the RSVH Trustees.

b) Correspondence. An email has been received concerning the performance of Happy Jack where the writer was unhappy with the quality of the performance, She offered to use her experience of live theatre to assist the Parish Council selecting future performances, if requested.

It was resolved to note the report.

19/64 Governance matters to review the following :-

a) Website Management Policy was considered.

It was resolved to review the Policy in 12months time.

b) To review the Parish Council Risk register. Members considered various modifications.

It was resolved to accept the modifications.

19/65 LCC. The Chairman will report on the Parish and Town Council Update/Briefing held on 12th March at County Hall. Unfortunately the Chairman was unable to attend the meeting.

It was resolved to note the report

19/66 Read Parish Council. Councilor Barker reported that the Parish Council had welcomed the result of the RSVH Trustees bid for the URC which had been accepted. The Christmas party for this year had been discussed with a view to having a joint party with Simonstone Parish Council.

It was resolved that the Parish Council work with Read Parish Council to look at having a joint party for 2020 when the RSVH would be opened. At the moment there is not a facility with sufficient capacity to accommodate everyone from both Parish Councils. In the meantime, it was agreed to form a joint group to consider the matter.

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19/67 .RVBC Heritage Open Days 2019 are due to be held this year on 13-22 September 2019
Various local groups may wish to take part in the event and members were to consider the various projects

It was resolved to consider proposals at the next Parish Council meeting.

19/68 Planning - Housing And Economic Development – Development Plan Document. Consultation of Main Amendments. The Parish Council has already made an objection to the proposal concerning the Whins Land development. The consultation is for people or organizations to make their views known to the Planning Inspectors prior to the closing date, 5pm on 12th April.

It was resolved to note the report

19/69 Finance.

a) Payment of Accounts.

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| i) | Library Theatre | Happy Jack | £265.00 |
| ii) | The Governors St Peters | Hire of hall | £60.00 |
| iii) | RSVH Trustees | Profit | £50.00 |
| iv) | I R Hirst | Salary | £512.55 |
| v) | HMRC | Income tax | £128.20 |
| vi) | I R Hirst | Expenses | £271.91 |
| vii) | Little Green Bus | Donation | £150.00 |
| viii) | I R Hirst/Workplace dpt | Traffic Mirror | £114.00 |

It was resolved to pay the above accounts

b) Review of 2018/19 Budget details to be forwarded by email.

It was resolved to purchase a Traffic Mirror for Bank Terrace £114 and to donate £150 to the Little Green Bus and to carry forward £500, reserved for the development of the RSVH, to next year.

19/70 District Councillor’s report. None

19/71 The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 11th April 7.00pm in St Peters School, Simonstone.

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