

Simonstone Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
held on 8th November 2018.
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.00 pm

Minutes

Present: Councillors David Peat, John Barker, Geoff Hodbod, Elisa Hargreaves.
In attendance – 5 members of the public Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies – Coun. Graham Meloy, RV Coun. Lesley Graves

18/156 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2018

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

18/157 Declaration of interests. Hargreaves and Barker –Martholme Funding. Hodbod – RSVH .
Funding. Budget matters.

18/158 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

The Chairman welcomed 2 Members of Read Parish Council and 3 members of the public. A lady invited members of the Parish Council to attend the regular Friday coffee morning which is held in the Constitutional Club in the hope that the service would continue once the URG reopens its doors as the Village Hall. Councillor Hodbod brought the meeting up to date regarding the Trustee progress. Concerns were expressed about the partnership of both Council and RSVH Trustees. It was explained that both Councils would have to be satisfied that all safeguards were in place before both Parish Councils could apply for a loan for the benefit of the communities. The Trustees would have to provide necessary information in order for the Parish Councils to request a loan from the PUBLIC WORKS AND LOAN BOARD.

18/159 Decision items;

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

18/160 Matters raised from previous meetings;

- a) Couns. Hodbod and Norse to report on RSVH progress.
- b) Christmas final arrangements, Christmas events .
- c) Reported faults. Our reference number is 361329, 361321, 361327.
- d) Village hall survey and Parish Newsletter has been distributed and responses are being received. Clerk to report
- e) Parish Champion grant request. He will be responding in due course.
It was resolved to note the reports

18/161 Matters requested by members.

- a) Coun. Geoff Hodbod reported that a resident has expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor but owing to personal commitments he was unable to do so but would be willing to join the Parish Council on a different meeting day .
It was resolved to retain the existing meeting day.
- b) **RVBC – Parish Website**- it has been reported that the Parish Council website has been hacked and as a consequence members of the public have not been able to communicate with the Parish Council through the site. RVBC IT department became aware of the Chairman's initials.....

- c) problems and disabled the messaging system which has prevented further routes for hackers to attack the system. It was pointed out that the programme had been updated in order for it to work correctly. A number of minutes need to be added as they have been unavailable for public viewing as required under the Transparency Legislation.
It was resolved that measures be taken to ensure the continued operation of the Website. Clerk to report progress at the next Parish Council meeting.

18/162 **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 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. An alternative route for affected traffic is Padiham Road – Simonstone Road – Back Lane.

It was resolved to note the report

18/163 **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.

18/164 **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 .

18/165 Correspondence

- a) Hammond field- A report of the Planning Appeal proceedings had been received and considered

It was resolved to note the report .

- b) Lengthsman –A meeting to be held on Thursday 15th November 2018 at 7 pm at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church, Sabden. **2 representatives** are invited from each Council to attend. Sandra Silk & Sarah Dornan from Forest of Bowland AONB will attend. **It was resolved** that any member who was available would attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

- c) Newsletter responses – A letter has been received requesting information about the process of management of the survey being pursued by the Parish Council. Members considered the request and it was felt that the points raised in the request were helpful and need to be considered.

It was resolved to inform the writer that the Parish Council felt that it was too early to make a formal response and the date for responses should be extended to the date set by Read Parish Council (30th November).

- d) Leads Library Theatre – a programme of 4 plays had been offered for consideration in the early part of 2019.

It was resolved that a performance of “Happy Jack”, a comedy, should be arranged for the early part of the year.

18/166 Meeting of Read Parish Council, Councilor Barker reported that the main part of the meeting was concerning the retention of the URC and the process of consulting the community on the proposal. Hammond Ground had also been discussed.

It was resolved to note the report

18/167 Martholme Greenway, Councilor Barker reported that the Great Harwood section of the Greenway had been opened by Graham Jones, MP for Hyndburn and that 5 representatives of the County Council had been in attendance.

- a. Time Technology has been approached regarding opening the footpath along the former Railway track.

It was resolved to note the report

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18/168 The Clerk reported on the performance of “The Haunted Man” by Spot on. He told the meeting that there had been an increase in local people who had attended and there had been a loss of £66 including the cost of the Hall hire.

It was resolved to note the report.

18/169 Finance

a) The revised estimate for 2018-2019 and the Budget for the year 2019-2020 were discussed
It was resolved that the estimate and budget be approved and the precept set at £8400 with surpluses to be taken out of balances

b) **Payment of Accounts.**

(i) Kindred Theatre (Spot On)	Haunted man	£650.00
(ii) I R Hirst	Salary	£512.55
(iii) I R Hirst	Expenses	£96.93
(iv) HMRC	Tax	£128.20
(v) British Legion	Wreaths	£40.00
(vi) St Peters School	Hall Hire	£60.00

It was resolved to pay the above accounts and to pay the Christmas accounts as required.

18/170 District Councillor’s report None

The next Parish Council meeting is on the 10th January 2019 at 7pm.

Chairman’s Signature.....

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