

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 14th August 2014 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present- Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, Graham Meloy, Denise Rishton, Dave Waring

Apologies. Coun. Denise Rishton.

In attendance – RV Councillor John Hill, 9 members of the public & the Parish Clerk .

14/131 The Chairman reported that Ken Bury had resigned as a Parish Councillor.

14/132 14/146 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2014.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

14/133 Declaration of interests. Cllr Dave Waring 2014/0704 - Rookwood Simonstone Lane.

14/134 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins 3 mins per speaker)

A member of the public spoke on behalf of the Martholme Group. Members of the group consist of representatives from Great Harwood, Padiham, Hyndburn Authority, as well as interested people from the area who were keen to see the completion of the route between Padiham Greenway and Great Harwood.

It was stated that there was a possibility of the footpath being developed, currently the Group was seeking an independent authority to carry out a survey of the route, with no local people being involved, though in Padiham the involvement of local people contributed largely towards the successful completion of the footpath /cycleway through Padiham to the bypass at Shuttleworth Meade.

He asked if the Parish Council would be willing to join the group and appoint a representative..

A former Parish Councillor spoke requesting that the Parish Council consider the previous statements and risk assessment and results of previous consultations when reviewing (114/135a) the decision not to develop the path.

14/135 Parish Councillor Vacancies Nominations. There were no nominations Noted.

Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

14/136 The footpath between School Lane and Harewood Avenue – following a request for the Parish Council to reconsider it's decision not to carry out the improvement of the Footpath.

It was resolved as there had been no material change since the original decision was taken the original decision should be upheld.

14/137 Drainage of the Playing field – The Clerk reported that an investigation had taken place to identify the locations of drains. Initially it was discovered that the field had a herringbone pattern of drains and there were 4 locations where there are defectives in the drainage system. The field was suitable for play purposes and a resident pointed out that horses had been observed on the field regularly. It was also noted that the uncut area round the boundary of the field was increasing so reducing the playable area.

It was resolved that the Clerk report drainage problems to the landowner and request the maintenance team to cut back the overgrown areas.

14/138 Provision of an additional Dog waste bins. The Chairman reported on the additional costs at Read Parish Council has;- Dog Bins; cost £225 plus vat to buy, £208 per bin per year and they have 5 Bins.

It was resolved that the provision Dog bins be reviewed at the Estimate/budget time.

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14/139 Notice Board – It was reported that the notice board had been installed on the west side of the Stork Hotel.

14/140 Age Concern -Health and Wellbeing – Appointment of a Parish Champion for the elderly within the Parish. **It was resolved** that Councillor Dave Waring be the Parish Champion for the elderly.

14/141 War Memorial -The Chairman reported that he had various meetings and the Clerk and officials and that;-

- i That relatives of Lance Corporal Breckell had been located and would be attending the dedication and a representative of the Canadian Embassy would be in attendance.
- ii Fort Vale had agreed to host the reception and that a RV caterer would supply the buffet.
- iii The date of the dedication is to be on 8th November the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral would be taking the service.
- iv An estimate for the purchase of a Memorial Stone had been received from Thos Rock Memorials Clitheroe and it was recommended that it be accepted.
- v Purchase of Memorial the plaque to be placed inside the Church as agreed with the church.
- vi Radio Lancashire was intending to attend the service.

It was resolved that the report be noted and the arrangements be confirmed.

14/142 Change of Post code- The Post Office will consider changes to the Post code when it affects operational matters.
It was resolved to note the report.

14/143 Matters raised by members.

- a. Empowering Parish Councils to sell electricity –
 - i The Clerk reported that an enabling bill was being considered and that there was the likelihood of it being agreed.
 - ii That the government had agreed that the transmission to Parish Council agendas could be transmitted electronically if the Parish Council agreed to it.
It was resolved that that the agendas be as transmitted electronically when required.
- b. Denise Rishton-
 - i Simonstone Lane Vegetation over hanging the highway, Flower beds, and walls in need of repair.
It was resolved that the above matters be attended to.
 - ii Blackburn Road – Litter bins at bus stop and at Lay bye.
It was resolved that the Clerk make enquires
- c. Ken Bury – Fly Tipping.- The clerk requested that where Fly tipping had occurred he asked for guidance how to deal with the problem.
It was resolved that landowner should informed.

14/144 Chairman’s report on meeting with other bodies ;-

- a. The Martholme group meeting had been attended and the Parish Council had been asked if it would join the Group.
It was resolved that Cllr Graham Meloy take on the role of the Parish Council’s representative.

14/145 LCC

- a. School Lane -Yellow Lines. The Clerk reported that an e-mail concerning the yellow lines had been received by a former Councillor who had forwarded it to the Chairman. The Clerk responded by requesting that all communications concerning the Parish Council be channelled through the Parish Clerk.
It was resolved to note the report.

14/146 Planning
Planning Applications

3/2014/0704- Rockwood School Lane, TBR (to be received)

3/2014/0704 - Site of 10 Garages Hambleton View Simonstone TBR(to be received)

05431 -1Scott Avenue Simonstone BB12 7HY
Objection lodged as requested and distributed to members by email, 3 for, one on against, 1 no response, and one abstention. RV TBD (TO BE DECIDED)Previous application 0394 refused.

3/2014/564 - Beck Top Clough Lane, Parish Council, No Objection, RV Refused

3/2014/0518 - Garage at the Colony Whins Lane, Parish Council No objection, RV Approved

3/2014/0419- 7 Whins Lane Simonstone One Dwelling, Parish Council objected on the grounds that it is outside the Settlement Area and opposed to Ribbon Development RV refused.

14/147 Finance

a. Auditors report for the year 2013/4 was circulated and was made available at the meeting for interested parties to read.

It was resolved that it be approved and accepted.

b. Payment of invoices

i	LCC	Grit Bins	£651.
ii	Sabden	Lengthsman cont.	£600
iii	G Hodbod	Garden Comp prizes	£20.00
iv	LALC	Publications	£16.00
v	David Peat/Higher Trapp	Meeting expenses	£13.50.

It was resolved to pay the above accounts

c. Purchases of items

- i Notice board installation
- ii Purchase of bulbs for verges, £100 in budget.

It was resolved to make the above purchases.

14/148 Borough Councillors reports – Councillor Hill gave report on Ribble Valley matters. He pointed out that the Core Strategy consultation period had been extended to the 5th of September 2014.

14/149 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

14/150 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

14/151 Next Parish Council meeting 11th September 2014.

INFORMATION ITEMS (no decisions incurring finance may be taken on these items)

- 1) LCC Diversions X3 - M65 Slip Road, A6068, A56, Hapton.26th August to 1st September 2200hr to 0500hrs.
- 2) 11th August to 25th August Simonstone Lane, making Electrical connections. between 0700 to 1700.
- 3) RVBC.
 - a. July Minutes of RVBC.
 - b. Planning meeting Agenda for the meeting on the 26th June, 24th July, 21st August.
 - c. Accounts and Audit Committee 25th June 2014
 - d. Parish Liaison meeting Agenda
 - e. Bus Buddy. Notice placed on Notice Board and link on website.
 - f. STAN THE VAN visits the Stork car park from 10am till 4pm on 27th August.
 - g. Nominations for the Business Award, It was agreed that both Seaways Services and Fort Vale be nominated.
- 4) Onshore Oil and Gas supplementary Planning Document – Notification and scoping Consultation

Chairman’s Signature.....

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