

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2017 in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors Graham Meloy, Geoff Hodbod, John Barker David Peat, and Jayne Shaw.

In attendance –. 1 Member of the public, RV Coun Lesley Graves, and Parish Clerk, Roger Hirst.

Apologies –.

17/1 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2016.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

17/2 Declaration of interests. None.

17/3 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

Decision items;

17/4 Nomination of Parish Councillors Miss Elisa Hargreaves was nominated to become a Parish Councillor.

It was resolved to elect Elisa Hargreaves as a Parish Councillor.

17/5 Matters raised at previous meetings.

- a **WW1 artifacts-** It has been suggested that the items removed from Read library on its closure which had been donated to the Parish be placed on the inside wall behind the War Memorial. The Vicar and the school head were in agreement with the idea, in a protective case at the expense of the Parish Council.

It was resolved and approved that a suitable case be acquired.

- b **Payphones subcommittee,-** A meeting of the Parish Liaison committee to consider the BT Proposal to remove up to 49 payphones throughout Ribble Valley had been held to consider a response to the proposals and the committee opposed the removal of most suggested phones including of the ones in Simonstone and Read. The Clerk reported that both phones had been recommended for retention.

It was resolved to note the report.

- c **Hole in the road. The Chairman** reported that it had been repaired.

It was resolved to note the report.

17/6 Matters requested by members

- a Coun Peat - Grit bins It was reported that Read Parish Council had been in discussion with the Highways Department concerning refilling the bins. The response was that the County council would top up the bins where a complaint had been received that

they required filling by reporting it via the "Report it Roads it Lancashire" website or by ringing 08450530011.

It was resolved to note the report.

- b Coun Hodbod had requested Dog fouling Posters. The Clerk had obtained some posters from RVBC.

It was resolved that Councillor Hodbod would place them at appropriate places in the village.

17/7 Correspondence.

- a It was reported that a number of notes of thanks and appreciation had been received from people who attended the Christmas Party and events held in the village over the Christmas period. The School and Church authorities along with volunteers organisation Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Rotary (Padiham) were thanked. This year more people attended events than in past and it proved to be a most successful time and it was very pleasing to see so much interaction between the generations.
- b **It was resolved** that the Parish Council's thanks be sent to the various organisations.

17/8 Reports

- a The Christmas tree erection -There had been a good team of volunteers who turned up and the tree was erected in good time and there were no hitches.
- b Christmas light switch on The later time of 6.30pm when the lights were switched on proved to be a better time for people to attend. The Brownies assisted in serving refreshments and providing play activities for the young children, Padiham Rotary Club assisted and added much to the pleasure of both young people and parents who attended.
- c Retirees Christmas Party - Members had delivered 140 invitations around the village. 80+ acceptances had been received which met the number of available places. Unfortunately 15 people failed to turn up though 6 apologies had been received. However a greater proportion of thanks via various sources had been received. It was agreed that invitations be modified so as to avoid confusion regarding who were able to attend should acceptances be oversubscribed.

It was resolved to note the report

- 17/9 It is becoming apparent whilst the Parish Council has developed additional activities during recent years for the community to enjoy there are only 8 parish councillors when there is a full council. In order to continue with some of the activities there is a need to consider ways of forming a group of residents who would be interested in maintaining and possibly developing a Community Activities Committee. Failure to gain some local assistance means there is a possibility that activities may have to be curtailed. However, before a final decision is taken it is usual that at this meeting we start the preparation for the next years activities.

It was resolved that the;

- a Date for erecting the Christmas tree is to be on 25th November,
- b Switch on and blessing of the tree to be on the 28th November.

- c Dates for the next Christmas party, either the 2nd or 9th December to avoid clashing with Read Parish Council party
- d It was decided that the meal had been successful and the arrangement to be replicated.
- e Members would consider a different form of entertainment which will be discussed at the February Parish Council meeting when suggestions can be considered.

17/9 Planning

Application no 3/2016/1156	Officer Victoria Walmsley Tel: 01200414500	Grid 377553 435416
Address	Location: Tythe Barn House Whins Lane Simonstone Near Burnley BB12 7QR	
Proposal	Proposed 1dow alterations and removal of projecting front balcony.	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application no 3/2016/1192	Officer Nick Birkett 01200 414571	Grid ref
Address	Location : Hammond Ground Whalley Road Read BB12 7QN	
Proposal	Outline residential development for 50 units including reserved matters for access	
Parish Council	To make object to the proposal	

17/10 **LCC** Parish & Town Council Conference County Hay, Preston Saturday, 25thFebruary 2017,

It was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk attend the meeting .

17/11 **Martholme Greenway** Couns Barker and Meloy reported that progress had been made and a pre planning meeting had been held with Ribble Valley planners and that Sustrans were in the process of drawing up a planning application for the first stage of the Scheme.

Councillor Meloy told the meeting that he was to join the Group so he is covered by insurance when he assists the Group and to comply with the Parish Council Members Disclosable Interest Pecuniary Interest legislation.

It was resolved to note the report.

17/12 **LALC** Transparency Act, The Clerk attended an information meeting concerning grants that are available for the Parish Council to assist in setting up the necessary equipment in order to implement the statutory requirements of the Act. There are funds available for the purchase of scanners printers, website and training. Next year will be the final year of the scheme but the Parish Council will have to make an application through LALC before the 31st March 2018, in order to to benefit. The only equipment that belongs to the Parish Council is a computer and

it will not be eligible for replacement under the scheme but other necessary equipment will attract funding. After the scheme has been closed the Parish Council will become responsible for expenses in order for it to comply with its duties under the Act. A decision needs to be made when the Parish Council should make an application, this year or next year.

It was resolved to make an application for funding before the end of the scheme on 31st March 2018

17/13 Finance

Payment of Accounts

		£
i CA Traffic	Spid	2726,40 inc Vat
ii D \Peat/Tesco	Party material Party	44.75,
iii IRH/Tesco	materials	46.53.
iv Wendy Prosser	Catering	600.00
v Byrnes	Party supplies	95.00
vi Burnley Hire	Equipment hire	31.20
vii IRH/Total	Party materials	48.20
viii Dove Syke	Christmas Tree	240.00

Grants/ income

		£
i RVBC	Spid	2272.00. net of Vat.
ii Party	Donations	.93.00
iii Spot on	Ticket/contributions	379.35

It was resolved to note the income and to pay the accounts

17/14. District Councillors report- Councillor Lesley Graves -December 2016.

Report

Public Bin

I telephoned LCC mid-December regarding the rubbish bin at the bottom of Scott Avenue on Whalley Road. For some reason it appears to have been forgotten about on numerous occasions and can be seen overflowing. Could people keep an eye out for this because the rubbish soon ends up on the floor.

Wheelie bin

I received a call from Mr John Berry from Scott Avenue about his elderly neighbour who had her wheelie bin emptied and replaced with a dirty, old one which was not hers. She was extremely upset about it, she could not find her own bin which did not have a number on. I was asked if RVBC would replace it because she is an elderly lady and it had really upset her. A couple of phone calls later RVBC came and swapped it for a new one, which I thought was very nice of them. I would urge people to put numbers on their bins to prevent confusion. I bought her numbers for her bin to prevent it happening again.

Noise

I have received a couple of calls about noise issues on Railway Terrace regarding a new business on the Time site. The complaint is the beepers on the forklift trucks as they are reversing. I have spoken to Linda in the Environment Health. Dept at RVBC, She has been down three times and listened to the noise and feels that it is not sufficient enough to be classed as a nuisance.

I have requested for it to be monitored for the residents. I have been informed that they will be placing a machine within the house of one of the residents sometime in January for a week, this will pick up any noise coming from the business in question.

Crossing Whalley Road Simonstone.

The County Council are reviewing the Schemes that have been requested and a response is expected in January after a decision has been made.

Coun Lesley Graves

It was resolved to note the report/

17/15. The next Parish Council meeting is on the 9th February 2017 at 7pm.

Chairman's signature _____

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