

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 14th March 2013 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councilors. Geoff Hodbod, Joanne Quinn, Alan Duckworth, Graham Meloy, and Russell Hargreaves.

In attendance – RV Councillor John Hill and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies - Councilors David Peat, Stephen Dawson and Denise Rishton, whose absences were approved.

13/37 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2013 were approved.

13/38 Declaration of interests. None

13/39 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker). None

Decision items

13/40 Matters brought forward from previous meetings –

a. **Seeding the flower beds at Simonstone Lane with a reinforcing seed mixture and bee mixture £100.**

It was resolved to purchase the necessary seeds and materials.

b. **Trapp Lane Traffic Census Result** has been received and forwarded to members. A reminder of the results of the Fountains Ave/Whalley Road traffic survey has been forwarded to County

It was resolved to take up the offer to meet with the County Officer as he suggested.

13/41 Matters raised by members-

a. **White Hill - Coun.** Duckworth reported that he had contacted the Ribble Valley who had found no records of the stones hence they were not protected. Ribble valley were to contact the owners of the property to point out the significance of the stones. The Clerk reported that the County Council had the stones recorded and details were to be distributed to members for information.

It was resolved that members should be sent copies of the County's records by email.

13/42 Working Party report-

a. **Christmas Party –**

i **The Mothers Union** is happy to deliver the invitations to the party but will not provide deserts and mince pies in future.

It was resolved to thank the Mothers Union for their continued support of the Christmas Party and that an alternative source of sweets would be investigated by Coun Quinn.

ii **Entertainment** for the party. It was reported that the choir who provided entertainment last year cannot attend this year.

It was resolved that Councillor Meloy obtain the details of a recommended entertainer.

- b. **Parish Plans** – members of the working party reported that almost 30% of the questionnaires have been returned and that the results were in the process of being collated. It was hoped to have the final results available at the next Parish Council meeting where a decision could be made on how to present the results to the parishioners.

It was resolved that where email addresses had been received from residents a thank you note be sent to them and a notice be placed on the notice board thanking all other residents for their responses.

- c. **War Memorial Working Party.** – No report.

- d. **Governance** – The Working Party has drawn up a draft Risk Register for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting as part of the Annual Governance review. The following document has been forward to the Working Party for information and guidance.

- i Governance and Accountability for Local Councils (2010).

It was resolved that the meeting of the Working Party will be on 21st March.

13/43 LCC

- a. **Focus Group Meeting** – 12th March - Cllr Meloy reported that only 2 people turned up at the meeting and there was an exchange of views concerning the County Councils provision of services .

It was resolved to note the report.

- b. **County Service Consultation Meeting.** 12th March. Clerk reported that the meeting had considered points raised at the LCC Annual Meeting for Parish and Town Councils. The relationship between the County and the Parish Councils within the County was discussed.

- i **The Lengthsman Scheme** had been renamed to Local Delivery Scheme, and there would be no further Public Rights of Way grants available under the new scheme, as there had been in the past.

- ii Parish Councils wanted to have the contact details of County Officers so as to facilitate easier communications.

It was resolved to note the report.

13/44 **RVBC Coun. Hill reported** that the Ribble Valley Council had considered following-.

- a. Parish Council access to re Planning application with developers had been considered and had been ruled out because of commercial sensitivity and confidentiality, though a review of the Planning service was being undertaken.
b. Whins Lane access points.
c. Change of LCC officer contacts.
d. The Ribble Valley Safety Advisory Committee.
e. Read Cricket Club had offered a £10K Grant for improvements.

It was resolved to note the report

13/45 LALC.

- a. **Ribble Valley Branch meeting** – Councillor Duckworth reported that the meeting had been postponed until 19th March.

It was resolved to to note the change of date.

- b. **Training programme** Courses available :-

- i Quality Parish Scheme 20th June - £10

- ii Certificate in Local Council Administration 15th May - £150

- iii Training Workshops – New Councillors and Clerks -2 modules @ £30 each on 6th and 20th July.

It was resolved to note the details.

- iv **Report on Finance Workshop** – See apologies.

13/46 Northern Gas Workshop York 26th March -Noted

13/47 Planning.

- a. **Empirical Investments** – a letter had been received offering to meet Parish Council representatives to discuss erection of the Wind Turbine proposed for Huntroyde Home Farm.
It was resolved that the Parish Council should accept the offer and the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

13/48 Finance

- a. **Sabden Parish Council** has asked if the current usage of the SPID is satisfactory and the frequency of use is adequate.
It was resolved to continue with the current arrangements

b. **Payment of Accounts**

i	I R Hirst	Notice board fittings	£6.58
ii	LALC`	Subscription	£200.77
iii	Lumalite	Addition harnesses	£299.98
iv	I R Hirst	Salary	£477.26
v	HMRC	Income Tax	£119.40
vi	PSS	Expenses	£132.86
vii	Sabden P C	SPID half year charge	£438.00
viii	RVBC	Annual website fee	£2.99
ix	Burnley Hire	Hire of lights	£42.00

It was resolved to pay the above accounts.

- c. **Cricket Club Defibrillator** – A Letter of thanks has been received for the £50 donation made earlier this year. The fund has grown to £700 and the Club is hoping to purchase two defibrillators for fitting in convenient places in the area at a cost of £1600.
It was resolved to note the report.

13/49 Borough Councilors reports Coun Hill see above.

13/50 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings - none

13/51 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 11th April 2013 at 7pm in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

1) RVBC.

- a) Annual Budget report 5th March 2013
 b) Agenda Planning Committee meeting 14th March 2013
 c) Minutes and Proceedings of Council and Committees March 2013

2) LCR –Magazine

3) HMRC- New Tax Reporting procedures.

Chairman

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