

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 10th March 2016

In the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, Sue Bridge,

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

16/55 **Apologies** – Graham Meloy, Jane Shaw, Jo Quinn, Denise Rishton. were approved

16/56 **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2016.**

16/57 **It was resolved** to approve the minutes.

16/58 **Declaration of interests.**

16/59 **Public Participation.** (Open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker). none

16/60 **Decision items;**

a. **Defibrillators.** There has been a delay in the delivery of two to be fitted outside Time Business Technology Park and one to be fitted at the St Peters School. Some businesses have expressed an interest in offering to take up training offered by the first responders as arranged by the Ambulance Service. The Clerk reported that one of the sites had been approved and the second site had been identified and would be approved in due course.

Training programmes will be available for volunteers and will be arranged directly by the Ambulance Service First Responders through local contacts. **It was resolved to** approve the report and arrange for the defibrillators to be added to the Parish Councils insurance policy.

b. **Commemorative Bench** has arrived and has been installed in the Parish Garden. **It was resolved to** note the report.

c. **Housing for the Elderly** no response from the landowner's agent had been received. **It was resolved to** note the report.

d. **Footpath adjacent to the Railway Track** –A solicitor's letter had been received clarifying the ownership of the private footpath next to 8 Bank Terrace and the restriction limiting its use to the occupiers of the immediate row of terraced houses.

It was resolved to note the report and a letter of thanks sent to the owner of the property concerned.

e. **Christmas tree quotation** Clerk reported that he had obtained a quotation for erecting and dressing a Christmas tree for next Christmas which was considered too costly. Various alternative solutions were discussed. **It was resolved** that enquires would be made to establish if there was the possibility of finding local volunteers to assist in providing and installing a tree for this year.

f. **The County Council** has accepted the invoice for the work on updating the Blackburn Road/Simonstone Lane Junction. **It was resolved to** note the report.

16/61 Community activities -

File no 773

a. **Working party** reports:-

- i **Coun Bridge** reported that progress was being made on the design of posters for the performance on the 20th May of “The Professor of Adventure” and they will be available shortly. Arrangements were discussed for the evening. The Chairman reported that the Scout troop will assist in setting up the hall from 6pm and members to arrive by 7.00pm to help manage the event for the play to start at 7.30pm.

It was resolved to approve the report.

- ii **Coach day trip** – members discussed having a coach trip for villagers to visit a place of interest.

It was resolved that suggestions be considered at the next Parish Council meeting

16/62 Matters raised by members

- a. **Coun Peat requested that** the date for the Annual meeting be changed to the 19th May.

It was resolved to change the date to the 19th May.

- b. **Coun Hodbod** – reported that a local business was applying for a change of use to allow the sale of alcohol. He expressed his concern about the disturbance to nearby residents and lack of parking facilities causing traffic congestion.

It was resolved to note the report.

- c. **Coun. Meloy** – Village fete use of land Fountains Ave Green.

It was resolved to agree to its use.

16/63 **Governance review** the following documents were reviewed:-

- a. **Standing orders**
- b. **Code of conduct**
- c. **Asset register**
- d. **It was resolved** that the above documents be approved.

16/64 **Correspondence items**

a. **The Queen’s 90th Birthday celebrations.**

- i It was reported that the Local Scouts and Guide Guides were playing a role by supporting the “Tidy up your locality initiative”.

It was resolved to note the report

- ii Celebration mementoes for St Peter’s School primary children.

- iii **It was resolved** to provide a memento for the children who attend the school in Simonstone in the form of a medallion.

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16/65 **Reports Chairman**

- i Parish Walk from the Parish Garden at 2pm on 30th April to the site of the 1643 Battle of Read Bridge lead by local historian Mr Jeffery.
- ii 5th June Civic Sunday Read Bowling club has been booked for 11.30am for a reception following the Civic Service at St Peters Church.
- b. 3rd December from lunchtime for Retired folks Christmas buffet. The Entertainer is able to attend if requested; members need to decide if the Buffet/ afternoon tea is to be held.

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It was resolved to note the report

File no 772

- 16/66 Meeting with the St Peter's School Head** and Chairman of the Governors.
- a. The Parish Clerk gave a resume' of recent matters of mutual interest;-
 - b. Defibrillators at St Peters Church (and Time Business Park). The School will install the defibrillator, monitor it and coordinate training volunteers through John Aizlewood.
 - c. Martholme to Gooseleach wood footpath progress report.
 - d. Invitations for members to attend a Munchable Lunch made by the children on the 23rd March.
 - e. Civil War Battle of Read Bridge 1643 walk.
 - f. The Parish Council was invited to take part in the School fete and provide a stall.

- 16/67 Martholme Greenway** – a report had been circulated. It reported that the Group had been successful in that they had been offered a chance of funding from Tesco due to the recent legislation affecting the sale of plastic bags.

It was resolved to note the report.

- 16/68 LCC Closure** of Sabden Road, Back Lane, and Simonstone Road between 29th February and 4th March between 9.30 and 3.30 pm. for necessary repairs.

It was resolved to note the report

- 16/69 RVBC**

- a. **Lunch Clubs meeting** 26th February 10am Clitheroe Council Chamber
No one able to attend...
- b. **Grant of £3000** per parish was offered. Members considered options and decided to make an application to buy a SpiD to avoid hiring one .

It was resolved that prices for a Spid be obtained for the nest meeting.

- 16/70 CPRE**

- a. **Planning Training Event** – 15th March 2016 County Hall
It was resolved Couns. Jayne Shaw and Sue Bridge to report on the course at the next Parish Council meeting

- 16/71 Accounts to be paid.**

i	I R Hirst	Salary	492.60
ii	HMRC	Tax	123.20
iii	PSS	Expenses	130.67
iv	Eon	Electricity	15.55.

It was resolved to pay the above accounts

- 16/72 Village Halls Association**

- a. The Clerk attended the meeting on the 1st March. The following matters were discussed;-
 - i A resume of the types of public building used by communities in the members villages.
 - ii Funding applications to encourage community activities and the use of village facilities.
 - iii Future events aimed at increasing greater community cohesion especially in rural communities by the provision of activities. E.g. Luncheon clubs. Health and fitness events and Social activities.
 - iv Consideration of ideas to assist the management of halls and increase the membership of the association.

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It was resolved to note the above report.

16/73 Ribble Valley Seniors Forum No report.

File no 771

16/74 Planning applications.

Application No 0086	Officer Rebecca Hailiwell 01200424518	Grid ref
Address	22 Simonstone Lane, Simonstone BB12 7ND	
Proposal	2 Storey side extension and front porch.	
Parish Council	No objection	

16/75 Borough Councilor reported

- a. Councillor Lesley Graves reported that she and been pursuing the LCC commitment to complete the road marking at the Fountains Avenue/ Whalley Road junction and the installation of a traffic island on Whalley Road at the junction of Simonstone Lane.

It was resolved to note the report.

16/76 Matters for consideration at future meetings.

- a. **Stall for village fete (suggested packets of seeds)**
- b. **School fete stall or game**
- c. **Spid**
- d. **Options for Christmas buffet.**
- e. **Sculptures-**
- f. **Christmas tree planting.**
- g. **Garden competition prizes**

16/77 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

16/78 Next Parish Council meeting 14th April 2016.at 7pm.

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

1. RVBC. Minutes March 2016
2. Planning Meetings Agenda for the meeting on 11th February 2016
3. Council meets 1st March, Budget report item 7 concerning Revenue Budget for the year 16/17.

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