

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 12th November at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. David Peat (Chaired the meeting) Greera Norse, Joanne Quinn, Geoff Hodbod and Graham Meloy,

In attendance –2 Members public & Parish Clerk- Roger Hirst.

15/182. Apologies Coun. Susan Bridge, Denise Rishton. and Jayne Shaw,

15/183. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2015

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

15/184 Declaration of interests. The Clerk Item 184b, The Chairman Item 195c,v/vi.

15/185 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

A Lady reported that she was concerned that the Parish Council Facebook contained some inaccurate information and requested that inaccurate information should not be put on the site. She also complained that the Parish Council was to place a skip on her land without consultation. She was told that the Parish Council had no such proposals.

Decision items;

15/186 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

a. **Church magazine** The Chairman Coun. Peat has undertaken to write an article on “News from the Parish Council.”

It was resolved to approve the Chairman’s offer.

b. **Harewood Ave** Buses turn round; The Chairman pointed out that the Clerk had declared an interest in this item. And the Clerk had sent a letter to the firm concerned to complain about buses turning in the estate and no response had been received from the company. The member requested that the Avenue should have chicanes positioned on the Road to prevent speeding traffic before the Clerk had left the meeting.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to LCC requesting that chicanes be installed on the avenue.

c. **Litter bin request.** A location has been forwarded and a response is awaited.

It was resolved to pursue the request.

d. **Bulb Planting** Coun Hodbod reported that all the bulbs had been planted.

It was resolved that all councilors and members of the public who had assisted be thanked.

i **Theatre Working Party** Coun Quinn –Feedback on the recent performance.

ii The performance was successful according to the comments from the audience. Coun Quinn expressed disappointment at the lack of support in setting up the event from Working Party members.

It was resolved to thank Cllr Quinn for her efforts and to note the comments

iii **To consider future arrangements.** Members considered suggestions for future activities.

It was resolved that a performance should take place next Spring for a family show and for volunteers to join the Working party to widen its scope and appeal.

e. **Defibrillators.** A request was made and has been acknowledged for 2 to be placed in the Parish. The Clerk had received a response from the British Heart Foundation and the application is being processed.

It was resolved to note the report.

f. **Armistice Sunday** it was reported that members of the Parish Council attended the Service and a Parish Council wreath had been laid..

It was resolved to note the report.

g. **Parish Council meetings** – members considered the format of meetings.

It was resolved that in future that meetings should be concluded by 9.00 pm.

h. **Dates of meetings** for the year 2016/7.

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It was resolved to approve the dates as listed.

File no 762

- i. **Commemorative Bench** for the Parish Garden.

It was resolved to accept the quotation from CYAN Ltd.

- j. **River Bank erosion** reported as requested.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/186 Community activities -

- a. **A Community organization a Draft booklet** has been circulated to members.

It was resolved that the booklet be updated by the end of November and printed for the early new year.

- b. **Christmas Tree Arrangements** for purchase and erection of the tree

It was resolved that the quotation from Dove Syke Nursery be accepted.

- c. **Christmas tree switch on** 30th November, The Clerk reported that arrangements had been made as in past years.

It was resolved that members of the Parish Council and friends assist in the arrangements.

15/187 Funding for SPID – the Clerk reported that the bid for funding had been unsuccessful.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/188 Matters raised by members.

- a. **Coun Shaw** had requested that a litter bin be placed at the Bus stop on Blackburn Road. The Clerk reported that a request had been forwarded to RVBC but no response had been received.

It was resolved that a further request be made.

15/189 Correspondence Items of concern.

- a. **SUSTRANS Railway track** – A Bat survey was required before any work could be carried out on clearing the track and the work to do any clearance of the site would have to be suspended until they received the necessary authorization. The Lengthsman had been informed not to carry out any work on the track.

It was resolved to note the report.

- b. **Footpath below Shady Walk.** Report from LCC has been forwarded to members for information.

It was resolved to note the report.

- c. **Letter from Lady in Waiting** to Her Majesty the Queen has been received.

It was resolved to note the letter of thanks

- d. **Coun. Quinn** presented a letter she had received from a former Councillor pointing out the Parish Councils obligations under the recent Transparency Act.

It was resolved that the Clerk respond to the letter.

15/190 Chairman. Matters for consideration.

- a. **Parish Plan Housing needs** the Working Group is to meet with RVBC to discuss the best way forward on the 16th November.

It was resolved to note the meeting and that members of the working party attend

- b. **BIMBY Housing** guide. Further information has been requested regarding housing designs sympathetic to the localities where developments are considered.

It was resolved to note the request.

- c. As **Chairman of Ribble Valley Parish Liaison** Committee meeting the Chairman has been invited to become the Chair of Pendle Hill Partnership.

It was resolved to note the report.

- i. **A Governance Working Party** should be formed to consider the most recent Financial Regulation
It was resolved that a Working Party be formed and members are Coun Peat, Quinn, Meloy and Norse, Plus any member who wishes to join the WP. And that it should report back to the January meeting.

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- d. **Coun Meloy** – Martholme Greenway – reported that he had been appointed vice Chairman of the Martholme Greenway group. He continued to report that design work was in progress and that access to the track was to be from the southern side of the track accessed from Simonstone Lane and continue up to Gooselee wood. It was also reported that the work on clearing the vegetation on the Simonstone Lane buttress of the bridge. Sustrans were contacting LCC highways to obtain necessary funding in order to close the lane to allow the clearance of vegetation.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/191 LCC .

- a. **Parish based public transport.** The Chairman reported that the County was consulting Parish Councils on the proposals for Parishes to develop solutions to their particular transport problems.

It was resolved to note the report.

15/192 RVBC

- a. **Grant for additional services** up to £3000 for small parishes. Application to be submitted by September 2016.

It was resolved that the grant application be considered before that date. but that a dedicated SPID was initially identified.

- b. **Public Right of Way** Application forms for footpaths to become a PROW have been received

It was resolved to note the report.

15/193 Planning Applications –

- i 2015/0864 Time Computers Time Technology Park Blackburn Road Simonstone. Proposed upgrade and associated works including replacement mast 23m high.
The application is for full consent.

It was resolved to make no objection

15/194 LALC – Finance Work shop Training 26th November Howick House Penwortham. £30.00. Members are encouraged to attend training courses.

It was resolved to note the training courses on offer.

15/195 Finance

- a. **Income-**The Clerk reported that RVBC, Concurrent Fund Rebate Grant has been received

It was resolved to note the report.

- b. **Budget for 2016/17** was considered and set at £9007.

It was resolved The precept for the year 2016/7 set at £8200 with excess to be taken from balances.

- c. **Payments.**

i	I R Hirst	Salary	£492.60
ii	HMSO	Income tax	£123.20
iii	PSS	Expenses	£140.99
iv	I R Hirst/NU/Age	Printing	£68.40
v	D Peat/expenses	Library Theatre	£235.00
vi	D Peat/Bl	Wreath/meeting Expense	£33.90
vii	Dove Syke Nursery	Christmas tree.	£200.00
viii	Nu-Age	Printing	£68.40
ix	Burnley Hire	Hire of Lighting equipment	

It was resolved that the above accounts be paid and payment of seasonal expenses associated with Christmas tree and the Light switch as required.

15/196 Borough Councillors. RV Coun Lesley Graves sent her apologies.

15/197 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings.

- a. **The Governance Working Party** to report to the January meeting.

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- b. **Brian Jeffery and Conrad Robinson** be approached to arrange Parish walks during the coming year To be discussed at the February meeting.
- c. Consider some form of Christmas function for 2016 at the January meeting.
- d. To receive a report on the bid for a play in the Spring.

15/198 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

15/199 Next Parish Council meeting 14th January 2016.

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

1) RVBC.

a. RVBC Minutes September 2015

b. Planning Meetings Agenda for the meeting on 12th November 2015

2) Ribble Valley Village Hall Showcase – 17/11/15. Grindleton Pavilion 4.30pm

Chairman's Signature.....,

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