

Simonstone Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
to be held on 10th November 2016.
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.15 pm
Agenda

Apologies –.

16/187. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2016** for approval

16/188. **Declaration of interests.**

16/189. **A Presentation on proposals for the Community Centre at St Johns Church Read is to be given.**

16/190. **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

Decision items;

16/191. **Nomination of Parish Councillors**

a. **Matters raised from previous meeting**

- i Erection of the tree on 26th November at 9.45 am
- ii Christmas Tree Switch on 28th November at 6.30pm arrangement ;- ..
- iii Marshals Volunteers- Councillors preferably School Governors and Parents CRB checked though not essential. Wearing Hi Jackets if possible. Equipped with a Torches. 2 at the Garden gate on School Lane 2 Garden
- iv SPID the order has been placed but there is a delay as the backing plates have yet to arrive from the manufacturers.

b. **Working party report -..**

- i Christmas Afternoon Tea invitations have been distributed and acceptances have started to be returned.

16/193. **Correspondence**

- a. A letter was received form a resident regarding planning matters with a request that the Parish Council forward the letter to the Planning Department without identifying the author. Unfortunately I was unable to accede to the request as the contents would have been construed as the Parish councils views. No action was taken.
- b. Against Breast Cancer Limited, a registered Charity A request has been received to place a recycling bin in the Simonstone area to assist fund raising.
- c. BT has proposed to remove the telephone box at the lay bye at the bottom of Haugh Ave due to lack of use. This item was discussed at the Parish Liaison meeting and Ribble Valley is responding to the letter. Would the Parish Council like to respond on behalf of the parish.

- d. **Burnley Planning**, A proposal for a Gas Fired Power Station to be constructed on Shuttleworth Meade Green Belt Land. between the Traffic Lights and the Business park a copy of the proposal was distributed to members would the members wish to make a comment on the proposal.

16/194. Reports Coun Peat to report on the most recent meeting of the Pendle Hill Improvement Committee.

16/195. Planning Matters

a. **Applications none**

- b. **Housing Survey** -It has been brought to the attention of the Clerk that there is village a survey of housing need is being circulated and people have asked if the survey was on behalf of the Parish Council, the Parish Council has not authorized any such survey.

16/196. Highways. For information -There had been a major hold up on the A671 on the 3rd November due to 2 accidents at the evening rush hour one to the east and one to the west of the village. The Clerk, being in the area of Harewood Ave saw 5 vehicles using the road as a short cut, over a period on 10 to 15 minutes.

16/197. Martholme Greenway – Councillor John Barker to report on recent progress and the funding required in 2018 for upgrading the link from the end of Padiham greenway to Simonstone Lane.

16/198. LALC the Clerk will report on the proceedings of the Ribble Valley Area Branch meeting which is to be held on Tuesday 8th November at 7pm in the Council Chambers, Church Brow, Clitheroe, BB7 2DD, the LCC County Champion for Parish Councils Cynthia Dereli is hoping to attend.

16/199. NALC see attached letter concerning the need for a local referendum should a Parish Council wish to increase the precept above 2% . This would cost Ribble Valley £70000 should every Parish Council wish to take up the option. Does the Parish Council wish to respond to the letter.

16/200. Donations ;-

- a. **Citizen Advice Bureaux** – Application for a donation Previous donation £50 - 2014
- b. **Little Green bus** £150 in previous years.

16/201. RVBC - Report on the Parish Liaison Committee Meeting ;-

16/202. RV Village Hall Association to consider the St Johns Community Centre proposal as outlined at this evening presentation.

16/203. Finance

- a. To consider the revised estimates for the year 2016/2017 and to determine the Budget and Precept for year 2017/2018.
- b. Parish Plan update
- c. Review the Parish Directory
- d. Contributions to the up grade of the Railway Footpath.
- e. Donation to the Community Hall Project.

f. Accounts.

i	D Peat/ British Legion	Wreaths	39.00
ii	PSS	Expenses	132.57
iii	I R Hirst	Salary	497.57
iv	HMRC	Tax	124.40
v	Spot on	Play	£800.00*
vi	Ribble Valley	Printing	£18.00
vii	Burnley Hire Centre	Lighting Hire	
viii	CAB	Donation	
ix	Little Green Bus	Donation	

* Balance minus income from takings to be refunded through Grant aid = no cost for the production to the Parish Council

16/204. District Councillors reports none .

16/205. The next Parish Council meeting is on the 12 January 2017 at 7pm.

I R Hirst
Clerk to the Parish Council

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

- 1. Minutes and Proceedings of Ribble Valley Council and Committees September 2016**
- 2. Parish Liaison Meeting 27th October.**
- 3. Planning Agenda 10th November .**

The Parish Church of St John's Read and St Peter's
Simonstone

Proposal for a Community Centre in St John's Church

Our Vision

To serve the community of Read and Simonstone by providing a centre where people can go for recreation, revitalisation and entertainment.

Our Aims

1. To build a multi-purpose community space within St Johns church - big enough, warm enough and sufficiently equipped for meetings, events, entertainment, cinema and a café.
2. For this space to also be available for extending the worship area when needed, but where those within the space feel that they are part of the main congregation.
3. To remodel the entrance to the church to make it more welcoming using aesthetic glass doors, contemporary lighting and perhaps a new window on the east side.
4. To open the community space during the daytime for people to find a sanctuary where peace and coffee are available.
5. To provide a car park – large enough to accommodate a group/congregation of around 150 people
6. To build using sustainable materials and use low energy efficient methods for heating and lighting.
7. To encourage community groups to use the building
8. For our generation to leave the church in a healthy state, as a legacy for future generations, as previous generations have done for our community.

Options floated so far (no decisions made)

1. To build a large community space with modern facilities at the west end of the church separated from the worship space by a large glass screen from floor to ceiling. This space to be used on Sundays for children's work and as an extended worship space for large services – e.g. carol services, large funerals/weddings etc.

- a. Could involve removing 3 rows of pews at the back, and perhaps adding new seating at the front.
 - b. The worship space capacity would be up to 140, with an extra 80 seats when using the extended space.
 - c. The sound system would be extended for the new community area at the back.
2. Air Source Heat Pump as the 'boiler'.
 - a. As the heating would be in use for many more hours during the week, we need an efficient system that is capable of producing a +18C rise in temperature.
 - b. Lower running costs but higher capital cost. Government grants are available.
 - c. As the water temperature (55C) is lower than with a conventional boiler (75C), more 'radiator' surface area is needed – hence the need to consider under-floor micro-pipes. There would need to be two separate zones.
 - d. New insulated roof panels are being considered to reduce running costs.
 - e. More heat in the building will help to lower building maintenance costs.
3. LED lighting
 - a. Brighter lighting is needed, but
 - b. LED power consumption is 25% of the current system
 4. Larger kitchen and serving hatch improvements.
 5. Remodelling the access to toilets.
 6. The provision of more storage space.

Examples of Community Use

1. A cinema screen and sound system?
2. A book lending/exchange library?
3. A facility for visitors to serve their own coffee during weekdays?
4. A place to attend courses; e.g. Discipleship, Mindfulness, Music, etc
5. A meeting room to hire?
6. A place for exhibitions?
7. A quiet space for Peace/Prayer.
8. Children's parties.
9. Celebration space after baptisms and small weddings.
10. A health sanctuary
11. Heritage visits from schools and other groups.

Key Milestones

Phase 1: Preparation - up to year-end 2016

1. Consulting with the community – groups and individuals – about how they would use the centre, and suggestions for what facilities to offer
 - a. We have applied for a grant to fund producing flyers and three consultation evenings.
 - b. We will send a flyer to all residents at the same time as advertising the Christmas Tree Festival.
2. Appointing an architect and considering various solutions with him/her and the PCC.
3. Building vision about the need for this project: communication and listening.
4. Investigating alternatives and costing for each aspect: space, heating, lighting, kitchen and facilities.
5. Investigating funding
6. Drawing up a time plan.
7. Caring for the building – curing leaks etc.

Phase 2: Decision: Christmas to Easter 2017

After consultation, consideration of cost and discernment, deciding what to build.

Phase 3: Planning – Easter to June 2017

1. Drawing up detailed plans
2. Applying for faculty and any necessary Planning permission
3. Applying for grants
4. Raising funds from community
5. Communication

Phase 4: Building: Autumn 2017 onwards....

Spid backing plates

Correspondance and reports

Christmas Working party report 6/11/2016

. The dressing of the Christmas tree on the 26th November – Arrange are being explored to enlist the help of Parents of St Peters School Children to assist in the erection of a Christmas tree and dress it on the 26th November at 9.45am.

a. David arrange with School to be confirmed

2. Switch on of the Christmas Tree Light 28th November at 6.30 pm on again volunteers a required to help set out the Parish Garden in time for the switch on. The lighting equipment will be provided by Burnley Hire and will be delivered to the School in the afternoon time of delivery has been requested for 1pm. **confirmed**

a. Clerk has to arrange Clerk to contact Rotary re FC attendance confirmed

3. The working party needs to attend during the hours of day light around 2.30pm the setting up need to completed by 17.30.pm in time for a safety briefing. Following the end switch on refreshments will be served after a visit of special visitor, again it is hoped that the brownies will provide the refreshments.

a. Volunteers of councillors, friends to assemble at 2.30pm to Volunteers required.

. Christmas party for the retired 3rd December 2016.

- **It was agreed that the list of retired folk in the village be up dated and that a leaflet drop be forwarded. Completed**
- **There will need to be a working party to set up the Hall on Friday evening starting at 7.pm. and the necessary decorations and obtained before hand ie table Cloths raffle prizes Christmas tree Councillors are requested to locate and to bring them along on the day. Wine and drinks will be required to collecting should it be required.**
- The entertainer will Rob Mason and he has confirmed he will be in attendance confirmed
- Catering arrangements have been Confirmed We would however require all the serving plates returned

NALC AGM Proposal to Cap the increase in precepts above a certain level.

Please see the attached template letter which the Parish Council may wish to send to Nigel Evans our MP. At the recent NALC AGM there was an overwhelming vote to oppose the government suggestion which in effect caps parish council precepts and would involve extra expense at a time when Principal Authorities are reducing services and devolving them to town and parish councils.

Draft letters

Dear *[insert name of MP]*, Member of Parliament for *[insert name of constituency]*,
I am writing on behalf of *[insert name of Council/county association]* about the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation, in particular proposals by the government to extend council tax referendum principles to local parish and town councils. Our council/county association very much welcomed the government's decisions over the last few years not to introduce referenda principles for local councils.

Local councils account for just 1.7% of the £26 billion raised through council tax in England and have demonstrated fiscal responsibility in recent years with overall increases in precepts going down, rising this year by just 6 pence per week on average as a result of local councils taking on services from principal councils and funding not being passed on to them.

We are therefore extremely concerned indeed about the proposals set out in the consultation, proposals which will be greeted by England's 80,000 local councillors as a real blow to local democracy and their democratic role to make decisions on spending priorities and work with the local community to identify and meet local needs.

Right across the country local councils are doing a brilliant job improving their areas; whether it's by building community resilience, increasing house building through neighbourhood planning, providing local transport solutions, supporting the local economy and businesses, organising community events and festivals, helping meet social care needs and making places dementia friendly or giving grants to help local groups and organisations – all this and often more for an average cost to residents of just over a pound a week.

[insert name of Council] plays a vital role in supporting the community through [insert examples of how your Council is meeting local needs and adding value in your community, how you are working together with others in support of devolution etc]. [insert name of Council] takes its financial management responsibilities seriously and fully recognises the importance of reducing costs and making efficiency savings so that we can continue to deliver and improve services, at the same time as minimising the tax burden.

[or]

[insert localised examples from Councils in the county association area]

Unlike principal councils, local councils do not receive grant funding from central government or a share of business rates and are primarily financed through the parish precept. Therefore we really do believe these proposals amount to a centralist sledgehammer to crack a nut, at a time when the government should be supporting not undermining councillors and their important role improving communities.

Introducing these new rules will also seriously damage the ability of smaller communities to help themselves and very much threatens the government's previous commitments to localism and devolution.

It is vital local councils continue to have the freedom and flexibility to raise the resources they need to invest in local services, especially at a time when they are taking on services and assets from principal councils, often much valued services which would otherwise cease completely and which communities want to see continue.

So given their important and growing role, local councils should be celebrated and supported, not hindered by central government.

The town and parish sector has taken up the challenge of delivering the localism agenda and the National Association of Local Councils is currently developing a devolution toolkit along with other resources which supports government policy on empowering local communities.

Ultimately we want more people to get involved in local decision making and to be engaged within the communities they live – to be actively involved in local elections. Effectively ‘capping’ parish precepts and forcing councils to hold costly referenda sends out a negative message about the first tier of local government which is meant to underpin the localism agenda.

In addition we are concerned about the unintended impact putting into question whether local councils would be able to take on a greater role including taking over services from principal authorities or taking advantage of community rights legislation such as neighbourhood planning.

There is also the significant public cost that could arise from referendums, which in certain circumstances could be triggered by changes outside of our control such as increases in business rates or national insurance.

In summary these proposals will damage communities and local services as well as undermine local democracy and the role of local councillors and we would request you support us and also write to the local government minister Marcus Jones MP to oppose these proposals.

Yours sincerely
[Council/county]

association

chairman]

- There may be a higher than average need to access emergency services, including breakdown services, due to specific local factors for example, the call box is near a known accident black-spot.

If you wish to comment on this consultation or make your views known to the Local Planning Authority, then please email planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk for the attention of Victoria Walmsley, Assistant Planning Officer, with your comments by Wednesday, 30 November 2016.

Yours sincerely



JOHN MACHOLC
HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

To: All Parish Council Clerks

Simonstone Parish Council					16/203a
Income and Expenditure Account and draft estimate for the year 2017 to 2018					
2014/15		Actual	Variation	revised	DR 2017-18
Actual		2016-2017	2016-2017		
8000	Precept	8,200.00	-	8,200.00	8200
131	Gov Grant	65.00	- 1.00	64.00	64
22.07	Interest	2.78	12.22	25.00	12
249.50	VAT	249.42	- 249.42	350.00	300
275.00	Grants	-	-	2800	
1,409.51	Entertainment	860.50	- 410.50	1,300.00	1409.51
	<u>mics</u>	<u>232.88</u>	<u>- 232.88</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>300</u>
<u>£10,087.08</u>	Total	<u>£9,610.58</u>	<u>881.58</u>	<u>£12,739.00</u>	<u>£10,285.51</u>
Simonstone Parish Council					
Expenditure					
2014/15		Budget 16/17	Actual	Variation	
379.88	Subscriptions	360.37	89.63	450.00	450
199.49	Insurances	214.91	- 13.91	230.00	245
60.00	Audit Fee	65.00	151.00	70.00	70
1,948.18	Clerk- Salary	995.34	1,454.66	2,500.00	2500
487.40	HMRC	248.60	- 248.60		
476.04	Printing etc	312.86	287.14	500.00	900
137.52	Jewel	-	50.00	50.00	50
	Web/computer	-	250.00	250.00	250
175.00	Hire of hall	175.00	5.00	180.00	180
50.00	Rents	50.00	-	50.00	50
140.00	Chairman's Allow	140.00	5.00	180.00	160
247.00	Training	-	250.00	250.00	250
350.00	Donations	39.00	211.00	1,250.00	250
850.00	Enter/ Theatre	1,489.00	- 389.00	1,350.00	1350
259.20	Christmas	-	350.00	350.00	350
268.93	Ground maintenance	300.00	530.00	850.00	850
210.00	Cont to Play Area	300.00	10.00	320.00	315
1,080.00	lengthsman	700.00	- 250.00	850.00	1000
1,906.10	Capital	-	375.00	500.00	
651.60	Environment Litter	384.79	115.21	425.00	450
<u>933.55</u>	<u>Spid</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,600.00</u>		<u>0</u>
<u>£ 10,809.89</u>	-	<u>£ 5,774.87</u>	<u>5,832.13</u>	<u>10,605.00</u>	<u>£9,670.00</u>

Balances current 8/11/16		
Brought Forward 1/4/2013	£	9,364.46
income	£	9,610.58
	£	18,975.04
Expenditure	£	5,774.87
	£	13,200.17
cash at bank	£	13,200.17
Uncleared Invoices	£	1,094.09
balance total	£	12,106.08

Instruction to American Servicemen				
05/11/2016				
Income				
	Village Hall			
	Takings		360	
Expences				
	Actors	800		
	advertising			800
				360
Banked	cash			
	20	4	80	
	10	7	70	
	5	2	10	
	2	0	0	
	1	54	54	
	0.5	36	18	
			0.35	
Cheques			147	* Tobanked
banked 7/11/16			379.35	
refreshments			19.35	
60 tickets + 2 free			360	
Total expenses		800		800
receipts				360
Loss excluding subsidy				440