

Simonstone Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
held on 9th January 2020
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.00 pm

Minutes

Present: Councillors, Clifton Pollard, Rob McKelvey, Graham Meloy, Stephen Finn, John Barker and Elisa Hargreaves.

In attendance - 5 members of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies - David Peat

- 20/1 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 14th November, 2019.
It was resolved to approve the minutes.
- 20/2 **Declaration of interests-** Cllrs. Pollard, Graham Meloy, Martholme Greenway, Cllr. Norse, R. McKelvey, Coun Finn, RSVH Trustees.
- 20/3 **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins. per speaker)
- (1) A lady told the meeting that she had not seen any reactions to her previous concerns about the danger that mothers and children face Crossing Whalley Road at the junction of School lane. The Chairman and Clerk told her that the matter had been discussed with the Chairman of the County Highways committee regarding a Pedestrian Crossing but had not reached the criteria for a crossing at that time.
It was resolved that information on when a Pedestrian crossing or safety measures can be placed at the junction to protect pedestrians crossing at this point..
- (2) A request was made for a footpath to be installed on the south side of Whalley Road between Simonstone Lane and Fountains Avenue.
It was resolved to consider the request at the next Parish Council meeting.
- (3) A resident of Read told the meeting that he was having difficulty in Crossing the Road at the Pedestrian Crossing at the Cricket Club due to motorists ignoring the red Light and gesticulating at pedestrians on the Crossing.
It was resolved that This matter to be reported to Read Parish Council for their attention.

Decision items.

- 20/4 **Matters raised from previous meetings:-**
- a. **RSVH.** Couns McKelvey reported that good progress has been made in lettings and a considerable number of regular bookings have been made and that there is to be an official opening of the hall on Saturday 7th March. He told the meeting that the children's Nursery would not be reopening as the building does not have the necessary facilities to meet current OFSTED requirements.
It was resolved to note the report
- b. **Martholm Greenway** – Cllr. Barker reported that work was continuing to conclude the stage at the western end of the clearway and that permission had been given to install an information board at the site of Constant Mary with the assistance of a local historian. Picnic facilities will be installed on the Goosleach Wood – Simonstone Lane length. It was intended that the east end of the path be made ready for creating access to the industrial estate and will be undertaken once access to the new footpath is installed on the industrial site as per the planning condition.
It was resolved that the Clerk make enquiries from the Planning Department as to when there will be access to the new footpath.

c. **Cleaning Road signs and finger posts.** Pendle Hill Partnership offered to assist the Parish Council with grant funding. The Clerk reported that information had been received and that the Lengthsman had been informed.

It was resolved that the finger post cleaning be completed.

d. **Cleaning Bus shelters** – Clerk reported that he had received information that it was unlikely that the RVBC would be able to clean the winter's road-waste away from the sites before the end of March.

It was resolved that the Lengthsman be requested to carry out the work.

20/5 Christmas time

a. Review of Christmas arrangements 2019:-

i. **Tree Set up, purchase, erection, lighting.** – It was reported that owing to the cost of replacing the LED on the existing tree lights it was found necessary to replace them with new lights at a cost of £76 for 3000 lights as opposed to £1 per LED for the currently parish- owned harness. The erection and the Switch on went smoothly and confirmed that the arrangement were a success.

It was resolved that letters of thanks be sent to all the volunteers and organizations who supported the Switch- on including the School, Padiham Rotary and the helper from the Guides and Brownies.

ii. **Christmas Party.** Letters of thanks had been received saying and how well the entertainment had been received. It was unfortunate that of the 50 people who accepted the invitation, 10 failed to attend. The surplus food was distributed to the elderly who thorough illness were unable to attend, also a social club. Due to the disappointing response to the 2019 Party **it was resolved** that that a sub-committee should be formed to meet with representatives from Read Parish Council to consider future arrangements for the possibility of a joint Christmas celebration next year. Councilors Finn and Meloy (Simonstone Parish Council) Suan Greenhaugh and Deborah Ridge (Read Parish Council) will consider various options and report to their next respective Parish Council meetings.

iii. **RVBC Christmas Grant.** Unfortunately, the grant that had been given to assist the elderly was not able to be used due to the lateness of it's receipt and it was decided to share the funds with the Salvation Army and the Ribble Valley food bank.

It was resolved to approve the distribution to both charities of £100 each.

20/6 RVBC Parish Liaison meeting. At the meeting it was decided that the new arrangements for Parish Council websites should be investigated. The Clerk reported that the matter had been reported to the Committee and a request had been made for the Committee to consider ways of making progress in meeting the government's requirements.

It was resolved to note the report

20/7 Civic Sunday 2020- this year Simonstone Parish Council is to arrange a joint Civic Sunday with Read Parish Council.

It was resolved that the Service would be held in 7th June when St Peter's is available.

20/8 Meeting of Read Parish Council. Councilors Barker and Hargreaves reported that the following items were discussed:-.

a. **Playground Car park safety.** It was reported that there had been issues regarding the usage of the car park for the collection of commercial waste by a local business. The Parish Council was concerned for the safety of visiting children.

b. **Prices were being sought for repairing the potholes on the access Road to the Play area, Cricket Club and allotments.**

c. **There had been discussions for a piece of land at the rear of the Cricket club and bowling green to be made into an all-weather play area.**

d. **The Allotments, which a number of residents from Simonstone are tenants of, were needing some repair work done the and access needed improving. There was a suggestion that Simonstone Parish Council may wish to make a contribution toward the costs.**

It was resolved to note the report

20/9 LALC- Annual General Meeting. The Clerk reported that the subject of the Government’s website requirements had been raised and a response was being awaited.

It was resolved to note the report

20/10 Planning Applications

a. Simonstone Whins Lane Development-MM5 - Site 24- Haugh Head, Whins Lane. The Planning Inspector has no objection to the site being developed and the District Council has accepted the site as a development site after the consultation last year. So, should a planning application be received the Parish Council will have to respond following the usual procedures.

It was resolved to note the report

b. Notification of appeal against refusal of planning application 3/2019/0698 Wilkinson’s Farmhouse, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone BB12 7NX. The Parish Council made no objection to this application. See the RVBC website for reasons for objections lodged.

It was resolved to note the report

Application 3/2019/1060	Officer John Macholc: 01200414502	Grid Reference
Address	Catkins Clough Lane Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7HW	
Development Proposal	Disabled adaptations, including new porch/utility, access ramps and internal alterations. Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	No objection	

20/11 Accounts for payment.

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| a. | W Prosser | Party Food | £628.50 |
| b. | I R Hirst | Party sundries and lights | £128.49 |
| c. | Byrnes Wine | Party Drinks | £89.22 |
| d. | Ribble Valley Food Bank | Christmas contribution | £100.00 |
| e. | Rosendale Hospice | Christmas Entertainment | £100.00 |
| f. | Burnley Hire | Lighting Hire | £30.00 |

It was resolved to approve the payment of the above accounts.

20/12 Governance matters. The time has come when the Parish Council has to review the various governance documents which require to be reviewed at least every 4 years.

- a. Simonstone Parish Council Risk Register
- b. Website Use Agreement
- c. Parish Council Website Usage Policy
- d. Code Of Conduct
- e. Asset Register

The Parish Council is due to up-date its website this year. It would be pertinent to have these items ready in time for incorporating them in the new website.

It was resolved that the documents should be distributed for members to consider before the next Parish Council Meeting so that if any amendments are proposed they can be dealt with at the Meeting.

20/13 District Councillor’s Report –Cllr. David Peat to report NA.

The next Parish Council meeting is on the 13th February 2020 at 7pm.

Chairman’s signature