

Simonstone Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
held on 13th February 2020
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.00 pm

Minutes

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

In attendance - 3 members of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies – None

20/14 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January, 2020.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

20/15 Declaration of interests- Cllrs. Pollard, Graham Meloy, Martholme Greenway, Cllr. Norse, R. McKelvey, Coun. Finn, RSVH Trustees.

20/16 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins. per speaker)

A lady told the meeting that there was a car parking problem on the junction of Whalley Road and Lawrence Avenue at particular times during the week which was causing residents to have difficulty in accessing the Avenue. Vehicles were parking on the road, pavement and grass verge.

It was resolved that the Clerk should report the matter to the relevant Authority.

Matters raised from previous meetings:-

20/17 RSVH Couns. McKelvey and Norse reported that there had been an increase in usage of the hall and that the finances were in good shape. There had been a small problem that was being dealt with in the former chapel. The Princes Trust was assisting in clearing the allotment in preparation for a car park to be constructed and a presentation was to be arranged as a thank you to the young people for their efforts on the 28th February.

It was resolved to note the report

20/18 Martholm Greenway – Cllr. Barker reported on progress.

There has been a request for an investigation to confirm the positioning of the access from the new development's Cycle Track to the former Railway Track, as a planning condition, as shown in the Section 106 of the agreement. There has not been a response confirming that the Planning conditions will be adhered to as a notice had been erected advertising the units for letting and the developers were not responding to requests from the voluntary groups for the location of the access-point to the former railway track and when it will be available for linking up the Martholme Cycleway as the volunteers wish to prepare for the continuation of the project.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Chief Executive of Ribble Valley Borough Council and the Leader of Lancashire County Council expressing the Parish Council's concerns that the planning conditions are not being adhered to.

Coun. Pollard reported Read Parish Council had supported that a letter requesting assistance Sara Britcliffe MP to support the Martholme Greenway Group for the project to complete the Cycleway Route 685 Padiham/Great Harwood Loop.

It was resolved that the Parish Council notify Sara Britcliffe MP for Hyndburn of Simonton Parish Council enduring support for the project with a copies to the leader of LCC, Nigel Evans MP and Ribble Valley BC.

20/19 The matter of a footpath between Fountains Ave and Simonstone Lane on the South side of Whalley Road was raised. A request has been lodged with the Highways Department for

a footpath to be installed and a response has been received acknowledging the receipt of the request.
It was resolved to note the report.

20/20 Response from LCC 09/01/2020 Report -SIMONSTONE LANE, Roads - Obstruction

“ This matter does not meet the required levels for work at this time”. The Clerk has referred the matter to the police for their action.”

It was resolved to note the report.

1. **20/21 Cllr. Peat** reported that the matter of highways safety as raised by members of the public at the January Parish Council meeting was discussed by the County Cabinet at the meeting on 28th January and the results of the discussion are as follows;-
 - a. Speeding is a Police matter (this matter has been reported to the Police).
 - b. There will be a traffic survey which may lead to the installation of a roundabout should the survey indicate a need for one or a similarly effective measure being installed which will be determined dependently on the County’s spending priorities
 - c. The County Council Education Department will write to schools in both Read and Simonstone to seek their views especially re road- crossing etc.

It was resolved that the Clerk inform St Peters School Acting Head. The report was noted.

20/22 Christmas time Review of Christmas arrangements 2019:- the following matters were discussed

- a. Christmas tree matter
- b. Erection and removal
- c. Lighting.
- d. The Clerk drew attention to the fact that the new lighting sets are of a lighter construction than the old sets and another string may need to be purchased for next year.

It was resolved to approve the report.

20/23 Christmas 2020 – Sub- committee reported that there had been various suggestions made but in order to make progress it was suggested that Simonstone and Read hold a joint Christmas party for 2020. The committee would report on progress at the next meeting.

It was resolved that both Simonstone Parish Council and Read Parish Council hold a joint Christmas party in 2020.

20/24 Matters raised on behalf of concerns reported to Members:-

- a. Compliant- Car parking on Whalley Road between Lawrence and Bealey Avenues,
- b. Compliant -Dog fouling on Whalley Road pavement between Scott and Lawrence Avenues.
- c. Request for a visit of RVBC Housing Officer to speak on addressing housing matters for RVBC. The Clerk reported that Rachael Stott will attend the next Parish Council meeting and will discuss village housing

It was resolved that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

20/25 RVBC Parish Liaison meeting. At the meeting it was decided that the new arrangements for Parish Council websites should be investigated. There was no report.

- a. Clitheroe Rotary Club has levied a charge of £10 on members in order to mitigate the effect of carbon emissions due to their use of cars whilst attending Rotary meetings. The money raised by the Club is to be used for planting trees in the Ribble Valley area. They made an appeal to Parish Councils to suggest sites where trees can be planted at no cost to the land owners. Cllr. David Berryman is the contact for interested parties who wish to take up the offer.

It was resolved to note the report

- b. V E Day Party 8th May. There is a support fund for the commemoration of the 75th VE is victory in Europe. RVBC is considering assisting Villages in giving grants toward meeting any costs in the hope of raising the profile of the Armed Forces.

It was resolved to consider various ideas at the next Parish Council Meeting.

20/26 A joint Civic Sunday with Read Parish Council is to be held at St Peter’s Church on 7th June 2020
Members to consider arrangements.

It was resolved that the final arrangements be confirmed with the Vicar.

20/27 Councillors Barker and Hargreaves reported on the recent Read Parish Council Meeting.

20/28 LALC- Annual General Meeting. The matter of the Government’s website requirements had been raised and a response was being awaited.

a. Cllr. Training

It was resolved that Councillor McKelvey attend the second Module of the Councillor and Clerks workshop on 27th June. (completion of last year’s course).

20/29 Planning Applications

Application 3/2020/0041 24/01/2	Officer Rebecca Bowers 01200 414518	Grid Reference
Address	Whins Lane Simonstone BB12 7QU	
Development Proposal	single-storey, detached garden store	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application: 3/2020/0085	Officer John Macholc : 01200414502	Grid Reference 377568 435316
Address	Hackings Farmhouse Whins Lane Simonstone BB12 7QR	
Development Proposal	Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of new single storey extension to rear and formation of new patio areas and parking spaces.	
Parish Council	No objection	

20/30 Accounts for payment. none

20/31 Governance matters. Various governance documents 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 above documents were reviewed and amended

It was resolved to approve the above governance documents.

20/32 District Councillor’s Report - Cllr. David Peat reported that there would be an increase in Council tax category D charges in Simonstone, The Parish Council charge would not change, RVBC will be £150, LCC will be £1300 and the Police service will be £300. increases are approximately and subject to formal approval

It was resolved to note the report

20/33 The next Parish Council meeting is on the 12th March, 2020 at 7pm.

Chairman’s signature