

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting
held on 2th July 2020
By Zoom
at 7.00 pm

Present David Peat, Graham Meloy, Clifton Pollard, John Barker. Elisa Hargreaves, Rob McKelvey and Stephen Finn and the Parish Clerk.
 Apologies, Greera Norse,

Declaration of interests- Cllrs. Pollard, Martholme Greenway, McKelvey, Finn, RSVH Trustees.

20/79. Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker).

20/80. Minutes of the Zoom meeting held on 14th May 2020 for approval.
It was resolved to approved the minutes .

Matters Raised from the previous meeting:-

20/81. DJ Day Postponed to a later date.

i. **It was resolved** that that it be considered at later date.

20/82. Christmas 2020. A meeting was being arranged with Read Parish Council to discuss arrangements possibly in the new year.
It was resolved that it be considered at a later date .

20/83. Civic Sunday. To be considered at a later date.
It was resolved that it be postponed until next year as the Annual Parish report for 2020 was available on the web.

20/84. Flower beds Simonstone Lane Blackburn Road. Balfour Beaty usually reinstates site within 10 days of finishing work. They have been requested to reseed with wild flowers and daffodil bulbs and they have the contact details of the Parish Council in case they need further information.
It was resolved that the Clerk sees that the work has been completed and takes the appropriate action if necessary .

20/85. Dog bins. Request for the following :-

- a. Repositioning from last month. RVBC has been asked for their approval for the dog bin to be placed on the Carlton Avenue footpath 12-10-FP PROW access. The LCC officer has no objection to a litter bin being put in place as long as they don't have any responsibility for maintaining it. Cost of an additional bin at the entrance would be £140 plus £200+ a year for emptying.
 Reciting of the bin from Fountains Ave to Whalley Road adjacent to the Car Sales area.
- b. **RVBC** dog wardens were opposed to moving a bin from the bottom of Haugh Ave as it was well used.
It was resolved to reposition the Fountains Ave bin as above and to purchase another bin.
- c. **Lengthsman Scheme** – LCC has lodged £500 for Maintenance work required on PROW footpaths for grass cutting at the entrance, pruning trees and vegetation which impedes progress, and improving conditions underfoot ,etc. Work has to be recorded and towards the end of the year and a report of any works completed

has to be forwarded to Sabden Parish Council so that a record can be forwarded to the LCC

It has been requested that the footpaths should be walked and any defects reported to the Clerk so that they can be forward to the County Council. In response to a question regarding Priddy Bank Farm PROW Footpath, a request had been forward for repairs to be carried out following the report at the last meeting of the Parish Council 20/76.

It was resolved to note the report.

- 20/86. Read Parish Council** has requested a contribution towards the cost of laying a tarmac surface on the car park and the road to the allotments. The resurfacing work on the car park and allotment road has now been completed and as there are some Simonstone residents who are tenants of the allotments, Read Parish Council asks if Simonstone Parish Council would consider making a contribution towards the cost of this. There are currently 12 allotment holders with addresses in Simonstone and 36 with addresses in Read. The cost paid by Read PC was £7350.00 to J. Lofthouse for the scraping of the car park and the scraping and resurfacing of the allotment road and £4056.00 to JW Ramsbottom Contractors Ltd. for tarmac surfacing of the car park area. Read Parish Council has asked both the Cricket Club and Read Motor Bodies to consider contributing, though neither of them has yet confirmed that they will contribute.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would be willing to meet with representatives from properties adjoining the road, e.g. Read Cricket Club, Read Motor Bodies and Read Parish Council to discuss making contributions to the costs involved.

- 20/87. Martholm Greenway** Cllr. Barker requested that a letter of support be sent for a modification of the Definitive Map at the link from Martholme viaduct to footpath 11 at Dunkirk Farm. An offer of trees had been accepted from Clitheroe Rotary Club and they would be planted in the Autumn. Volunteers have been requested to assist now that some of the Covid restrictions are being lifted.

- i. **It was resolved** that the Parish Council support the modification and a letter forward ASAP.

- 20/88. RSVH-** Cllr. McKinley reported that work was carrying on a pace and that in the former meeting room the floor had been replaced and some flooring in the kitchen was being repaired prior to the kitchen being renewed. Quotations had been requested. It was hoped that the work would be completed by September, ready for the hall being reopened should the Covid restrictions be lifted. Cllr. Finn told the meeting that he was becoming the Treasurer of the Charity. A WFI connection was to be installed.

It was resolved to note the report.

- 20/89. Highway complaint.** Whins Lane. The Chairman reported that he had a meeting with a resident and forwarded the matter to the County Councillor responsible for the parish.

It was resolved to note the report

- 20/90. Various complaints and responses:-**

- a. Hedges overgrowing footpaths on Beaulay Avenue W498566
This matter does not meet the required levels for work at this time
- b. Hedge Whalley Road Log number W498570.
This matter does not meet the required levels for work at this time
- c. Hedge overgrown at the bottom of Scott Ave Log number W498568
This matter does not meet the required levels for work at this time

- d. Blocked Gully Whalley Road Log number W498705
This has been assessed and work will be undertaken.
- e. Carlton Ave Signpost Signpost missing/damaged Log number W494585
Report received
It was resolved to note the above reports .

Should anyone wish to see the action taken on any of the above complaints they can be viewed on the Lancashire “ Report it Highways website”.

20/91. Parish Garden A request had been received for the grass to be cut as it had become unkempt. The School was reminded and the grass was mown when the contractor visited the School. The work had been completed.
It was resolved to note the report

20/92. Finance

a. **Account s for payment**

i. Les Pickering	Annual Audit	£65.00
ii. CPRE	Annual Subscription	£36.00
iii. I R Hirst	Salary	£525.22
iv. HMRC	Tax	£131.20
v. I R Hirst	Expenses	£67.09

b. **Bank Accounts** – The Clerk reported that Barclay Bank can offer the Parish Council an online bank account with the facility for two witness signatures to verify payments . Also, United Trust Bank can offer an account which will meet Parish Councils’ security concerns. Both charge monthly for their services.

c. **It was resolved** to note the report.

d. **Audited Accounts** for the year 2019- 2020 had been completed and had been distributed to members for their final approval.

It was resolved that the Final Audited Accounts for the year 2019-2020 should be approved.

NEXT MEETING ON THE 13th August, 2020. at 7pm as a Zoom meeting.

Chairman’s signature.....