

# Simonstone Parish Council

## Parish Council Zoom Meeting

to be held on 7 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

By email under the emergency powers for Parish Councils

Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

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- 20/130. **Declaration of interests**
- 20/131. **Minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 for approval.**
- 20/132. **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 minutes 3 minutes per speaker.
- 20/133. **Decision items**
- 20/134. **Matters raised from previous meetings:-**
- 20/135. **Bt Phone Box Removals - Decision by Ribble Valley** Borough Council in response to a proposal by British Telecommunications plc for the removal of public call boxes pursuant to Part 2 of the Schedule to a Direction published by Ofcom on 14 March 2006 ('the Direction').
- 20/136. **Flower beds Simonstone** , Lane Blackburn Road. The Contractor had not finished the work required on the site and is to commence further work on the 5th October to finish the contract and the site will be reinstated when the work is completed
- 20/137. **Allotment track.** Discussions are to take place with Read Parish Council regarding funding for maintaining the track. Chairman to report.
- 20/138. **Report From Martholme Greenway.** Comments have been forwarded to Fort Vale's Landscapes Architect and a commitment has been made to consider the suggestions of the Greenways. Councillor Baker will update members of progress to date.
- 20/139. **RSVH Report** - Councillor Rob McKelvey
- 20/140. **Resiting of Dog/litter bins.** Following the consultation with the appropriate neighbours or tenants concerning the reciting of litter bins, no response has been received in favour of reciting bins, as suggested.
- a. **Resiting of** a dog bin to the site at the bottom of Woodside Road near to the Salt bin. The residents in the area have been notified of the Parish Council's proposal and an objection has been received.  
The nearest neighbour on Woodside Road wrote:-
- "We are adverse to this for the following reasons;-  
We don't see Woodside Road as having a notable dog fouling problem. Most dog owners we see walking dogs in the area 'pause' on the grassed area on the edge of

our boundary before moving on. The small patch of grass adjacent to our boundary is unadopted land. We have mowed and strimmed the grass for the 10 years whilst we have lived at this address. There may be the odd case of dog fouling left on the grass although it is very few and far between. For what little dog waste we see, we move it before we mow.

My issue with installing a dog waste bin next to the above mentioned grass area is that we are concerned dog owners will see this as an invitation to use the grassed area as the local dog toilet facility. While the good natured dog owners will likely pick up their dog waste, they likely would have done anyway and disposed of it appropriately. We think the persons likely to leave dog waste on the grass are going to do so even if it's within metres of a dog waste bin. A dog waste bin gives dog owners a reason to be using the grassed area to allow their dog to 'do its business'. Again the decent people will move their waste and the not so decent will leave their waste, particularly after dark when they won't be seen. To us sitting a dog bin could worsen the situation.

Bearing this in mind having young children is a concern for us as dog waste poses a danger to them. We have a 2 and a half year old and a newborn child who will be growing up and playing out in the cul-del-sac. There are also numerous other young children who live on Woodside Road and tend to play in the cul-de-sac and on and around the above grassed area. The bin itself may pose a hygiene risk for children to be playing around and the bin post will likely attract numerous dogs to stop and urinate at the post due to the smell of the bin."

- b. **Carlton Avenue footpath 12-10-FP PROW access.** Dog bins. The placing of a dog/litter bin at the entrance to the footpath to the Tennis court on Carlton Avenue.

The Tenant of the affected land wrote;-

" I am afraid we cannot allow a dog bin to be placed through the gate in the field off Carlton Avenue. As I explained in our conversation the cattle would destroy it as it is their nature to rub/push/lick/upend anything different.

As discussed this would obviously be at a cost to the council and if it is upended there is the added issue of dog waste bags falling from the bin onto the ground and the cattle/sheep chewing/eating the plastic bags which in turn will present other issues.

I am sorry but we cannot and DO NOT give permission for placement of the bin within our field."

A Report had been received from a member of the public concerning the dog bin at the bottom of Haugh Ave/Whalley Road which had a rusty bin opening as it was considered to be a danger at the access point. Coun Pollard has made a temporary repair and the matter has been reported to the dog warden.

#### **Note for consideration.**

**RVBC** has done a survey of both villages and found that there are 12, litter/dog bins in the area which is more than any other similar sized parish in the borough and has suggested consideration be given to a more even distribution of bins within the parish without increasing the cost.

If an additional bin is required there could be additional costs involved e.g either at Carlton Avenue or Woodside Road.

**20/141.**

**LALC - AGM is to be held on Saturday 14 November 2020 at 10am via Zoom.** Are there any matters that the Parish Council for discussion

**20/142. Readstone Environment Group (REG) Litter Notices Environmental Group** has organised a local campaign which will take place during the months of October and November.

**20/143. Remembrance Sunday** update on the current arrangements. Donation or purchase from BL of 2 wreaths.

**20/144. Christmas Arrangements –**

- a. **Christmas tree** – arrangement for purchase and installing Christmas tree 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am.
- b. **Christmas Tree** –Light Switch on,7<sup>th</sup> December. Time TBA.
- c. **Christmas Party arrangements.** It was suggested that a joint party be held with Read Parish Council due to both Councils having had a reduction in acceptances. Alternatives to be considered.

**20/145. Read and Simonstone Tennis Club** – A enquiry has been received from the Club to see if the Parish Council would be willing to give a Grant towards the improving the Clubs facilities;-

“The Club have been successful in securing Sport England and Lottery funding in the past, but now has the ambition to provide floodlighting, so that the Club can be used all year long. The Club is keen to widen the use of the facilities to the wider community and is already on the path to doing this by recently securing a new relationship with Readstone Junior Football Club. The younger members are benefitting from the Astro Turf Court that we have currently had laid, which means that they will no longer need to go outside of the local area of play. Membership has increased from 14 to 122 over the past 12 months, which is fantastic for strengthening the Clubs future base.”

**20/146. Finance**

- a. National Pay award 20/21 - National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2020-21, per hr to £11.53 which is an increase of 31p per hour or £18.6 per annum.
- b. Accounts for payment
  - i. Martholm Greenway Development Grant £500.00
  - ii. RSVH Development Grant £500.00
  - iii. IRHirst Salary £554.04
  - iv. I R Hirst Expenses inc Zoom £206.08
  - v. HMRC Tax. £138.51
- c. Budget for the year 21-22 will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting would members please notify the Clerk if there area any items that they would like to be considered for inclusion nest years budget.

## **Part II – Items of business not to be discussed in public**

### **DECISSION ITEM**

**20/147. GOVERNACE MATTER**

INFORMATION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS AT THE MEETING.

**20/148.** Next Parish Council meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

To be considered at Parish Council Meeting  
on 8<sup>th</sup> October

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to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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- 20/113. **Apologies**
- 20/114. **Declaration of interests**
- 20/115. **Minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 for approval.**
- 20/116. **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)
- 20/117. **Decision items**
- 20/118. **Matters raised from previous meetings:-**
- 20/119. **Flower beds Simonstone** Lane Blackburn Road A number of calls have been received to date with no positive results yet.
- 20/120. Report From Martholme Greenway – Councillor Barker
- 20/121. RSVH Report - Councillor Rob McKelvey
- 20/122. BT consultation on the removal of telephone boxes final draft response for approval.
- (Phone box 41 012827721300 PP HAUGH AVENUE ( LAY-BY ) PCO1 WHALLEY ROAD SIMONSTONE BURNLEYBB12 7HS025/06/2020 – Objection Located in an area of unreliable mobile network coverage and so it provides an alternative means of communication, particularly in an emergency situation Located near to a busy main road with a high potential for traffic accident)
- 20/123. Dumped vehicle –reported between Bank Terrace and Simonstone Hotel, matter was reported to the Police and RVBC- the vehicle has been removed.
- 20/124. **Dog bins . - Reciting of** the Fountains Ave dog bin to Woodside Road- The nearest neighbours to the site at the bottom of the road near to the Salt bin is to be installed, have been notified of the Parish Council’s proposal and there is an objection has been received.

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**20/126. Fort Vale Woodland Creation Scheme –Martholm Greenway has passed on their suggestion** to the Landscape architect concerned

**20/127. The Chairman’s report**

a. **Environmetal Group** - Request for leaflets to aid a village litter picking campaign

**20/128. Finance**

a. Account s for payment

i. Martholm Greenway	Development Grant	£500
ii. RSVH	Development Grant	£500

**20/129.** Next Parish Council meeting is on the 13th November 2020.

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