

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting
held on 14th January 2021
By Zoom
Under the emergency powers for Parish Councils
Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020
at 7.45 pm

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

Apologies, Greera Norse.

Declaration of interests

- 20/13. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2020 were approved.**
- 20/14. Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 minute, 3 minutes per speaker)
- 20/15. Matters raised from previous meetings:-**
- 20/16. Flower beds Simonstone ;-** United Utilities have installed a new system for managing the distribution of water and pipe maintenance throughout the area. It was reported that the works had been completed and the bed had been restored ready for planting.
It was resolved to note the report.
- 20/17. Air Pollution.** Recent air quality figures for the Ribble Valley. The Nitrogen Dioxide figures are in 8 locations round the Ribble Valley as you will see on the sheets. They are mainly in areas of Clitheroe and there are no issues to report and as the figures indicate, the Nitrogen Dioxide levels dropped during the first National lockdown due to the decrease in vehicular activity. The levels have increased again slightly since lockdown was lifted but again, there is no cause for concern. Copies of the reports have been distributed to council members. A request has been made for information regarding the cost of obtaining the services of the consultants to carry out a survey and report to the Parish Council at the same time as RV is having their next survey done.
It was resolved that a request be forwarded to Ribble Valley BC asking when the next survey is to be carried out on the A671, during school term times.
- 20/18. Abandoned Car ;-** It was reported that the car had been removed.
It was resolved to note the report.
- 20/19. Policeman's Request** for a meeting with the Parish Council. P.C. James Gorrie who is new to the area and is responsible for patrolling our area will be able to meet the Parish Council on the 11/2/21. The time he will be able to attend will be dependent on his duties at the time, but hopefully he will be able to attend at 7pm.
It was resolved that 2 representatives from Read Parish Council be invited to the Parish Council meeting.
- 20/20. LCC County Budget:** A report concerning a request from the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the Council County to consider if it can use any balances it has to support the Social Services budget for Care of the Elderly. Various options of the report will be discussed so
would members let me have any views they may have as soon as possible so that they can be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting so that the result of the deliberations can be forwarded on the 15th January.
It was resolved to note the report.
- 20/13. Martholme Greenway.** Councillor Baker asked if there had been a response to the communication sent to the MPs and Councils after the last meeting. The Clerk reported that nothing had been received. **Development of the Disused Railway-** A communication has been

sent to the Leader of LCC, and the MPs of Ribble Valley, Hyndburn, and Burnley expressing the concerns of the Parish Council regarding considerable works that had taken place on the track, as requested. The Clerk reported that there had been no response from any of the above persons.

- a. **The Chairman reported** – He confirmed he had spoken to County Councilor Albert Atkinson but there had been no response from his discussions with County Councilor Atkinson. Councillor Barker told the meeting that there had been unauthorised tree felling along the track and embankment and numerous wild life habitats of Foxes and Badgers had been destroyed as well as herbage which had supported butterfly and insect habitats. It was resolved that a letter expressing the Parish Council's dismay at the lack of response to the representations made by the Parish Council and the Martholme Greenway Volunteers be sent.

20/14. RSVH Report - Councillor Rob McKelvey reported that as the Hall was closed due to Covid lockdown there was nothing to report and that there were no financial concerns at the present time.

It was resolved to note the report

20/15. Planning Applications

Application No: 3/2020/0823	Officer John Macholc : 01200414502	Grid Reference 379144 436091
Applicant: Address	Mr Eric Lonsdale, Foulds House Farm Sabden Road Simonstone BB12 9AD	
Development Proposal	Extension to agricultural building for livestock and storage. The building to be constructed using concrete panels with timber boards above.	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application number 3/2020/0990	Officer Laura Eastwood :01200 414	Grid Reference 377662 433448
Address	Time Technology Park Blackburn Road Simonstone BB12 7TY	
Proposal	Construction of four business units on land adjacent to existing business units (ref 3/2017/0284). Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	Concern was expressed that the access to the Cycle track has not been completed as a condition of 3/2019 https://www.ribbonvalley.gov.uk/planx_downloads/3/2019_0828_Amend_Site_Layout_14.10.19.pdf	

Application 3/2021/0005	Officer Laura Eastwood 01200 414493	Grid Reference 377634 435623
Address	The Old Stables Trapp Lane Simonstone BB12 7QW	
Development Proposal	Proposed structure to provide ancillary storage for equipment, feed, bedding and materials, for use in the adjacent equestrian facility	
Parish Council	Concern is expressed that this development is in addition to the already large development being developed as a hobby.	

Application 3/2020/105517/12/2020	Officer Ben Taylor:01200 41450	Grid Reference 377192 434529
Address	Mayfield Whalley Road Simonstone BB12 7HT	
Development Proposal	Proposed single storey extension and dormer to rear	
Parish Council	No objection	

20/16. Readstone Environment Group. It was reported that the 2021 litterpicking programme had commenced and in the past weeks Black Hill carpark and near-by footpaths had been cleaned up. Further litterpicking days will take place on the 5th and 6th February.
It was resolved to note the report.

20/17. Christmas 2020; -

- a. Owing to the lockdown and the cancellation of the Christmas Party, Parish Council members distributed 120 packs of biscuits which had been donated by Farmhouse Fare, to Parish Council

