

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
**By Zoom**  
**Under the emergency powers for Parish Councils**  
**Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020**  
**at 7.00 pm**

**Present** David Peat, Clifton Pollard, John Barker, Elisa Hargreaves, Graham Meloy, Rob McKelvey, Stephen Finn.

**In attendance, 2 members of the public and the Parish Clerk.**

**Declaration of Pecuniary and non- Pecuniary Interests** - Cllrs. Barker, Hargreaves, Pollard, Martholm Greenway and RSVH Trustees, Cllrs. Finn and McKelvey.

**21/33 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 minutes 3 minutes per speaker**

**21/34 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February, 2021 were approved.**

**21/35 Matters raised from previous meetings.**

**21/36 Clerk's report**

3 complaints have been received concerning Planning issues.

1 Change of working practices and disturbances caused to neighbours

2 Building work affecting neighbours . Suspected development without the necessary Planning Approval.

Both have been referred to the RV Planning Department for investigation

3 Request for a Dog bin to be placed in near Martholm Greenway

**It was resolved** to note the reports.

**21/37 Martholm Greenway Coun.** Barker reported that had been some progress there in near Martholm at West end of track. Following the request for a dog bin see above in order to improve the services to users of the Greenway he offered to install the bin if necessary service the bin in the early days until alternative contractors can be found. The Clerk was requested for consult with RVBC to achieve a satisfactory solution.

**It was resolved that** a bin be bought and installed an appropriate place .

**21/38 RSVH Councillor Rob McKelvey reported** that the hall was hoping to be partially opened on 19<sup>th</sup> April for Children's activities subject to emergency regulations and that a donation had been received towards maintenance and development projects.

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

**21/39 Martholm Greenway. Councillor Barker reported** that minor works had been carried out and was hoping that progress would be made after the LCC elections had been concluded. He was hoping that the incoming candidates could be written to requesting their support towards the development of the project.

**It was resolved** that the PC supported the idea and that Couns. Pollard and Meloy draft a letter to all candidates standing for the local area in the LCC elections.

**21/40 Christmas 2021** Couns, Pollard and Meloy reported that little progress had been made and that a number of ideas had been considered and it was hoped that further discussions would take place with Read Parish Council.

**It was approved** that a report be produced for consideration at the next meeting

**21/41 Readstone Environment Group** had requested some assistance towards meeting their objectives possibly involving the lengthsman or the UU contractors .  
**It was resolved** that the Clerk would make the necessary enquiries.

**21/42 Planning Applications –**

3/2021/0204 Date: Fri, 5 Mar 2021	Officer <a href="mailto:Carly.Miskell@ribblevalley.gov.uk">Carly.Miskell@ribblevalley.gov.uk</a>
Address	5 Lawrence Ave Simonstone BB12 7HX.
Descrption	The application is for a new entrance and porch to the front of the property
Parish Council	No objection

**Finance**

**21/43 Accounts for payment,**

**Christmas Tree Electricity**

**It was resolved** to pay the above accounts with the exception of Eon where the Clerk was asked to investigate the reason for the increase in costs.

**Next Parish Council** meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 @ 7pm by Zoom.

**Chairman's signature.....**