

Simonstone Parish Council

Parish Council Zoom Meeting

to be held at 7.00 pm on 13th May 2021

By email under the emergency powers for Parish Councils

Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

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Meeting ID: 917 7591 5385 Passcode: 300027

Attendances: Cllrs. David Peat, Graham Meloy, Clifton Pollard, Stephen Finn, Elisa Hargreaves . John Barker, 2 members of the public and the Clerk.

Apologies Robert McKelvey, Greera Norse.

Declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests, John Barker.

It was resolved that the matter be noted.

Matters raised from previous meetings

- 21/44. **.Martholme Greenway.** - Coun. Barker reported that the new litter bin had been received and requested that it be installed at the Simonstone Lane entrance to the Greenway.
It was resolved that Ribble Valley be requested to service it.
- 21/45. **Redistribution of litter/dog bins.** The Clerk reported that the Dog Warden had been consulted and the sites for the bins were discussed. The details will be forwarded to the Ribble Valley Working party for them to consider.
It was resolved to request that in lieu of any new arrangements, the redistribution of the bins be agreed and the additional bin at the Greenway be serviced regularly and included in any subsequent arrangement.
- 21/46. **Play area Haugh Avenue.** The hazardous overhanging branch has been removed by the Lengthsman.
It was resolved to note the report.
- 21/47. **Flower beds Simonstone Lane .**
1. A representative of the UU contractor attended a meeting with a Readstone Environment volunteer and the Parish Clerk. It was agreed that the whole area would be prepared and seeded with grass except for the flower bed. The contractor will provide the seed for the flower bed for the Environmental Group to sow to complement the opposite bed side of the Road.

2. The Group had requested finance to assist in the purchase of some chicken fencing and posts to prevent litter gathering in the bottom of the fence on Stork Green. The matter was discussed and it was agreed to request funding if the problem had not been resolved.
3. The daffodils at present were at their best throughout the village at the time the meeting due to the efforts of E group and communities efforts over the years. The Parish Council would be willing to assist in the coming year and it would welcome any ideas for any future consideration nearer the planting season towards enhancing the village spring scene next year.

It was resolved to note the report.

- 21/48. ***Civic Sunday. As people attending the meeting were from both Read and Simonstone Parish Councils, standing orders were suspended for the following 2 items. :-Civic Sunday and Christmas arrangements.***

Both Councils have held joint Civic Sundays in the past at their respective village Parish churches. Recently they decided to hold joint services on alternate years, with the exception of last year when, due to covid 19, the service was abandoned. After discussion, it was agreed the recently opened Read and Simonstone Village Hall would be an ideal venue for the joint civic service, to be held on 26th September. Members of both communities would be welcome to attend which would be followed by reception where light refreshments would be available. It is hoped that all people, particularly those affected by isolation and the volunteers who assisted the community throughout the Covid emergency would join the Chair persons, leaders and members of both Councils as this would be a unique occasion. We would hope that our guests would catch up with each other after the long period of isolation.

It was resolved that, subject to the approval of Read Parish Council, this could be arranged.

- 21/49. **Christmas celebrations.** Councillor Pollard reported that discussions with Read Parish Council had been held and various suggestions put forward. It was decided that a charge should be made for this year's party and that an offer from the Higher Trapp, who had catered for a similar function in 2019, should be accepted. A request for a price similar to last year was suggested. A price had been decided on and members agreed that this should include entertainment.

It was resolved that each Council contribute £10 per person on a first come first served basis, for 40 persons per council with a maximum of 80, the event to be held on Wednesday 1st December.

Standing orders resumed

- 21/50. **RSVH Report** The Chairman reported on behalf of Coun McKelvy that a grant of £30k had been received and a lot of work had been done at the Hall.

It was resolved to note the report

- 21/51. **Coun. Finn-**

1. Online Banking for the Parish Council. Members discussed the pro and cons of the proposal.

It was resolved to obtain further information for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

2. Updating the Parish Plan, The current one was completed in 2013.

It was resolved that members consider the 2013 report, which is on the Parish website so that a plan of action can be agreed.

21/52. Planning Applications – None

File no 941

21/53. Finance

1. Accounts for the year 2020-2021 to be considered at the next meeting

2. Payment of accounts

1. B Tyrer	Web site	£346.40
2. LALC	Subscription	£267.21
3. Glasdon	Litter Bin	£211.83
4. EON	Electricity	£23.48
5. RVBC	Litter bin	£416.21
6. ICO	Annual fee	£40.00
7. Read Parish Council	Playground cont	£350.00
8. St Peters Governors	Hall Contribution	£200.00

It was resolved to pay the above accounts.

Next Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting , to be held on the 23th of May, 2021, at 7pm on Zoom..

Chairman's signature.....