

Simonstone Parish Council

Parish Council Zoom Meeting

to be held at 7.00 pm on 11th February 2021

By email under the emergency powers for Parish Councils

Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Click on link below from 6.45pm onwards

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 917 7591 5385 Passcode: 300027

Apologies

Declaration of Pecuniary and non- Pecuniary Interests

- 21/26. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2021 for approval
- 21/27. Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 minutes 3 persvpeaker)
- 21/28. Policeman Getting to know his new patch P.C James Gorrie

Matters raised from previous meetings

- 21/29. . Martholme Greenway
Director of Economic Development and Planning has responded to the letter concerning the "Lack of response" regarding Martholm Greenway. Letter forwarded to members. Minutes of the meeting of the County Council have been received and forwarded to members.
- 21/30. Councillor Baker to report:-
- 21/31. RSVH Report - Councillor Rob McKelvey -
- 21/32. Christmas 2021 dates for consideration- no response from Read Parish Council concerning joint arrangement
- 21/33. Chairman's report – the Air Pollution Whalley Road. –Ribble Valley has authorised the setting up of a monitoring device on Whalley Road in March which will report the levels of Nitrogen Dioxide in due course
- 21/34. Councillor Pollard footpath 12 A request has been forwarded to Pendle Hill no response from PHLP.
- 21/35. Readstone Environment Group- The Group are hoping to reseed the flower bed at the bottom of Simonstone Lane as part of their Spring programmed also , they are intending to do some planting around the village latter on.
- 21/36. LALC – Training Councillors And Clerks Workshops (Via Zoom)- Thursday15th April 2021 7.00pm – 9.30pm £30 per module. Chairmanship Workshop via Zoom Thursday March 25th, 2021 at 7pm – 9pm £25
- 21/37. Planning Applications – none

21/38. Finance

Budget 20/21 report – forwarded to members

Due to the Covid Emergency items not spent (Covid Windfall)Christmas Party	£1000
Civic Sunday	<u>£400</u>
	<u>£1400</u>

The above items, due to the Covid Emergency were not used in this financial year and are covered in the budget for next year. Hence the sums are available for use in this current year.

At last month's meeting it was suggested that the surplus funds should be used for helping the shortfall of computers at our local School to assist in filling any short fall in the provision of computers to assist children who having assisted home learning during the lockdown.

In discussion with the St Peters School, Head teacher. The school was allocated 4 computers under the Government funding scheme. It was explained that this was due to the in which it is situated. In order to fill shortfall the school has been trying to obtain second hand updated laptops to fill the gaps in their requirements. Whilst this has not been ideal they were managing to a greater extent. However, the unexpected increase in IT requirement the weaknesses in the infrastructure are showing up and affecting the overall efficiency and the learning capacity of the School. In particular in the early learning years, and there has been some difficulty where WFI has not been available to some children learning from home.

The general state of the schools IT infrastructure is in need of upgrading, and is causing problems due to its inefficacy. The school is developing a programme to address the occurring inadequacies at present .

The Schools WFI is struggling with the additional soft and Hardware and is very slow in downloading both the administration and educational activities

Financial help in obtaining Kindle type tablets would enhance the early years teaching they would cost about £60 each totalling £360 would be of great assistance

21/39. Planning Applications – none

21/40. Funding Grants request – Details of Tennis Club Improvement Grant application will be distributed at meeting for decision .

21/41. Accounts for payment

1. Citizens advice RV	Grant	£150.00
2. Little Green Bus	Grant	£150.00
3. NW Aggregates/IRH	Road salt	£90.00
4. Dove Syke Nursery	Christmas Tree	£320.00

21/42. .Next Parish Council meeting is on 11th March @7pm by Zoom see above

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Parish Clerk.....

Simonstone Parish Council			Date	30/01/2021	
Statement of Income & Expenditure			Current inc	8,491.86	
			Current exp	5,269.62	
			Budget Balance	£ 3,222.24	
20-21		20-21		Revised	21-22
Budget	Income	Actual		estimate	budget
8400	Precept	8400	-	8400	£ 8,400.00
400.00	Grants (received)	87	- 313.00		.
50.00	Interest (bank)	4.86	- 45.14	10	£ 20.00
1,000.00	Misc (rec'd)		- 1,000.00		
-	Theatre (received)		-		
300.00	VAT refunds		- 300.00	100	£ 100.00
10150	Total	8491.86	- 1,658.14	8,510.00	£ 8,520.00
20-21		20-21		Revised	21-22
Budget	Expenditure	Actual		estimate	budget
450	Audit Fee	305	- 145.00	65	
160	Chairman's Allowance	0	- 160.00	160	£ 160.00
400.00	Civic Sunday	0	- 400.00	0	£ 400.00
450.00	Christmas Tree	23.48	- 426.52	450	£ 500.00
	Donations (paid)	0	-		£ 500.00
-	Environment	0	-	800.00	£ 300.00
600.00	Expenses (Print etc)	323.18	- 276.82	1000	£ 1,000.00
800.00	Ground maintenance	240	- 560.00	600	£ 600.00
500.00	Grants (paid)	0	- 500.00	1000	£ 2,000.00
200.00	Hire of hall	200	-	200	£ 200.00
250.00	Insurances	239.19	- 10.81	240	£ 260.00
0	Litter Bins	416.21	416.21	416	£ 420.00
-	Lengthman	735	735.00	735	£ 500.00
-	Misc (paid)	0	-		
335.00	Play Area	325	- 10.00	325	£ 350.00
1,000.00	Pensioners' Party	0	- 1,000.00	1000	£ 1,000.00
50.00	Rents (paid)	50	-	50	£ 50.00
2,750.00	Salary (Clerk)	2069.35	- 680.65	2750	£ 2,750.00
-	Tax (HMRC)	0	-	0	£ -
400.00	Subscriptions	343.21	- 56.79	350	£ 400.00
	Theatre (paid)	0	-	0	£ -
100.00	Training	0	- 100.00	100	£ 100.00
	Web-Computer	0	-	200	£ 200.00
£ 8,445.00	Total	5269.62	- 3,175.38	£ 10,441.00	£ 11,690.00
	Grants				
	Environment group	500		*	
	TennisClub	500		-	
	Martholme	500			
	Village HALL	500			
		2000			
	Precept 21-22	to remain at	£8,400		