

# Simonstone Parish Council

## Minutes of Zoom Meeting

held at 7.00 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

By email under the emergency powers for Parish Councils

Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

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### AGENDA

**Attendances: Cllrs. David Peat, Clifton Pollard, Stephen Finn, Elisa Hargreaves . John Barker, Robert McKelvey, 2 members of the public Chairman Read Parish Council \*\* and the Clerk. (Standing (orders suspended \*\* between \*\*)**  
**Apologies Greera Norse. Graham Meloy.**

- 21/56. Appointment of Parish Council Chairman**  
**It was resolved** that Councilor David Peat be appointed as Chairman
- 21/57. Appointment of Parish Council vice-Chairman**  
**It was resolved** that Councilor Graham Meloy be appointed as vice Chairman
- 21/58. Appointment of Councillors to serve on the bodies below;-**

Office	2019-2021	2021-2022
RV Parish Liaison Committee	Robert McKelvey	Robert McKelvey
LA Local Councils	Robert McKelvey	Robert McKelvey
Parish Planning Area	As Allocated by the Chairman	As Allocated by the Chairman
Governance Panel.	David Peat	Stephen Finn, David Peat
Bank Signatories	Clifton Pollard	David Peat, Clifton Polard, Stephen Finn Graham Meloy.
Champion for the Youth & Elderly	Robert McKelvey Greera Norse	Robert McKelvey
Read Simonstone Village Hall	Greera Norse, Robert McKelvey	Robert McKelvey
Martholme Greenway	John Barker, Graham Meloy and Elisa Hargreaves	John Barker, Graham Meloy and Elisa Hargreaves
Lenghsman Coordinator	Stephen Finn, Clifton Pollard	Stephen Finn, Clifton Polard
District Councillor	David Peat & Richard Bennett	David Peat & Richard Bennett

- 21/59. **Declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests**, John Barker.
- 21/60. **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 minutes 3 minutes per speaker)
- 21/61. **Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 for approval**  
**It was resolved** to approve the minutes
- 21/62. **Matters raised from previous meetings**
- 21/63. **Clerk's report -**
1. Martholme Greenway. RVBC is due to issue a report concerning Litter/Dog bins. There has been a response to 2 of the proposals, 1 Whins Lane is not a suitable location for a bin due to the servicing of one. A suggestion has been put forward that 2 alternative sites be considered near the junction of Trapp Lane and Whins Lane or on the western side of Trapp Lane below the Junction. A response is awaited. The second response regarding moving one of the Stork Green bins was welcomed.  
**It was resolved to note the report**
  2. **Simonstone Lane.** The beds were prepared for seeding and a cheque for £50 as a contribution towards the flower seed was received from UU. After consultation with the Readstone Environment Group, the seed was ordered and sown by the group and UU sowed the grass.  
**It was resolved** to thank the REG for the work they had put in on completing the Flower beds and their efforts in completing the project.
- 21/64 **Governance Review**
- Parish Council Risk Assessment  
Code of Conduct  
Transparency procedure  
Computer website procedure.  
**It was resolved** that the Governance committee reviewed the approved items 1,2,3 and that Stephen Finn and Robert McKelvey review the Computer website procedure and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 21/65 **\*\*Civic Sunday.** The Service this year was due to be held at St Peters Church. The location for the reception needs to be decided. As there will be no vicar after the end of the month, possible dates are restricted. Read Parish Council will consider the 26<sup>th</sup> September for a joint event in RSVH  
**It was resolved** that it be held on 26<sup>th</sup> September in the RSVH\*\*
- 21/66**\*\*Christmas celebrations.** Read Parish Council had considered the proposal of a joint event of and is willing to make the arrangements at the Higher Trapp at a date to be confirmed. Catering arrangement be made by Read Parish Council Chairman and to costs to be split on a 50/50 based on a proposal made at the April Simonstone Parish Council meeting.  
**It was resolved** to agree the arrangement. \*\*
- 21/67 **RSVH Report -** Councillor Rob McKelvey reported that the Hall was used as a Polling station at the recent election and members of the public were impressed with the improvements that had been made since the hall had been acquired for the community. He remarked that He had been impressed with the Election officials both on the day and in the preparation of the Poll and at it's conclusion. He told the meeting that work was proceeding in preparing for the land adjacent to it becoming a car park.

**It was resolved** to note the report

**21/68 Martholme Greenway.** Councillor Barker requested the arrangements for the dog bin to be serviced and was told no response had been received to date. Arrangements were being made for the development of the woodland with Fort Valley and discussions were taking place to improve the access to Simonstone Lane from the eastern end of the former railway and at the Padiham end of the track and behind the Time Tech development.

**It was resolved** to note the report

**21/69 Online Banking for the Parish Council.**

Barclays is willing to allow the Parish Council an online bank account and to have 2 authorization signing arrangements set up should it be required.

The credit card has been ordered and will be available soon.

The Clerk explained to the meeting the of alternative banking arrangements that are available which would be adequate bank in order to comply with the statutory requirements. The Clerk told the meeting he had reservations about online banking.

**It was resolved to note the report**

**21/70 Updating the Parish Plan.** The current one was completed in 2013. The current one was considered.

**It was resolved** to discuss the next step at the next Parish Council meeting.

**21/71 Planning Applications – None up to date**

**21/72 Finance**

**a Audited Accounts** copies for the year 2020-2021 had been distributed to members.

**It was resolved** to approve the accounts.

**b Payment of accounts**

i	RVBC.	Service payment	£20.59
ii	IRHirst	CC/refund	£50.00 Flower seed Simonstone Lane
iii	Huntroyde	Rent	£50.00
iv	Sabden PC	Lengthsman	£91.65 Deficit 20-21
v	Sabden PC	Lengthsman	£750 Subscription 2021-2022
vi	Pcfixiteu/IRHChe.,	Printer repair	£45.00 Driver updated
vii	Les Pickering	Audit	£70.00

**It was resolved** to pay the above accounts

**Next Parish Meeting** , to be held on the 10th of June, 2021, at 7pm at St Peters School or on Zoom dependent on Covid19 legislation ..

**Chairman’s signature.....**