

**Simonstone**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
to be held at 7.00 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
The Meeting was held as a Zoom Meeting  
due to the emergency Covid restrictions  
**Minutes**

**Present Cllrs. David Peat, Clifton Pollard, Stephen Finn, Elisa Hargreaves . John Barker,  
Robert McKelvey, 2 members of the public and the Clerk.**

**Apologies none**

**Chairman's Annual Report**

Chairman.....

**SIMONSTONE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**

Without a doubt the major influence on national, local and village life has been the incidence of Covid19, and Simonstone Parish Council was not exempt to this experience.

We moved to remote meeting via Zoom and simply kept going and meeting remotely.

Obviously the Council followed National guidance and advice from the Borough Council ;so as well as remote meetings, we had to cancel Civic Sunday ,the best kept garden competition ,the annual Blessing and Party with School and Parents of the Christmas Tree and the Senior Citizens Party .

However we continued to support  
Martholme Greenway(including litter bin and letters of support as agreed)  
Read and Simonstone Village Hall(general support)  
Little Green Bus  
Ribble Valley Citizens Advice  
and a new local group Readstone Environment Group(REG).

The Read and Simonstone Community Tennis Club asked for help in making a bid for a major up-grade and we were pleased to make a grant to enable the creation of bids.

We have invested in recreating our Parish Council Website and also in strengthening the Councils IT.

Members have continued to work to improve village life through volunteering for Martholme Greenway maintenance and improvement and enhancements to the Village Hall;we thank them for those efforts.

As we could not celebrate Christmas in a village social we delivered over 100 packets of biscuits to our senior villagers .  
We provided 6 new iPads to the village school.

In conclusions we hopefully approach the end of lockdown and look to recommence our events later in 2021,I wish to express my personal appreciation to all Parish Councillors and especially our Parish Clerk Mr Roger Hirst for their steadfastness and support during this difficult year.

DAP 4/4/21

13/5/2021

Chairman's Signature.....