

Simonstone Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

held at 7.00 pm on 9th September 2021 .

St Peter's Church School Hall. School Lane

Simonstone

Minutes

Attendances :-Cllrs. David Peat, Graham Meloy, Robert McKelvey, Clifton Pollard, Stephen Finn, Elisa Hargreaves, John Barker. 3 members of the public and the Chairman of the Read PC and the Parish Clerk.

Apologies;- none

- 106) **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12st August 2021.**
It was resolved to approve the minutes.
- 107) **Declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests**
Cllr. Barker, Martholme Greenway; Cllrs. Meloy and McKelvey RSVH.
- 108) **Public Participation** (members of the public are invited to raise matters of concern, time limit of 3 minutes per item/person.)
- 109) **Parish Councillor Election** – The Clerk reported the result of the public notification of a casual consultation poll to take place. The members were free to co-opt a Parish Councillor.
The Clerk reported that one completed nomination form had been received to fill the vacancy, from Jacqueline Mary Hampson, resident of the Parish. The Chairman read out the details.
It was resolved that Jacqueline Mary Hampson be a co-opted member of the Parish Council.
- 110) RVBC Ribble New Councillor Training session in RV Council Chamber. Dates are for the same presentation.
(i) Wednesday 20 October 2021
(ii) Monday 1 November 2021
(iii) Thursday 18 November 2021
It was resolved that Cllr. Hampson attend one of the training sessions.
- 111) **Ss. Christmas Party** on the 1st December. The Chairs of the Parish Council would meet and greet the residents of the Parishes. The arrangements are, tickets to be subsidised at £8 and both councils will support 40 people aged above 70 years, including spouses under that age. No Councillors will attend the meal.
It was resolved to confirm the arrangements.
- 112) **Christmas Tree Switch on 6th December – The** Head teacher of St Peters School will arrange a meeting after the holidays. Items previously

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supported to purchase of special benches for “Peace Garden” in school grounds to be discussed.

It was resolved a meeting with the Head teacher should be arranged and a report be given to the next PC meeting.

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- 113) **Post Christmas** event for Parish Councillors of both Simonstone and Read to be held in January, along with Partners.

It was resolved that Cllrs. Finn and Meloy to meet with Read PC representatives to agree necessary arrangements and report back at the next meeting.

- 114) **Speeding Traffic and Traffic noise** on A671. The Clerk reported that the Road Safety committee has ceased to operate and a replacement is being formed. Details will be announced shortly. Cllr. Hampson expressed an interest in joining the Committee when it is formed.

It was resolved to note the report

- 115) **Response from RVBC.** The positioning of the traffic mirror at the junction of Trapp Lane/Whins Lane was referred to the LCC Highways. A response has been received and the County Council is opposed to the fitting of mirrors on the public Highway. Therefore, placing a mirror on the highway is opposed. However they state that :-

” Whilst we cannot prevent mirrors from being installed off the highway and on private land, we are empowered to remove such mirrors if they are found to have an adverse effect on highway safety”.

A request had been made to Ingham and Yorke asking permission to erect a mirror on the estate land. A response had not been received to date.

It was resolved that preparation be made for the installation of the mirror once permission is received from the landowner

- 116) **LCC “Report it reference numbers ”.**

a) **W622578, W622585 School Lane Parking on the Pavement and hedge overgrowing the footpath:** action had been taken on School Lane improving the passage of pedestrians and children on their way to school.

b) **W622581 HEDGE BLOCKING Bealey Ave** when cars parked on the footway. Unfortunately, action is still required on Bealey Ave.

It was resolved to note the report

- 117) **Post Emergency get together.** 26th September. This is a Celebration for the easing of Covid restrictions. This is a joint parishes event (RVBC Mayor will be arriving at 11.30am). Cllrs. Meloy and Finn confirmed the final arrangements had been made

It was resolved to note the report

Air Pollution – the results of tests carried out over a period of 3 months have been received, and they are considerably lower than the 4 tubes situated on

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118) Whalley Road in Clitheroe, 2 at the Royal British Legion, 49 Whalley Road and 85 Whalley Road, and are of no concern .

It was resolved to note the report

Martholme Greenway the letters concerning the planning issues were sent to RVBC and answers forwarded to Martholme Greenway Chairman. Letters requesting assistance from PHLP regarding Stone Walls had been responded

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to and Cllr. Barker told the meeting that there was to be a third week of trainees demonstrating their skills of stone wall building who had attended the LCC training scheme and who have been helping to make progress at the eastern end of the Greenway. Fort Vale was assisting with fencing separating the Track bed near their new woodland planting.

It was resolved to note the report.

119) **Platinum Celebration Commemoration:-**

(a) Coun. Meloy approached the Stork Hotel and had discussed moving the annual fete as a lead project for the celebration. Unfortunately, it was not possible for the Annual fete date to be changed.

(b) Light a Beacon for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Local councils have been asked to play a part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by lighting beacons on 2 June 2022. I know for many years local councils have lit beacons as part of their celebrations for other national events, and I would encourage you to get involved – find out more at the “Platinum Celebration Commemoration” website.

It was resolved that Cllrs. Meloy and Finn consult with Read Councillors to make suggestions for both Parish Councils to consider at their October PC meetings.

120) **PLANNING**

a) Planning Policy –Local Plan review, RVBC are carrying out a review of the 2014 Core Strategy. If the PC wishes to be involved in the procedure, responses are requested by the 30th September.

It was resolved that the Parish Council be involved in the “Core Strategy Review”.

b)A request has been received for copies of a recent information booklet “Application for Parish Councillors Guide to Rural Affordable Housing” for members.

It was resolved that hard copies be obtained when available for use by the Members.

123) **Finance**

a) Payment of accounts

i) I R Hirst	Salary	£539.68
ii) HMRC	Income tax	£134.80
iii) I R Hirst	Expenses	£85.97

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It was resolved to pay the above accounts

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 14th October 2021 at 7pm.

Members of the Public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings.

Chairman's Signature.....

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