

Simonstone Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
 held at 7.00 pm on 18th November 2021.
 In St. Peter's Church School Hall, School Lane,
 Simonstone
 Minutes

Attendances :- Cllrs. David Peat, , Robert McKelvey, Clifton Pollard, Elisa Hargreaves, John Barker, Jacqueline Hampson, Stephen Finn and 3 members of the public, the Chairman of the Read PC, 2 Police officers and the Parish Clerk.

Apologies:- Graham Meloy (Relocating)

- 139) **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th October 2021.**
 It was resolved to approve the minutes.
- 140) **Public Participation (members of the public are invited to raise matters of concern, time limit of 3minutes per item/person.)**
- 141) **Declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests.** Some Councillors had attended a training session about “Concern in Declaration of interests”. The Chairman gave a report on the requirements and answered a number of questions that members had.
None Pecuniary; Martholme Greenway Cllrs. Barker, Elisa Hargreaves, Clifton Pollard, and RSVH Cllr. McKelvey:
Pecuniary; Christmas Party; Cllrs Finn. Pollard, Peat. and Hampson
- 142) **Read and Simonstone Environment Group.** Two members of the Group gave an outline of their request **that Simonstone become an “Environmentally Friendly Village” and answered questions** on the aims and objectives that the group hoped to have to encourage the two Villages to promote measures to reduce the Carbon footprint in the area and to promote efficient use of available resources and equipment . It was suggested that it considers how it intends to develop a programme of measures to encourage membership and to what extent the group would like to assist. It was pointed out that the group should consider the wider community as a whole e.g., Domestic Industrial and Agricultural and environmental concerns. It was mentioned that Ribble Valley BC had a Climate Change Policy which would be of assistance to the development of the Group.
It was resolved that the Group create a programme and return to the March meeting once a programme for the Group is ready.
- 143) **Complaint. Cllr. Peat** reported that some residents were concerned about the nature of the activities on Back Lane that had been reported. He and a number of residents had visited the car park where residents had been accosted by men in recent weeks and became concerned at the nature of the approaches. The Police sergeant and PCSO answered various questions and suggested actions that members of the public could take, e.g., by ringing 101 to report any incidents.

It was resolved to thank the police for their attention and advice.

- 144) **Parish Plan;** Cllr. Hampson reported that she was busy preparing Questions and various methods of presenting the questionnaire. Members were concerned that questions were aimed at parish matters and that answers were from residents only.

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It was resolved to consider progress at the next Meeting .

- 145) **Post Christmas** event. Cllr. Finn reported on the event for Parish Councillors of both Simonstone and Read to be held in February. Members will be contacted once the arrangements have been confirmed.

It was resolved to hold the event on a Friday or Saturday.

- 146) **Report W632750-** received. Vegetation - Hedge pruning request.
LCC response: "This has been assessed as requiring further investigation which is on-going."

- 147) **The District Councillor** reported on the Parish Council Liaison meeting,

(a) **Updated Code of conduct.**

(b) **Policy review** – Parish Council complaints procedure was brought to the attention of Councils .

It was resolved to approve the Simonstone Complaints procedure as distributed.

(c) **RVBC** is to make a grant of £500 towards a Platinum Celebration activity.

It was resolved to accept the Grant and the details are to be confirmed once they have been agreed.

(d) **The** meeting was told that the recent Councillor /Clerk training session had been well received. It was suggested that similar training sessions should be considered annually.

It was resolved to note the report

(e) **Rural Network.** A report was given extolling the value of Parish Councils joining the Rural network (members presently receive the Monthly magazine) in order to gain access to government to assist with particular problems that arise from time to time in a smaller Parish Council. A new group has been set up and membership is free for the present and the cost is likely to be £75 per annum in future.

It was resolved that the Parish Council apply to become free interim members once the new body is formally set up.

(f) **Funding** for community meals for isolated lonely people at a Luncheon club is available for a Seasonal meal. A grant of £500 is available. Approaches had been made to a local company with a view to providing the appropriate meals. RSVH committee was considering similar options.

It was resolved that the Parish Council apply for the grant to fund a goody bag hand-out to the elderly of Simonstone

- 148) **Sport England initiative** – Members to report back on any results from their consultations. .
It was resolved to note a negative report.
- 149) **Christmas party arrangements.** Invitations have been delivered and 31 tickets sold. Councillors attending ; Cllrs Finn. Pollard, Peat. and Hampson
It was resolved that to note the report.

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- Christmas switch** on; The Clerk reported that the garden needs to be tidied up, the entrance gate repaired and replacement tree lights bought. **It was resolved** to approve the preparations and purchase lights (£100).
(a) Volunteers are required to man the entrance of the garden to ensure safe crossing to the school. Volunteers to assemble at 5.45pm for opening to the public at 6pm for a 6.15 switch on.
It was resolved that 5 members were required to assist.
- 150) **Meeting dates for 2022**– to consider the draft programme for arrangements for Celebration Sunday, the date being September.
It was resolved to approve the amended programme.
- 151) **Martholme Greenway.** Cllr. Barker reported that work was continuing and there had been a visit by a representative of the National Lottery. Tree planting was due to take place during in the winter. The Ramblers Association and Sustrans are in various discussions concerning the Cycleway identified in the County Travel plan. It was emphasized that the missing link (Martholme Greenway) should not be forgotten in the national network.
It was resolved to note the progress.
- 152) **RSVH** Coun. Peat reported that a user of the hall had collapsed in the Village Hall and a defibrillator was borrowed from the Constitutional Club. The lady recovered. Discussions have since taken place with Read PC regarding the purchase of a defibrillator. The Clerk will report on types and costs of a defibrillator at the next PC meeting.
Cllr. McKelvey told the meeting that the Village Hall committee is hoping to have a defibrillator donated.
A member suggested a defibrillator location map should be drawn up for residents in Read and Simonstone.
It was resolved to consider the acquisition of a defibrillator at the next Parish Council Meeting .
- 153) **Platinum Celebration Commemoration:** Various ideas have been discussed regarding a way in which the Parish Council can mark the occasion and it was agreed at the last meeting that residents affected should be consulted before proceeding with any suggestions.
The environment group wishes to create a community garden. Benches in various locations are yet to be decided. Other suggestions are yet to be made. In order to regularize matters it is suggested that ideas from residents and

organisations be forwarded to the PC. Cllr. Pollard volunteered to investigate some ideas.

It was resolved to consider suggestions at the January meeting.

155) Finance

Grant request –RSVH – Coun. Peat to report.

LCC – A Grant towards the purchase of a Traffic mirror has been received from the County Council’s Parish Champion. Unfortunately, permission has not been granted to place the mirror on private land. The dedicated fund will have to be returned to the Parish Champion.

It was resolved to consider this at the January meeting.

(a) Electricity Cost -The price for Electricity for the Christmas Tree is to rise from 25.40p to 33.80p per unit. Noted.

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(b) Arrangements for lighting of the Christmas tree have been made by St Peter’s School and they requested funding last year for some benches which have been ordered from a local supplier. The school has undertaken to pay for them and submit a claim to the PC for reimbursement.

(c) The benches will be delivered in time for the a visit by the Bishop of Burnley and the benches will be dedicated “Platinum Commemoration”.

(d) Payment of accounts

(i) I R Hirst	Salary	£574.48
(ii) HMRC	Tax	£135.00
(iii) I R Hirst	Expenses	£94.32
(iv) Dawson’s	Christmas lights	£89.97

It was resolved to pay the above accounts .

154) PLANNING

Planning Application 3/2021/1040	Planning Officer; Laura Eastwood 01200 425111	Grid Ref: 377134 434571
Proposal:	Variation of S106 agreement attached to planning permission 3/1993/0056 in order to allow the annexe known as Littleholme to be sold or let as a separate dwelling.	
Location:	Beacon Holm Whalley Road Simonstone BB12 7HT	
Parish Council	No objection	
Planning Application 3/2021/0995	Planning Officer; Sarah Heppell 01200 425111	Grid Ref: 377945 435073
Proposal: 29/10/2021	Proposed extension to the existing dairy cattle milking building to accommodate dairy herd Agricultural determination Application for tree works	
Location:	Law Farm Trapp Lane Simonstone BB12 7JE	
Parish Council	No Objecton	
Planning Application 3/2021/1089	Planning Officer; Laura Eastwood 01200 425111	Grid Ref: 3
Proposal: 29/10/2021	Retrospective application for 3 Storage containers	

Location:	Trapp Forge. Trapp Lane Simonstone BB12 7QW
Parish Council	The PC objects to the containers which are positioned on land that has been raised considerably from the natural ground formation and concern has been expressed that the ground has not been sufficiently stabilised and there are no visible measures to prevent slippage of the filled ground . There is a loss of amenity for the residents who are overlooked .

**Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: at the Higer Trapp 13th January 2022 at 7pm.
Members of the Public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings.**

Chairman's Signature..... ..