

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
held at 7.00 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022.  
In St. Peter's Church School Hall, School Lane,  
Simonstone  
Minutes

**All persons who attended the Meeting should have had a clear Covid LFT test result during the day prior to the start of the meeting and keep at 2 metres distance apart in the meeting.**

**Attendances :-Cllrs. David Peat, , Robert McKelvey, Clifton Pollard, Elisa Hargreaves, John Barker, Jacqueline Hampson, Stephen Finn, Graham Meloy.**

**Apologies;- none**

1. **Minutes of the meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021** for approval.  
It was resolved to approve the Minutes
2. **Public Participation (members of the public are invited to raise matters of concern, time limit of 3 minutes per item/person. NA**
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests. – None Pecuniary;** Martholme Greenway Cllrs. Barker, Hargreaves, Pollard, and RSVH Cllr. McKelvey, Pollard, Finn.
4. **Simonstone Parish Council.** Had not agreed to having a Facebook account. However, an account had been opened previously and to correct the matters it was necessary to have a protocol in place.  
**It was resolved** that the Parish Council will have a Facebook account once a protocol and been approved. It was agreed to amend the Parish website conditions to include Facebook and to submit it for approval by the RV monitoring office, prior to approval by the Parish Council.
5. **Councillor Safety** (discussed at the PC meeting November 13<sup>th</sup> with no conclusion). Councillors contact information. It was agreed that members addresses would not be displayed. Only email address and telephone numbers would be displayed in future. The Chairman reported that Councillor Safety will be discussed at the next Parish Liaison Meeting.  
  
**It was resolved** that the amended page be distributed to members for their approval prior to display.
6. **Boundary Commission. Revised** proposals are due and in early March there will be public hearings; Details to be considered, after distribution on 14<sup>th</sup> February, of the first draft of the report.

**It was resolved** that residents be given a chance to comment on the proposals . The meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> February at Simonstone School Hall, if available or the 18<sup>th</sup> in the Village hall. The Parish council meeting will be in two parts, the first part to hear a report and to discuss the Boundary Commission proposals and consider a response. The second part to discuss Parish Council business as usual.

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7. **Simonstone Environment Group** request that Simonstone become an “Environmentally Friendly Village”. A member reported that the Group had withdrawn the proposal.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.
8. **Parish Council Liaison Meeting,**
  - (a)RVBC is to make a grant of £500 towards a Platinum Celebration activity.  
**It was resolved to apply for the grant** and to use the grant for the placing of 2 2mtr benches on the Fountains Avenue green.
  - (b)RVPL 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Chairman reported that the he had requested that and item on Couccillor safety be considered at the meeting.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.
9. **Sport England initiative** – Members to report back on any results from their consultations. There were no reports to consider.  
**It was resolved to note the report**
10. **Christmas Arrangements,** the outcome of year 2021
  - a) The Christmas Party had been successful.
  - b) The new arrangements for the St Peters to arrange the Switch-on events in the school to be repeated
  - c) The Christmas tree to be erected by the Lengthsman.
  - d) Councilors to supervise the crossing into the Parish Garden at the Switch on.
  - e) Unfortunately, due to the Covid restriction the distribution of parcel the elderly was not able to be fulfilled.  
**It was resolved** that similar arrangements to be considered for 2022 after the summer holidays.
11. **Meeting dates for 2022**–a draft programme of events was considered and discussed  
**It was resolved** that a programme be approved with the Celebration Sunday to replace the Civic Sunday in the programme.
12. **Martholme Greenway.** Cllr. Barker to reported that discussions had taken place with Fort Vale water management of the footpath in Gooseleach Wood. Also, discussions had been held with LCC for adding the footpath to the county list of paths  
**It was resolved to note the report.**
13. **RSVH**
  - a) **Cllr. McKelvey** reported that the Wednesday Natter Shack had been postponed for 1 month, Then new sound system was currently being installed which had been donated a local resident. The funds had been donated for the purchase of a Defibrillator which will be installed outside near the entrance.-

The Village hall has been reserved for Platinum events Coun. Finn and Pollard will be coordinating week end.

**It was resolved** to note the report

14. **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.

- (a) Cllr. Pollard to reported that 2 benches had been suggested and trees to be placed on the Fountains Ave. Green on the rise in the NE corner told the meeting that he had notified the residents. Of the proposals

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Environment group had withdrawn from the original scheme

- b) It was suggested an Oak tree to be planted by the RVBC Mayor.

15. **Parish Plan;** Cllr. Hampson to report. Add question requesting that contact details of over 70's the Christmas party/hand out register has been brought u to date Note the

16. Register up to date but must remain confidential.

17. **Coun Polard reported on the stated or 3 footpaths;-**

- a) Footpath no 19 Blocked Fallen trees and wet  
 b) Footpath 12 Flooding at the Whins lane end  
 c) Footpath no 6 Tennis court new gates LCC

**It was resolved** that the above paths be reported to LCC.

18. **PLANNING**

<b>Planning Application</b> 3/2021/1198	Planning Officer; Sarah Heppell 01200 425111	Grid Ref: 377945 435073
<b>Proposal:</b> 29/10/2021	Proposed roof over cattle handling system	
Location:	Law Farm Trapp Lane Simonstone BB12 7JE	
<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>No objection</b>	

19. **Grant request –RSVH – Cllr. Peat to report.**

a) The St Peters School requested funding last year for some seating, they have been received. The Parish Council has paid the supplier directly, see below. The Chairman showed a photograph of a pupil using a one of the 8 tablet which the Parish Council to assist teaching during the Covid 19 lockdown.

b) LCC – A Grant Unfortunately, permission has not been granted by the landowner to place the Traffic mirror as discussed previously . The dedicated fund will have to be returned to the Parish Champion. \*

**It was resolved to note the report.**

20. **Finance**

**(a) Payment of accounts**

(2)	I R Hirst	Salary	£574.48
(3)	HMRC	Tax	£135.00
(4)	I R Hirst	Expenses	£94.32
(5)	Parish Champion	Grant refund	£400.00*
(6)	Cattermole	St Peters Bench	£470.00
(7)	Dawsons	Tree Lights	£80.97
(8)	Burnley Hire	Switch on	£36.00
(9)	Dove Syke	Christmas tree	£372.00
(10)	Xoom/IrhCC	Annual subscription	£143.88
(11)	Read Parish Council	Xmas Party	£11.00

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

21. LALC there has been fundamental changes in the county Branch setup. The employee will be working from home as the Penwortham office has closed down.

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**It was resolved to note the report**

22. The Clerk told the meeting that it was his intention to retire from being the Parish Clerk in the coming year at a time when the annual account have been audited, aiming to hand over at the AGM in May 2022.

**It was resolved** that Working Group be set up to find a replacement Clerk, Couns, Peat. Meloy, and Hampson assisted by Ribble Valley BC. Would take on the task.

**Next Parish Council meeting on Friday 18th February 2022 at 7p.m. at the Read and Simonstone Village Hall**

**Members of the Public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings**

**Chairman's Signature.....**