

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 29th April 2011 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone

Present **Chairman** **Cllr. Pam Jelley**
Councillors. **Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth, Pat Carter John Aizlewood, and John Hill.**
Public **4 members of the public attended the meeting.**
In attendance **Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.**

Public Participation.

Part 1 (items of business to be discussed in public)

11/ 44 **Apologies for absence** None

11/ 45 **Minutes of the Meeting** held on 25th March 2011
It was resolved that the above minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

11/ 46 **Declaration of interests** –None

11/ 47 **Public Participation.** A member of the public told the meeting that he had written to RVBC, asking for all matters concerning the Highway Safety Site Line and highway safety matters to be considered at Pump House Wood Development site. The request was made as a Freedom of Information Act enquiry. He complained that he had not yet received a reply.
A member of the public told the meeting that he had written a letter to the Village Directory concerning the lack of a road crossing on Whalley Road in the hope that residents would support the Parish Council in its request for a Crossing. In the letter he had requested that the Parish Council be kept informed of any progress.

11/ 48 **Christmas arrangements for 2011.**
a. Party Entertainment Coun Jelley reported that she was waiting for responses to her invitation to a performing group, and would report the results of her efforts at the May meeting.

11/ 49 **Items brought forward by members :-**

a. LCC Charter – Coun Duckworth reported that he had completed a survey on the impact and use of the Charter both by the members and the Parish Council itself. The report had been circulated to members. The Chairman thanked Coun Duckworth for his work on the response to the consultation document.

It was resolved that the Parish Council should adopt the document as its response to the consultation.

b. **Pump House Wood** – A response had not been received from either the Ribble Valley Partnership Officer, or the Parish Champion concerning the site line. Disappointment was expressed that it appeared that both Ribble Valley and the LCC had not responded to the concerns that the Parish Council had expressed on Highway safety and the apparent disregard of the planning conditions that they had imposed on the development. Members were concerned about who is responsible for maintaining the site lines especially in the growing season.. Coun Hill told the meeting that a group of concerned people was to investigate the breaches of the undertaking given by the developers prior to the application being approved and the failure of the Planning authority to enforce its own conditions placed on the development when the planning approval was given.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would consider the Groups report once it is completed.

c. Progress on Common Land – The Clerk reported copies of the procedure had been forwarded to members as requested. and councillor Hodbod told the Meeting that he had received no further information from the County Council .

It was resolved to note the report.

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- d. **Parish Council Website** Councillor Duckworth reported that the first pages had been prepared and that the site was due to go on line. He asked the meeting to consider how the site was to be managed.
It was resolved that the Clerk make enquiries of other Parishes who had a website with a view to finding a protocol that was suitable for the Parish Council to adopt.
- e. **Additional Tree Planting** on Blackburn Road verges. A request had been forwarded to LCC Highways for permission to plant trees and a response had not been received.
It was resolved to consider the response once it has been received.
- f. **Speed bumps** – A request had been received to support measures to reduce the speed of traffic on its approach to the village from the east.
It was resolved to request the LCC Highways to place rumble strips on the A671 (similar to the entrance to Gisburn on the A59), ensuring that they are set away from properties where the passage of empty heavy lorries will not cause noise disturbance, also the that the 30mph sign be moved to be adjacent to the Village name sign on the approaches from the east ensuring that both Clough Lane exit and the School are within the 30 mph zone.
- g. **Street Name Signs** – -Councillor Hodbod reported that a number of street name signs were in need of cleaning and refurbishment.
It was resolved that the Clerk should approach Ribble Valley requesting that they assist in taking the necessary action

11/ 50 Governance – Meeting dates for June 2011 to May 2012.
It was resolved that the amended dates be adopted.

11/ 51 Planning Applications.

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| Application number 3/2011/0007 17/01/2011 | Officer Claire Booth 01200 414493 | |
| Address | 10 Carleton Avenue Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7JA | |
| Proposal | Erection of a single storey rear extension, with the addition of dormer windows to the rear creating a two storey conversion. Roof will be replaced and the ridge line raised. Applications for full consent. | |
| Parish Council comments | There has been strong local opposition to this proposal as the development site is in row a of 6 bungalows and will change the existing street scene on the southern side of the Road. RV Districtwide Plan 1998 Policy G1 H10 | |
| RVBC decision | Refused | |
| Appeal | The applicant has appealed against the refusal of this application. The adjudication is to be by letter based on the existing evidence contained in the original objection. | |
| Parish Council meeting 29 th April | Coun Duckworth reported that he was meeting with objectors and Nigel Evans MP. It was resolved that the outcome of the meeting would be reported to the Clerk so that appropriate action can be taken. | |

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| Application number 3/2011/0069 10/02/2011 | Officer: Claire Booth 01200 414493 | Grid Reference 378006 434184 |
| Address | The Farmhouse Dean Top Whalley Road Simonstone Lancashire | |
| Proposal | Proposed extension of existing dwelling to provide Granny Flat accommodation above the existing garage. Applications for full consent. | |
| Parish Council comments | The proposal is somewhat out of proportion with the existing building both on the front and rear elevations. It would be preferred that the materials used on each elevation matched those of the existing building. | |
| RVBC Decision | Refused 6/4/11 | |

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| Application no 3/2011/0144 | Officer: : Colin Sharpe 01200414500 | Grid Reference 377553 435426 |
| Address | Tithe Barn House Whins Lane Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7QR | |
| Proposal | Detached stable block including 3 no. stables, tack room, covered horse box and mechanical tractor store. Also animal food storage. Applications for full consent. | |
| Parish Council Comments | No objection | |

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| Application number 3/2011/0171 18/03/2011 | Officer: : Claire Booth 01200 414493 | Grid Reference 377535 434529 |
| Address | Rosedale School Lane Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7HR | |
| Proposal | Proposed construction of first floor bedroom and bathroom extension and alterations to garage to provide study and home office space. Continuation of lean-to roof to create a covered sitting area to the front elevation linked to the side single storey lean-to extension (which is currently being built under general permitted development). Applications for full consent | |
| Parish Council comments | No objection | |

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| Application number 3/2011/0222 25/03/2011 | Officer John Macholc : | Grid Reference 377290 433370 |
| Address3 | Fort Vale Engineering Ltd Calder Vale Park Simonstone Lane Simonstone Burnley Lancashire BB12 7ND | |
| Proposal | Proposed extension to rear of Building 'S' to provide new despatch and storage area ancillary to industrial use of building. Erection of stand alone ancillary facilities building. Applications for full consent | |
| Parish Council comments | No objections | |

11/ 52 National Grid – The Clerk reported that the National Grid plc. want to hire venue for an exhibition to explain the renewal of the National Grid to the residents of Simonstone.
It was resolved that the Clerk forward the name of the School Governor responsible for lettings at the school to the National Grid Authority.

11/ 53 LCC
a. **LCC-TAS** Consultation on Concessionary Travel Notes on the consultation had been forward to members.
b. **It was resolved** to note the report

11/ 54 RVBC
a. Minutes April 2011
b. Planning and Development Committee Agenda 7th April and 28th April
It was resolved to note the items

11/ 55 LALC – New Councillor and Clerks training July 16th Module one, July 23rd Module two the cost £30 per module.
It was resolved to reserve 2 places for new councillors who will be taking up office in the new Council in May.

11/ 56 Finance
a. **Year end accounts**
It was resolved to approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2011
b. **Internal Auditors report – see attached**
i PAYE.
ii Electronic Accounts
It was resolved to approve the Internal Auditors report for the year ending 31st March 2011

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c. Payment of Accounts

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| i | L Pickering | Internal Audit | £55.00 |
| ii | Mrs Starkie | Rent | £50.00 |
| iii | Zurich | Insurance | £288.52 |
| iv | CPRE | Subscription | £29.00 |
| v | LALC | Training | £120.00 |

It was resolved that the above invoices be paid

d. Balances Year end balances £10482.

It was resolved to note above balance.

11/ 57 Lancashire Branch of the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) AGM 7th April 2011 County Hall 10.30am.

It was resolved to note Branch meeting.

11/ 58 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

11/ 59 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

- a. The Bad Conditions of the Footpath along the top of Black Hill to be reported to the LCC footpath coordinator
- b. Woodfield estate has not yet been adopted. The Clerk was requested to pursue the matter.

Councillor Pat Carter informed the meeting that she would not be attending the final meeting of the Parish Council due to her no longer seeking re election after 20 years service
The Chairman and members of the Parish Council thanked her for the valuable service she had given to both the Parish Council and the wider community.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 27th May 2011 in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

INFORMATION ITEMS (no decisions incurring finance may be taken on these items)

(Confidential Items of business not to be discussed in Public) None

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