

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 26th May 2011 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone

Present **Chairman** **Cllr. John Aizlewood**
Councillors. **Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth, Pat Carter, John Hill, Denise Rishton**
Peter Lambert and Graham Meloy.
In attendance **Parish Clerk Roger Hirst. 2 members of the public**

Public Participation.

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

- 11/ 60 **Apologies for absence** Mr David Peat Business (Change of meeting date)
- 11/ 61 **Election of Chairman.** Mr. John Aizlewood was elected Chairman for the year 2011/12. and signed the declaration of office.
- 11/ 62 **Councillor Geoff Hodbod was elected vice-Chairman**
- 11/ 63 **Co-option of a Parish Councillor** – Mr David Peat was absent from the meeting but had previously signified that he was willing to become a Parish Councillor if he was co-opted.
It was resolved that Mr David Peat be co-opted onto the Parish Council
- 11/ 64 **Minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2011.**
It was resolved that the above minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 11/ 65 **Declaration of interests.** none
- 11/ 66 **Public Participation.** Members of the public reported that;-
- some of the tree supports were missing on the recently planted trees on the Stork open space.
 - the paintwork on the finger post at the bottom of Trapp Lane had been damaged
 - Hedges on Bealey Avenue were overgrown and obstructing the footpath and street name plate.

Decision items

- 11/ 67 Appointment of Councillors to represent the Parish Council on the following bodies;-

| Office | 2010/11 |
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| RV Parish Liaison Committee | Alan Duckworth & Graham Meloy |
| L A Local Councils | Alan Duckworth John Aizlewood Geoff Hodbod |
| Parish Planning areas | 1 John Aizlewood + a member of the Parish Council |
| | 2 Denise Rishton + a member of the Parish Council |
| | 3 Peter Lambert, + a member of the Parish Council |
| Governance Panel | J Hill. Peter Lambert David Peat Alan Duckworth, Geoff Hodbod. |
| Bank Signatories | All Councillors and The Clerk |

- 11/ 68 Annual Audit
It was resolved that the Accounting Statements for the year 2010/11 be approved and signed.
- 11/ 69 Meeting dates for the year 2011/12
It was resolved that the meeting dates were approved.
- 11/ 70 Matters brought forward from meeting held on 29th April;

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- a. Christmas arrangements for 2011 – Mrs Pam Jelley reported that she had approached Susan Emerus Singers and confirmation of their availability was awaited. She explained there would be a cost of (£60).approx.
It was resolved to note the report and await further details.
- b. The Clerk reported that the condition of the footpath along the top of Black Hill has been reported and that it was not a public right of way. As a consequence it was a matter for the landowner to rectify.
It was resolved to note the report.
- c. Woodfield Estate adoption of the Highway. The Clerk reported that he had received a report from the County Council that final work was being carried out by United Utilities and subject to the work being satisfactory there should be no further delay in the adoption process being completed. **It was resolved** to note the report
- d. Trapp Lane – Pump House Wood – Councillor Hill reported that a letter of complaint had been sent to the LCC Council Leader and the District Public Realm Officer complaining about the conduct of the Officer responsible for Highways who ignored his own specification on the site lines as part of the Planning conditions at the site. Allowing the site to become operational with out the safety measures being met.
It was resolved to note the report .
- e. Parish Council Website It was reported that the website was now up and running and that statements concerning its management had been completed
It was resolved that they be distributed to members for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.
- f. Conditions of Street Name Signs - The Clerk reported that RVBC do not consider the current state of the signs merits funding refurbishment.
It was resolved that Coun. Hodbod make additions to the list.
- g. Speed indicator signs SpID. –The Clerk reported the current costs of purchasing a SPiD as recommended by the Highway Authority and likely running costs to the members.
It was resolved that the Clerk should make enquires of any parishes that currently own a SPiD and if it was not being fully utilised would they be willing to hire it out for use by the Parish Council and if so at what cost.
- h. Tree Planting, Clerk reported that the land identified for additional tree planting required a licence from the Highway Authority prior to any tree planting being authorised.
It was resolved that the Clerk proceed with obtaining the necessary permission.
- i. Speed Humps.. Clerk reported that he had approached the LCC on 3 occasions but had not received a response.
It was resolved that the Clerk be requested to ask County Highways department to expedite a reply.

11/ 71 RVBC

- a. Parish Liaison Committee Meetings Dates – 9th June, 29th September, 24 November, 2011, 26th January, 29th March 2012.
It was resolved to note the above dates
- b. Concurrent Function grants of 25% of revenue expenditure are available for various functions ie Parks and gardens, Play associations, etc. but will not support Capital expenditure of any one item or items over £1000. All grants will be subject to the Ribble Valley cap of £20K on their fund.
It was resolved to note the above grants.

11/ 72 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. |
| Appeal | Decision was due on the 18 th May results not available at the time of writing |
| Appeal result | Official notification was awaited. but Councillor Duckworth told be meeting that the appeal had been dismissed. |

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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 | No objection | |
| RVBC | Permission has been granted | |

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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 | No objection | |
| RVBC | Permission has been granted | |

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| Application no 3/2011/0257 20/04/2011 | Officer: Rachel Horton 01200 414571 | Grid Reference |
| Address | 2 Valley Terrace Simonstone Lane Simonstone Lancashire. | |
| Proposal | Removal of existing extension and elevated rockery. Proposed single storey extension with two Velux rooflights. Applications for full consent | |
| Application number 3/2011/0222 12/03/2011 | Officer: John Mackrell | Grid Reference 377290 433370 |
| Address 3 | No objection but residents are concerned about the access to the site during in the Fort Vale Engineering Ltd. Old Fort Vale Park Simonstone 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 | |

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- 11/ 74 Hyndburn BC** – A copy of Hyndburn Core Strategy and Accrington Area Action Plan: Submission has been received.
It was resolved to note the Submission
- 11/ 75 LALC** –
Councillors & Clerks Training 2011 16th and 23rd July. Unfortunately the course is fully booked and our application for 2 places has been noted and reserved for the next course when it is arranged.
It was resolved to note the above.
- 11/ 76 National Electricity Grid - Coun. Lambert** reported that there was a great deal of concern about the replacement of the grid and the possible visual impact it would have on the countryside. However due to the lack of information it would be premature to make any comments at the present time. Coun. Aizlewood told the meeting that he had been approached by the National Grid to arrange for the school hall to be hired out to them in the October Half term holiday.
It was resolved that members would consider any proposals when they are available.
- 11/ 77 Community Futures.**
Big Society Conference 18th June, Penrith RURAL ACTION.
It was resolved to note the conference.
- 11/ 78 SELRAP** - A Letter of support is requested for the Rail Link between Colne and Skipton to be reinstated in order to demonstrate the amount of support by local communities for the establishment of the third route across the Pennines to reduce the time taken from Burnley to Skipton from 3 1/4 to 3/4 hrs.
It was resolved that a letter of support be sent to the organisers of the campaign
- 11/ 79 *Finance**
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| a. Payments of Accounts charge of | | |
| i. RVBC Annual Website Domain charge | | £7.18 |
- b. Bank Signatories.
It was resolved that all Parish Council members and the Clerk become bank signatories.
- 11/ 80 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings**
- School Lane Parking
 - Speeding traffic on Whins Lane
 - Parking Valley Terrace
- 11/ 81 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.**
- 11/ 82** The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on Friday the 24th June 2011 in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

- RVBC Council minutes April 2011
- CPRE –Countryside Voice - Members guide 2011
- The following documents have been emailed to all members of the new Council and hard copies can be supplied on request to the Parish Council Clerk;-
 - The Good Councillor Guide 3rd edition, new edition..
 - Registration of Members' Interests the most recent copy.

Chairman's Signature.....

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