

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 25th February 2011 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone

Present **Chairman** **Cllr. John Aizlewood**
Councillors. **Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth, John Hill. and Pat Carter.**
Public **2 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/ 17 Apologies for absence** Councillors, Denise Rishton and Pam Jelley.
- 11/ 18 The Clerk reported that the** Chairman had received a letter from Cllr, Andrew Keavey resigning from the Parish Council.
It was resolved that a letter be sent thanking him for his services to the Parish Council.
- 11/ 19 Minutes of the Meeting** held on 28th January 2011
It was resolved that the above minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 11/ 20 Declaration of interests** –None
- 11/ 21 Public Participation.** A member of the public told the meeting of the results of a meeting between residents and RVBC Planners in order to address their complaints concerning the Pump House Wood Development. and they were unhappy with the outcome. The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply to the letter sent to the Parish Champion concerning the Parish Council's concerns about Highway Safety. Concern was expressed about work continuing during the bird breeding season. Councillor Hill told the meeting that he would remind the Planning authority about their responsibilities to ensure that work should not continue if it interfered with the bird life during the breeding season.

Decision items

- 11/ 18 Garden Club – Coun. Aizlewood reported** that he had made progress on the proposed tree planting and that there would be around 30 trees planted. He was hoping to get help from local volunteers to assist with the planting. He would report back with the final plans at the next Parish Council Meeting
It was resolved to note the report
- 11/ 19 Christmas arrangement for 2011.**
- a. Retired folks party, Catering arrangement and entertainment
 - b. Childrens Party
- It was resolved** to defer the both items until the next Parish Council Meeting. when more details would be available.
- 11/ 20 Items brought forward by members :-**
- a. Progress on Common Land. The Clerk reported that he had not received a response to the letter sent to the Parish Champion
It was resolved to note the report
 - b. Pump House Wood; The Clerk reported that he had not received a response to the letter sent to the Parish Champion concern the Parish Council concerns.
It was resolved to note the report

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- c. Website RV the clerk reported that work had begun on the site and that the designer wished to make progress with the site.

File no 655

It was resolved that Cllr Allan Duckworth and the working party would make their thoughts known, direct to the RV designer so they can be incorporated in the design.

- d. **Day of Parish Council Meetings.** Coun Aizlewood proposed that the day for Council Meeting be changed to the last Thursday in the month and that the number of Parish Council meetings each year be changed from 10 to 4. (February, May, September, and November)

It was resolved that the matter be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

- e. Consideration was given for Grit Bins to be placed on Carleton, Dawson, Furness and Woodside Avenues

It was resolved that additional bins be requested from the LCC

11/ 21 Planning Applications.

Application number 3/2010/0564 5/7/10	Officer: John Macholc 01200414502	Grid Reference 377228 43348
Address	Calder Vale Park Simonstone Lane Simonstone Lancashire	
Proposal	Erection of new Investment Casting Foundry at rear of operational site, including parking and service areas. Applications for full consent	
Parish Council comments	Approved with comments to be addressed	
RVBC	Approved with Conditions report transmitted.	

Application number 3/2011/0007 17/01/2011	Officer Claire Booth 01200 414493	Grid Reference 377413 434645
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 of 6 bungalows and will change the existing street scene on the southern side to the Road. RV Districtwide Plan 1998 Policy G1 H10	

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	Comments awaited	

11/ 22 LCC

- a. Councillor Duckworth and the Clerk reported that the Parish and Town Council Charter Steering Group, had met at County Hall where a review was being carried out concerning the Parish Charter and it was hoped that it would lead to a better understanding of each others rolls in delivering public services.

It was resolved to note the report.

- b. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service - The Clerk reported on the Summary of Consultation Findings and decisions made on the recent review.

It was resolved to note the report.

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11/ 23 LALC Consultation;

The Clerk reported on a paper entitled “A Community Right To Buy – Assets Of Community Value”

File no 654

It was resolved to note the report

- a. The Clerk reported on a paper entitled “A Community Right To Challenge”

It was resolved to note the report

- b. The Clerk reported that notification had been received of an application for a Vehicle Operators Licence from the Licensing Authority concerning Peter Edwin Edwardson Unit 8B1 Time Technology Park Simonstone to operate 2 Vehicles and Two Trailers.

It was resolved that that the application be noted.

- 11/ 24** - The Parish Council had received a request for a donation towards the operating cost of the North West Air Ambulance

It was resolved that £50 be donated.

11/ 25 Finance

- a. **Payment of Accounts –**

i	BDO	Audit	£141.00
ii	North West Air Ambulance	donation	£50.00

It was resolved that the above accounts be paid.

- b. Balances £11,206.96

11/ 26 Governance to review the following documents as per emails

- a. The Parish Councils Standing Orders.

It was resolved that the Standing orders be approved

- b. Freedom of Information Publications Scheme

It was resolved that the Information Scheme be approved

- c. Asset Register – updated in line with new directive

It was resolved that the Asset Register be approved.

- d. Internal Audit including Appointment of Auditor for 2010/11 and 2011/12 Accounts

It was resolved that the Internal Audit report be approved and that L Pickering be appointed the Internal Auditor for the above years

- e. Risk Assessment

It was resolved that the Risk Assessment be approved

11/ 27 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

11/ 28 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

- a. Flooding on Whins Lane east of the junction with Trapp Lane.
b. St John Church Car park, Read is being used by youngsters as a base for racing cars on Monday nights .
c. Thefts have taken place on Furness Ave, during the night.
d. Window frames, Dumped on land 100 mts north of Trapp Farm, in the wood on the East side of the Road.
e. Rubbish on the verges on Shuttleworth Link Road
f. Whalley Road bus stop lay bye. A large branch had fallen of a tree, request county highways to check the trees for safety.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 25th March 2011 in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

1. Planning Committee Agenda 24/12/11

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

Chairman's Signature

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