

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on
29th September 2011 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone

Present **Chairman** **John Aizlewood,**
Councillors. **Denise Rishton Alan Duckworth, Geoff Hodbod, David Peat and John Hill .**
2 Members of the Public attended the meeting.
In attendance - Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies for absence Councillor Graham Meloy, attending the Parish Liaison meeting on behalf of the Parish Council

The Clerk Reported that he had received a letter from Councillor Peter Lambert resigning as a Parish Councillor owing to him leaving the village. It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to him for his services to the community.

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

11/ 137 Parish plans – Mr Finlay Hodge of Community Futures gave an introductory talk on how to go about drawing up a Parish Plan, the benefits and uses that having developed one which can help in identifying the needs of the community and form an evidence base to support the communities aspirations in developing them can give.

It was resolved that a working party meet to consider developing a plan. Councillors Duckworth, Peat and Hodbod to be members of the Working party.

11/ 138 Borough Councillors reports –

a. Councillor Hill reported that he had received a petition complaining about the lack of progress on overcoming the parking problem on School Lane and would deal with the matter as a Borough Councillor.

It was resolved to discuss the matter under the School Lane matter below.

b. Councillor Bennett had nothing to report

11/ 139 Christmas arrangement for 2011.

a. **Retired folks party 8th December** The Chairman reported that the Mothers Union would provide sweets and mince pies as in previous years. A list of members who would help host the event was drawn up..

It was resolved that the final arrangements be made at the November meeting of the Parish Council.

b. **Christmas Tree erection**

It was resolved that the tree be installed on Saturday 26th November.

c. Christmas light switch on

It was resolved that the lights be switched on on Monday the 28th November at 6.pm. Councillor Aizlewood to liaise with School and performers.

11/ 140 Items brought forward by members ;-

a. Progress on Common Land -Councillor Hodbod reported that he was waiting for a response from the consultation process and outcome of the application.

It was resolved to suspend standing orders.

A member of the public asked for the reason why the Parish Council supported the application for the Common land application. There was a discussion between members and the person concerned.

It was resolved to proceed with the business under standing orders.

Following further discussions, **it was resolved** to set up a working party to consider the points raised by the person concerned. Members shall be Couns. David Peat, Allan Duckworth, Denise Rishton. and Graham Meloy.

- b. **Pump House Wood.** The Clerk reported that he had received a response from RVBC Planning Department.

It was resolved that the letter be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

- c. **School Lane-** The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the Head teacher and that he had requested the LCC to consider using the land adjacent to the school to relieve congestion on the Lane.

Councillor Hill reported that he had received a petition complaining about the lack of progress on overcoming the problem and would deal with the matter as a Borough Councillor.

Councillor Duckworth read out a letter he had received from the Local Police Support Officer Di Bioletti, concerning disturbances between residents, parents and staff at the school due to parking problems. She requested that if there are any problems in the future the police should be informed so that they can take the appropriate action.

It was resolved that a working party be set up to review the matters to date. The working party members shall be Couns. Peat, Meloy, Rishton and Hodbod and the email from the police to be forwarded to the Lancashire Education Committee as recent evidence of the problems being experienced by both the staff at the School and residents.

- d. **Martholme Viaduct** – The Chairman reported that had received a letter from the Chairman of Read Parish Council requesting support for the reopening of the footpath across the viaduct.

It was resolved that a letter in support of Read Parish Council’s request to reopen the footpath be sent to Lancashire County Council.

- e. **Bars for the Jewel-** **It was resolved** that three bars for the civic regalia be purchased.

11/ 141 Speed Indicator Device (SPID) The Clerk reported that Sabden pc proposed a rental fee of £40 per month for the SPID on a 3 month trial basis. The rent will include charging. The Sabden lengthsmen will put it up & take it down as necessary. His charge is currently £12 per hour & it is anticipated no more than 4 hrs per month will be required. Any additional insurance costs will be charged at cost. The basis if the hire is two weeks per month.

11/ 142 Report of the NALC Conference Sheffield - Coun. David Peat presented a report on the proceedings and he found it very informative especially on recent legislation. ie. Neighbourhood Planning, Power of well being, and the Localism Bill which included the Right to Plan, Build, Challenge and Buy. Copies of the report were distributed to members present.

It was resolved to note the report.

11/ 143 Planning Applications.

11/ 144 LCC

- a. **Consultation the LCC Local Transport Plans 3**

It was resolved that the following resolution be confirmed as the Parish Council’s response.

“Simonstone Parish Council welcome the opportunity to comment on this draft proposal for LTP3. Overall this plan provides sound proposals for addressing the issues across the county. Further to this, it is our strong recommendation that a specific impact assessment must be made as part of the strategic infrastructure planning and provision for opening up employment opportunities within the region. This assessment must specifically focus on the proposal delivering a potential increase in Private and Commercial Vehicle traffic volumes, involving the A671 section through the villages of Read and Simonstone. This is the only major route into the Ribble Valley from Burnley, Manchester and South Easterly direction.”

11/ 145 Parish and Town Steering Group Meeting – Coun Duckworth reported that progress had been made on the development of the three tier schemes though there had been a disappointing response from Parish Councils (12%) throughout the Counties Council Consultation exercise.

11/ 146 **RVBC-Whalley Road dog bin** – proposed repositioning of the bin to Whins Lane.
It was resolved that the removal of the bin be opposed, but the Parish Council would offer to purchase a bin for the Whins Lane area as had been suggested by the Health Environmental Department.

11/ 147 **LALC Annual Conference 29th October** at the Leyland Hotel Cost: £35 per delegate.
It was resolved that Coun. Peat and the Clerk attend.

11/ 148 **Best Kept Village Competition** – Unfortunately we had no mention in the awards this year:
It was resolved to note the report.

11/ 149 **Community Action against Crime Innovation Fund.** The Clerk reported that there were funds available to Community Groups to develop beneficial Community projects.
It was resolved to note the report.

11/ 150 **Finance**

a. **Report of the Auditors for the year 2010-2011**

- i A rounding error of £2 was discovered and needed to be corrected.
 Action was needed to avoid rounding errors in future.

It was resolved to note the report and take the necessary action.

b. **Financial report to the end of September had been distributed**

It was resolved to note the report.

c. **Payment of Accounts**

i	BDO	Audit Fee	£174
ii	LTP	Chairmanship course	£25
iii	D Armstrong	Painting sign posts	£118.94
iv	J Aizlewood	Chairman's allowance	£130.00
v	David Peat	Traveling expenses	£25.65
vi	I R Hirst	Salary	£477.26
vii	HMRC	Income tax	£119.32
viii	PSS	Expenses	£98.74

It was resolved to pay the above invoices

d. **Balances** **£ 15,994**

11/ 151 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings
 a. Consider Suitable locations for the SPID plates to be positioned.

11/ 152 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.
 a. Removal of hedge clippings after road side hedges are cut.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 24th November 2011 in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

1. Planning Committee Agenda August September 2011
2. Minutes of the Council August 2011
3. Parish Liaison Meeting Agenda 29th September 2011
- 4.

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

Chairman's Signature