

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 9th August 2012 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. Geoff Hodbod, David Peat, Joanne Quinn, Alan Duckworth, Graham Meloy, Denise Rishton, and Stephen Dawson.

In attendance 2 Members of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies for - District Councillor John Hill and Parish Councillor Russell Hargreaves.

Decision items

12/ 119 Minutes of the meetings held on 10th May. 15th June 2012.

It was resolved that the above minutes were approved.

12/ 120 Declaration of interests. David Peat 20mph limit on Simonstone Lane.

12/ 121 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)

Decision items

12/ 122 Matters brought forward from previous meetings –

12/ 123 Advertising-

a. **Caravan** ~Trapp Lane - An investigation has take place and it is being used for the storage of animal feed. The base on which it stands has been largely covered in soil and seeded with grass. It was reported that the site was being used for animal husbandry.

b. **Time Business Park-** An investigation has been carried out and the company is considering the existing signs and there will be a further inspection after the 17th August to see if the necessary action has been taken.

c. **Outdoor Elements-** the Signage is not considered to be in breach of the regulations and is of a temporary nature and has been removed.

It was resolved that the above reports are noted

12/ 124 Notice board – A quotations had been received for the supply of Metal and Timber Notice boards for the Parish Garden.

It was resolved to purchase the 6xA4 Grippit notice board as per the quotation @ £530

12/ 125 Hedges – A letter of thanks has been received on behalf of residents who appreciated the efforts of the Chairman in getting the people to cut their overgrown hedges.

It was resolved to note the report.

12/ 126 Tree Lights- The Clerk reported that no progress has been made.

It was resolved to note the report.

12/ 127 Matters raised by members

a. Councillor A Duckworth reported that he had been approached by members of the community to raise the following matters.

i Whalley Road Fountains Avenue - A request for a Road crossing to be placed at the junction. A member also raised the problem of speed of traffic on Simonstone Lane.

It was resolved that the Parish Council continue to seek a solution to reduce the risk to children and residents at this crossing point on the road and on Simonstone Lane.

ii Possible usage of the Outdoor Elements accommodation for additional functions.

It was resolved to note the report as the members felt that the use of the facilities was a matter for hirers and the Company concerned.

b. G Hodbod reported that some members of the community had asked that the Parish Council should consider changing the name from Parish Council to an alternative name as the word Parish had a religious connection which may be a barrier to people wishing to joining in some of the Parish Council's work.

It was resolved to note the report.

Chairman's initials.....

12/ 128 Councillors reports

- a. **Councillor Steve Dawson** –Reported that he had attended a meeting of Read Parish Council and found it useful and that it would help if both Clerks would exchange agendas, minutes and a member of each Parish Council attend the other council as observers.
- b. **Standing orders** were suspended for the Chairman of Read Parish Council to confirm the recommendation and give further information on the results of their recent consultation of the Read Parish Plan
It was resolved to accept the recommendations above.

12/ 129 Reports

- a. **Governance.**
- i Concern had been expressed about the relationship and authority of a working party. The Clerk explained that working parties are responsible for their own administration and had no powers as their function was to act as advisory bodies only on the topic as identified by the Parish Council. They have a membership of villagers who wished to contribute it's brief and can submit reports and recommendations to the Parish Council for consideration.
It was resolved to approve the report.
- ii **Code of Conduct 2007** The Clerk reported that due to the abolition of the Standards Board there was a requirement for the Parish Council to adopt a replacement for it.
It was resolved that the Parish Council should adopt the New Ribble Valley Code of Conduct.
- iii **Website** management, following a report by the Chairman that a Facebook and a Twitter account had been opened on the internet, members expressed concern about this development and its implications.
It was resolved that members should not use the accounts until the Governance Working Party had met to consider the development and report to the Parish Council meeting.
- b. **Parish Plans** – The Working party had discussed methods and topics to be considered in the development of a Parish Plan and they would meet on the 16th August at 7pm at the Stork Hotel.

12/ 130 LCC

- a. 20mph Scheme for Simonstone Whilst the scheme had been promulgated some modifications had been requested ie that School Lane and Clough Lane be included in the scheme as well as a length of the A671 from Scott Ave to Clough Lane to be considered for inclusion during the School opening and closing times.
It was resolved that this request be confirmed.

12/ 131 RVBC

- a. The Clerk reported on the RV Village Amenities Grant scheme.
It was resolved to note the report and consider it in future years.
- b. **Planning consultation** - The Clerk reported that RVBC would continue to distribute hard copies of planning applications as usual, though the District Council is seeking ways of maximising the use of IT in order to reduce costs.
It was resolved to note the report.

12/ 132 LALC

- a. **Councillor Duckworth** reported on a recent meeting on 10th July of the Ribble Valley Branch Meeting and told the meeting that the meeting had discussed Localism, Knot weed and the winding up of the Ribble Valley Strategic Partnership
It was resolved to note the report
- b. **Workshops-**
- i Risk Assessment –3/10/12,£25- Cllr Duckworth
- ii New Councillors and Clerks Course 13th and 27th October 2012@£30 per module,-
 Cllrs Meloy and Quinn.
It was resolved that the above members attend the above courses.

12/ 133 Planning.

a. Planning applications

Application number 3/2012 0342	Officer: : Colin Sharpe	Grid Reference 377712 435634
Address	Higher Trapp Hotel Trapp Lane, Simonstone	
Proposal	Demolish the Existing service building and erection of a 2 Storey 21 bed bedrooms and covered service yard.	
Parish Council	Approved with conditions	

Application number 3/2011/ 0535	Officer: : Claire Booth	Grid Reference 377712 435634
Address	Unit 14 Time Business Park Simonstone	
Proposal	Change of use to Taxi Office	
Parish Council	Approved with conditions	

12/ 134 Finance

a. Payment of Accounts

i	Lancashire Training Partnership	Training courses	£105.00
ii	LALC	Conference	£105.00
iii	Lancashire CC	Seeding	£926.40
iv	RBS invoice Finance CYAN	Bench	£479.99
v	Read Parish Council	Play area cont.	£210.00
vi	St Peters School Governors	Hall Hire	£170.00

It was resolved to pay the above accounts

12/ 135 Borough Councilors reports - None

12/ 136 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

12/ 137 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

12/ 138 The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 13th September in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

1. RVBC,
 - a. **Planning and Development Committee, Agenda, 21st June.**
 - b. **Accounts and Audit Committee Agenda 27th June.**
 - c. **Planning and Development Committee, Agenda, 19th July.**
 - d. **Council meeting Minutes for July.**
2. CPRE – Countryside magazine.

Chairman's Signature.....

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