

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 15th June 2012 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. Geoff Hodbod David Peat, Joanne Quinn, Alan Duckworth, Graham Meloy, Denise Rishton, Stephen Dawson and Russell Hargreaves
In attendance Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.
Apologies for absence None

Decision items

- 12/ 99 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2012.**
It was resolved that the above minutes were approved with the exception of min 11/85 and minute 11/92c which are to be considered for approval at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 12/ 100 Declaration of interests. None**
- 12/ 101 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)**
- 12/ 102 Councillor Training** – 4 courses had been requested
It was resolved that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements
- 12/ 103 Simonstone Race Course** – Lord Zetland responded to the Parish Council’s request for further information concerning the recent article on the development of the race course but the scheme has not been dropped and may proceed if and when it becomes practical.
It was resolved that all the newspapers be informed of the response

Matters brought forward from previous meetings –

- 12/ 104** Parking restrictions at narrowest part of School Lane (ref item 11/127, August 2011). A progress report had been requested, but there had been no response from LCC.
It was resolved to pursue the matter further.
- 12/ 105 Advertising banners-** The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with the Ribble Valley Enforcement Officer and copies of a series of Photographs of all the banners taken in the parish was handed to him. He undertook to consider which advertisements fail to comply with the regulations and he will inform the Parish Council of what action will be taken.
It was resolved to note the report and update members with the response when received.
- 12/ 106 Notice board** – the notice board has been moved to the west wall of the Stork Hotel.
It was resolved to note the report and to purchase a notice board for the Parish Garden.
- 12/ 107 Working Parties**
- a. **Jubilee Celebrations** – **Coun Meloy reported** that the field day had been highly successful. It was opened by Nigel Evans MP deputy Speaker of the House of Commons. Over 2500 people attended and there had been some generous donations received from local businesses. £1000 was raised for the North West Air Ambulance.
It was resolved that Coun Meloy and Hodbod be thanked for their efforts making the day a success.
 - b. **A bench for Trapp Lane** has been ordered and it is expected to be delivered in 6 to 8 weeks.
It was resolved to arrange for a Brass plate to be fitted to the seat commemorating the Queens Jubilee.
 - c. **Parish Plans** – There is to be a Parish Plan information meeting on the 28th June @ 6pm to consult the public on the proposal for the Parish to develop a Parish Plan. The Working Party will be distributing leaflets to every household in the parish.
It was resolved to note the report.

Chairman’s initials.....

12/ 108 Simonstone Lane Flower bed – the instruction to cancel the order was carried out. Subsequently, the funding issue that lead to the decision was resolved. After consultation with the Chairman the order was reinstated. The beds have been seeded. The reason for taking this action was to protect the Parish Council being sued for breach of contract.

It was resolved to note the report.

12/ 109 RVBC - Core Strategy 2008-2028 the Clerk reported that a meeting had been held and a response had been sent with the request to re-establish the Policy which protected the former Railway from development and to preserve the line for the completion the link between Shutteworth Mead and Great Harwood as part of the national Cycle way and to provide a green route for workers and employees in four industrial estates, and enhance the Tourist Route into Ribble Valley.

It was resolved to note the report.

12/ 110 LCC – the Clerk reported that an offer had been made by the County Council to allow Parish Councils to carry out maintenance work in their own Parish which is usually done by the County under Delegation of Public Rights of Way Maintenance scheme.

It was resolved to note report.

12/ 111 Parish Liason Meeting - Councillor Meloy reported,;-

a. He had given a presentation at the meeting on the subject of Ribble Valleys - Breach of Planning Conditions. He told the Parish Council that the matter would be by the Chairman of the Committee to the Three Tier Forum meeting, to help to resolve the Parish Council's concerns of highway safety on Trapp Lane near the newly developed activity centre.

It was resolved to invite the RVBC Planning Officer to attend a Parish Council meeting.

b. The way in which Planning applications were to be transmitted to Parish Councils would in future be promulgated by Computer with Parish Councils having to request hard copies if needed. The Clerk had told the meeting that this was unhelpful to the Parish Council as they did not have the facilities to provide hardcopies of plans for use when consulting with member of the community.

It was resolved to thank Councillor Meloy for his presentation to the Parish Liaison meeting and his to note his report.

12/ 112 LALC

a. **LALC Autumn Conference 2012-** 21 September, At the Leyland Hotel £35 per Delegate

It was resolved that Councillor Hodbod and the Clerk attend the conference.

b. **General power of Competence Workshop** - 25/July. 7.00pm.. £25

It was resolved that Councillor Hodbod would attend the Course.

12/ 113 Matters raised by members

a. **School intake** – Burnley and Padiham Express reported that there was difficulty in finding primary school places - Coun A Duckworth requested information about the existing policy at the St Peter's School, ~Councillor Quinn told the meeting that it was based in order of children from the parish, proximity

b. **Signpost and marker painting.**- Councillor Hodbod- considered that the Signpost on Blackburn road needed some attention.

c. **It was resolved** that a list of street signs and sign posts needing attention be drawn up before the estimate meetings in October/November where the list would be considered.

d. **Youth Council** – Coun Peat reported that the Youth Forum is hoping to obtain additional facilities for young people in both Read and Simonstone and there has been an offer of funding for them. Councillor Peat suggested that the Parish Council could give support.

It was resolved that Councillors Peat and Dawson attend the next meeting of the Forum

12/ 114 Planning.

a. - **Private members bill (Appeals by town and parish councils) Bill Barbara Keeley, MP.**
The Bill would give parish councils the right to appeal against the granting of planning permissions to which they objected.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to the MP conveying the Parish Council support.

11/ 121 Planning applications

Application number 3/2012 0400	Officer: : Claire Booth	Grid Reference 377497 434620
Address	3 Carleton Ave Simonstone BB12 7JA	
Proposal	Demolish the Existing Garage. extend existing bungalow with a new dormer to the rear	
Parish Council	No objections	

12/ 115 Finance

- a. **The Clerk** Reported that the Annual Audit report for the year 2011/12 had been received BDO. **It was resolved** to note the report.
- b. **Read Cricket Club**-A request has been made for financial assistance towards the purchase of a defibrillator unit. **It was resolved** to give a donation of £50.

Receipts

- c. A Cheque for £381 has been received from the Treasurer of the former Simonstone Garden Club. It was agreed that the funds be used as a contribution towards the seeding of the beds at the junction of Simonstone Lane and Blackburn Road.

It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to the Treasurer of the Garden Club, and that their contribution be recorded on the website.

d. Payment of Accounts

i	Geoff Hodbod(Higher Trapp)	Meeting expenses	£13.50
ii	Geoff Hodbod(Higher Trapp)	Meeting expenses	£18.00
iii	I R Hirst	Salary	£477.58
iv	HMRC	Income tax	£119.32
v	PSS	Expenses	£66.73
vi	G Meloy	Printing Leaflets	£50.00
vii	BDO	Audit	£144.00
viii	Warren Bamford	Moving Notice Board	£60.00
ix	Read Cricket Club	Donation Defibrillator	£50.00

- 12/ 116 **Borough Councilors** It was resolved that the Clerk should ask the Councilors to present a reports at the next Parish Council meeting.

12/ 117 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

12/ 118 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

- a. Overgrown hedges – It was agreed that councilors will inform the Clerk where hedges are over growing the footpath in the next week so that the County Highways can be informed.
- b. Broadband - Express concern of the current about the delay in the installation of high speed connections

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 9th August in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

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