

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 10th May 2012 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councillors. Geoff Hodbod Alan Duckworth, Graham Meloy, Denise Rishton, Stephen Dawson and Russell Hargreaves

1 Member of the Public In attendance Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies for absence- Cllrs. David Peat, Joanne Quinn.

- 12/ 77 Election of Chairman.** Mr. Geoff Hodbod was elected Chairman for the year 2012/13. and signed the declaration of office.
- 12/ 78 Councillor David Peat was elected vice-Chairman**
- 12/ 79 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2012.**
It was resolved that the above minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 12/ 80 Declaration of interests. None**
- 12/ 81 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)**
- 12/ 82 Mr Phillip Calvert** addressed the meeting and his concerns were about an article in the Clitheroe Advertiser concerning the possible development of a racecourse on land between Altham and Simonstone. Lord Zetland had drawn up a scheme in 2005 for a leisure park complex which would include a Racecourse and a Hotel. Mr Calvert told the meeting that he was opposed to the development and that in the local elections he stood as a single issue candidate and collected 600 votes from the ward, which showed that at that time there was considerable feeling against the proposal. He went on to outline the difficulties that the developer would have to overcome in order to overcome the floodplain. He offered to assist the Parish Council should the Parish Council wish to object to any planning application that may be received.

Decision items

- 12/ 83** Appointment of Councillors to represent the Parish Council on the following bodies:-

Office	2011/12
RV Parish Liaison Committee	Geoff Hodbod & Graham Meloy
L A Local Councils	Alan Duckworth & Geoff Hodbod
Parish Planning areas	As allocated
Governance Panel	David Peat Alan Duckworth, Geoff Hodbod.
Bank Signatories	Councillors as currently agreed and the Clerk

- 12/ 84 Councillor Training** – to authorize the Clerk to book training courses as and when they become available after consulting members to confirm their availability.
It was resolved that the Clerk would arrange training as and when courses became available in consultation with the members concerned.
- 12/85 Simonstone Race Course** – An article in local newspapers suggested that the proposal for a race course on the land in Altham and Simonstone had been resurrected as there was funding in place for its development. To date there has been no planning application received.
It was resolved that the Clerk should seek further details from Lord Zetland concerning the proposal.

Matters brought forward from previous meetings –

- 12/86** The Clerk reported that he had not received a response for an update concerning outstanding Highway matters as requested regarding the parking restrictions at narrowest part of School Lane (ref item 11/127, August 2011). An update has been requested. Members were dissatisfied with the time taken for the County Council to respond to the Parish Council's enquiries regarding and signage on Trapp Lane approaching the development of the outdoor Elements and the lay out at the Junction of Whins Lane and Trapp Lane.
It was resolved that the Clerk request an improvement in the responses to enquiries and request that all communications be logged by the County Council, especially matters of highway safety concern.

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12/87 Advertising banners (ref item 11/128, August 2011). When the matter was discussed at that time there was to be a report presented to the Planning Committee to consider the use of enforcement action. (January 12/15)The report has not been completed, but there has been a reorganisation of the Planning Department and enforcement matters are now managed by the Legal Department and a procedure for the enforcement of the regulations has yet to be determined.

It was resolved that the Clerk request RVBC to take the appropriate enforcement action where there is a breach of the regulations'.

12/88 To rent the land adjacent to the School until such times as it is required by the School for expansion. This matter was discussed at the February Parish Council meeting min 12/24 and the LCC were not willing to allow the land to be used for the purpose requested. The matter was discussed at the March meeting on 12/43c along with the School's, "Travel to School Risk Assessment" and no resolution was recorded.

It was resolved to note the report.

12/89 Tennis Club Car parking – the Chairman has spoken to the secretary of the Club as the surface of the access is uneven and some cars are grounding on the approach to the Club and they are seeking funding in order to address the problem. Councillor Duckworth reported that some work had been carried out and that it was now possible to use the Tennis Club Car park. He also reported that the cars which were the source of the problem did not belong to the Club members.

It was resolved to note the report

12/90 Working Party reports

a) **Notice board** – It has been established that planning permission was not required for repositioning the notice board.

It was resolved that the Chairman arrange for the notice board be repositioned.

b) **Jubilee Celebrations –Coun. Meloy** reported that :-

i) Considerable progress had been made and the committee had managed to obtain a grant of £2100 from the National Jubilee fund and would be used to finance medallions for the school children, bunting, other celebratory materials. There would be over 30 stalls, fun games, a writing competition, clog dancers and a fire engine would be on display. A request to was made for help to set up the event both prior to the day and during it. The event would be opened by the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons Nigel Evans MP.

It was resolved to note the report and thanks were given to the members who were assisting in the organisation.

ii) Consideration was also given to the purchase of a bench to replace the seat on Trapp Lane as part of the Jubilee commemoration.

It was resolved that a replacement bench should be purchased as per the quotation.

c) **Parish Plans** –to consider the report of the meeting concerning Neighbourhood Planning and 10 key things to remember by Michael Wellock of Kirkwells. It was decided to recommend that the Parish Council pursue the development of a Parish Plan in the first instance with the option of developing a Neighbourhood Plan later after residents and businesses had been consulted. It was also agreed that a leaflet be issued outlining the purpose of the plan along with an invitation to residents to attend a meeting prior to developing a questionnaire.

It was resolved to note the report and it was agreed to produce a leaflet inviting parishioners to contribute to the development of the Parish Plan.

d) **Tree Lights-** it has not been possible to make progress on this item.

It was resolved to note the report.

12/91 LCC - offer of Delegation of Public Rights of Way Maintenance.

It was resolved to consider at the scheme at the next Parish Council meeting.

12/92 RVBC Core Strategy 2008-2028 A local Plan for Ribble Valley. Final consultation Copy to be emailed

It was resolved to consider the scheme at the next Parish Council meeting.

a) **CPRE-** An invitation to attend Lancashire Branch meeting has been received – 12th May 10.30am County Hall.

It was resolved to note the invitation.

b) **Action for Children** –formally the National Childrens Home request a donation to assist in its work to support children aged between 5 and 14 years in the local area and Burnley.

It was resolved to note the report.

c) **Planning.Pump House Wood-** discharge of Conditions nos 2, 4, 6, A response to the Parish Council concerns has been received from RVBC. The Parish Council discussed the details of the response but did not consider that the partial

discharge of item 6 was satisfactory as the northern site line was not adhered to and some 10m short of the distance required in the Planning condition. The Highway Authority has carried out speed surveys and they considered that the site line is acceptable and does not compromise highway safety, and as consequence the condition cannot be fully discharged.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to Ribble Valley Chief Executive to state Parish Council concerns about the non compliance and implementation of Planning conditions and request that the matter be raised for discussion at the next RVBC Parish Liaison Committee meeting stating that the Parish Council is seriously concerned the condition had not been complied with.

Councillor Rishton left the meeting at this point to attend a prior engagement.

12/93 Planning applications

Applications Number 3/2012/0365	Officer Colin Sharpe 01200414500	Grid Reference
Development Address	Carniola Whins Lane Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7QT	
Development Description	Proposed dormer extension to rear elevation, first floor extension to front elevation and internal alterations. Applications for full consent.	
Parish Council	Awaiting a report	

12/94 Finance

- a) **Year end accounts 2011/12 - Internal audit report** -The Clerk reported that the outstanding issues identified in his report had been dealt with to the satisfaction of the Internal Auditor.

It was resolved that the Annual governance statement is approved.

- b) **Payment of Accounts**

- i) Higher Trapp Meeting expenses £15.75
- ii) Huntroyde Estate Rent £50.00
- iii) CPRE Annual subscription £29.00
- iv) Zurich Insurance £293.43

It was resolved that the above invoices be paid

- c) **To consider the revised budget for 2012/13.**

- i) **It was resolved** that the revised budget be approved and funded from balances.

12/96 Borough Councillor reports. none

12/97 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

12/98 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

- a) Bramble overhanging the footpath near the Railway bridge on Simonstone Lane.
- b) It was reported that the seeding of the beds by the County Council had not been carried out and the Clerk was instructed to cancel the order.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 14th June 2012 in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

- (1) LCC -
- (2) RVBC
 - (a) Council Minutes of April meetings
 - (b) Planning Committee Agendas 12th April 2012
 - (c) CPRE- Countryside Voice and Fieldwork –Spring editions

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