

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 8th November 2012 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

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

In attendance – 1 member of the public, Cllr J Hill for attended part of the meeting , and
Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies - Councillors Joanne Quinn, absence was approved.

12/ 171 Minutes of the meetings held on 11th October 2012.
It was resolved that the above minutes were approved.

12/ 172 Declaration of interests. None

12/ 173 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per
speaker)

A member of the public spoke requesting that the Parish Council consider and support some form of
renewable energy being produced in the Parish and possible benefits of a communal bulk purchase
scheme of energy supplies for households in the parish.

It was suggested that the Parish Plan Working party may like to consider this topic for inclusion in
the Parish Plan questionnaire.

Decision items

12/ 174 Notice board - The Clerk reported that the board was ready for collection.
It was resolved that the Clerk make arrangements for it to be erected.

12/ 175 Christmas Tree Lights the lights were to be delivered by the end of the week and an electrical
contractor would install the necessary equipment and PAC test it all before the switch on.
It was resolved that the Clerk make the necessary arrangement for installing the. Tree on 24th
November.

12/ 176 Christmas Party –Working party. The Chairman reported that the arrangements had been made and
were progressing satisfactorily.
It was resolved that the Clerk make contact with volunteer distributors and print the party invitations
for circulation.

12/ 177 Christmas tree the Clerk reported that a Risk Assessment concerning the public switch on of the tree
lights had been received from the Governors of St Peters School. There were various matters of
concern identified and needed to be addressed.
It was resolved that the Clerk make the necessary arrangements to address the concerns raised and to
write to the School requesting a contribution towards meeting the cost of any additional measures
that may be incurred.

12/ 178 County Councillor Albert Atkinson. 16th November 2pm at the Stork Hotel.
It was resolved that The Clerk inform Councillor Atkinson of additional items to be discussed eg
Lack of progress on the Martholme/Cycleway and to seek a completion of the link of the Cycleway
from Padiham to Simonstone Lane. So progressing the scheme towards its completion which would
assist cyclists, pedestrian employees who work in the Industrial areas and Tourists alike to have a
safer route into Ribble Valley rather than on the Public Roads

12/ 179 A Meeting with LCC 3T Forum representative Cllr Pat Young Chairman (Ribble Valley Parish
Liaison Committee), Andy Coombs of the County Council and Parish Council members had been
held. It was reported that members felt that there very little progress had been made on the
outstanding Trapp Lane safety matters.
It was resolved to note the report.

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Public Rights-of-Way/Lengthsman Scheme- The original funding for the Lengthsman scheme is to stop on the 31/3/13. The County Council is starting a public rights of Way Scheme which the Parish Council had resolved to join, following the receipt of additional information.

It was resolved not to join the public Rights of Way Scheme for the year 2013/14 but to review the decision in 12 months time once the new scheme had settled down countywide.

Working Party reports

12/ 180 Parish Plans – A draft Questionnaire had been distributed to members and was discussed
It was resolved that the Working party consider some additional questions for inclusion in the questionnaire.

LCC /LALC–

12/ 181 **Winter Service Conference** – Leyland. The Clerk reported on the County’s Highway winter maintenance Programme.
It was resolved to note the report.

12/ 182 **Coun Duckworth** reported that the development of Broadband in the District will be given by the LCC at the next Branch meeting of the Association
It was resolved to note the report.

RVBC

12/ 183 **Grants-**The Clerk reported on available Grants from Ribble Valley BC.
It was resolved that to note the report.

Planning applications

12/ 171 **Read Parish Council** – the Clerk reported that he had received notices of a Planning Application for an extension to the Caravan park at Dunkirk Farm. A copy email had been distributed to members.
It was resolved that the Clerk ask that the approval of the application should subject to a 106 agreement to ensure the completion of the Cycleway missing link as approved for completion by LCC and Sustrans in 2008/9.

Application number 3/2012/0848	Officer: : Graeme Thorpe 01200414520	Grid Reference 378133 436444
Address	Huntroyde Home Farm Huntroyde West Whins Lane Simonstone, Lancashire BB12 7QL	
Proposal	Temporary siting of a 50m meteorological mast. Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	Site inappropriate due to various concerns	

Application number 3/2012/0946 18/10/2012	Officer: : Claire Booth	Grid Reference
Address	The Old Stables Trapp Lane, Simonstone BB12 7QW, Simonstone	
Proposal	Erection of detached garage Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	Outside the settlement area no residential property.	

Application number 3/2012/0959	Officer: : Colin Sharpe	Grid Reference 377436 435610
Address	Land off Higher Trapp Lane, Simonstone	
Proposal	Wooden Shed and polytunnel	
Parish Council	Overlarge garage for the associated polytunnel	

Finance

12/ 184 **Revised Estimate 2012-2013** and Budget 2013-2014
It was resolved to defer the above to a special meeting to be held on the 28th November

Payment of Accounts

a. Cllr S Dawson	Teak Oil	£12.58
b. Sabden Parish Council	SPID	£432.00
c. I R Hirst	Salary	£477.42
d. HMRC	Income tax	£119.16

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e. PSS	.Expenses	£131.84
f. Lumalite	Christmas lights	£827.27
g. Grippit	Notice board	£636.00

It was resolved that the above accounts be paid.

12/ 185 Railway Terrace Trees and Containers. Cllr Dawson reported that the trees in front of the properties had been pruned.

It was resolved to note the report.

12/ 186 Borough Councilors reports – none.

12/ 187 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

12/ 188 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

a. **Woodfield** – Drains, road gullies requiring clearing.

12/ 189 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 10th January at 7pm in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

12/ 190 INFORMATION ITEMS (no decisions incurring finance may be taken on these items)

12/ 191 RVBC,

b. Planning and Development Committee, Agenda, 8th November.

c. Council meeting Minutes for October.

d. Countryside voice

Chairman's Signature.....

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