

Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th June 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Old School Simonstone.

Present Councilors. Geoff Hodbod, Joanne Quinn, Alan Duckworth, Graham Meloy, Denise Rishton, David Peat and Stephen Dawson and Russell Hargreaves
In attendance – One member of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

- 13/86 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2013 were approved.
- 13/87 Declaration of interests. Coun Duckworth item 89e.
- 13/88 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

Decision items

13/89 Matters brought forward from previous meetings

- a. **Electrical Supply** to the Parish garden - The Clerk reported that progress had been made and that he had received information that the supply to the Parish Council's box had been reinstalled by Electricity North West Supply (ENW) A request for the correct certification had to be yet to be received.
It was resolved to note the report.
- b. **Empirical Investments** –The Clerk reported that he had been told that there were government steps to legitimise benefits to be gained by approving controversial Planning applications on official notification and had been promulgated to the Parish Council.
It was resolved to note the report.
- c. **Street Signs** – it was reported that no responses concerning the condition of street name plates had been received.
It was resolved to note the report.
- d. **Lengthmans Scheme.** Members considered Coun Duckworth's report on the current scheme's operation. The Clerk added additional information which had been received from the scheme's administrator who had clarified some of the cost benefits that may be achieved.
It was resolved that members would identify areas where the scheme may be an advantage and forward them to the Clerk prior to the next Parish Council meeting for inclusion in a discussion document (before the 24th July).
- e. **Footpath Harewood Ave to School Lane.** a meeting with County Council had not been confirmed.
It was resolved. That Coun. Hodbod will meet on behalf of the Parish Council with a householder and that local residents should be informed of the proposal to improve the path.
- f. **Data Protection** the Parish Council has been registered as required and confirmation details circulated to members.
It was resolved to note the report.

13/90 Matters raised by members

- a. **Coun Duckworth** Annual Contribution to St Peters School.
It was resolved that the annual contribution of £170 to the school be made.

b. Councillor Hodbod

- i **Automatic vehicle** recognition devices permanent fixtures .
It was resolved that a representative of the police be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting.
- ii **Shady Walks** – It was reported that Read Parish Council had written to the land owner requesting that the footpath be re-opened.
It was resolved that the Parish Council write to the landowner requesting that the path be reopened.
- iii **Parish Council Funding** of speed checks on Whins Lane and Simonstone Lane. Members reported that speed checks had been carried out recently and they felt that there was the likelihood that progress was being made.
It was resolved to note the report.
- iv **Blackburn Road Finger post** –The Clerk reported that Read Parish Council had not discussed the matter.
It was resolved to retain the finger post for use within Simonstone.

c. Coun Peat-

- i **Civic Sunday arrangements**
It was resolved that the service be held on 15th September and that the reception be held at Councillor Quinn's House after the service with members contributing to the cost.

13/91 Working Party report-

- a. **Parish Plans** – It was reported that the Working Party had met and discussed the information gathered from the Parish survey and a draft consultative document will be considered at a Working Party meeting on the 18th of June.
It was resolved to note the report.
- b. **War Memorial working party.** –A report on the project was made.
It was resolved to note the report.
- c. **Governance** – It was reported that the Parish Councils Standing Orders update had yet to be completed.
It was resolved to note the report.
- i The Clerk requested to purchase a copy of the 9th edition Local Council Administration Arnold Baker £60.
It was resolved that a copy be purchased.

13/92 Planning

Application number 3/2013/0357	Officer: : Graham Thorpe 414557	Grid Reference 378308 436177
Address	Proposed erection of a 60.7. single wind turbine	
Proposal	Land to the North of Huntroyed Home Farm Huntroyde West, Whins Lane, Simonstone BB12 7QL	
Parish Council	The Parish Council objects to the application. Following a recent survey of the Parish in the development of a Parish Plan 69% of the returns were opposed to the development of a wind farm. The application was incomplete as details of the associated buildings and Groundwork are missing as are the Bird and Bat survey. And a failure to incorrectly describe the land as agricultural.	

- 13/93 **Lancashire Fire Service Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2013-2017 Consultation document.** (distributed by email).
It was resolved to note the report.

13/94 RVBC

- a. **Parish Liaison Meeting** dates of meetings are;- 20th June/5 September/14th November/30th January/ 27th March. Councillor Meloy told the meeting that he would be unable to attend. Councillor Peat would attend. The Clerk pointed out that it was important that the Parish Council should be well represented in order to hear the response to their concerns about modification to approved planning conditions.

It was resolved to note the report.

13/95 LALC.

- a. **AGM 9/11/13 at County Hall** 1.45pm the Parish Council can send representatives and 1 voting delegate.

It was resolved that Councillor Peat and Duckworth attend the AGM.

b. **Training**

- i LPCT Work Shop 18th September -£25
- ii Community Engagement 16th October -£25

It was resolved to note the report

13/96 Finance

- a. **BDO-** the external Auditor’s report has been received and the Audited statement accounts are available for inspection and a notice has been placed on the notice board.

It was resolved that Annual Audit Return was approved and accepted.

b. **Payment of accounts**

i	Zurich Insurance	Insurance	£198.30
ii	RVBC	Website fee	£7.18
iii	Best Western	Meeting expenses	£13.50
iv	I R Hirst	Salary	£477.38
v	HMRC	Tax	£119.20
vi	PSS	Admin expenses	£62.44
vii	BDO	Audit Fee	£120.00
viii	I R Hirst/M&S	Parish Plan Prize	£30.00
ix	St Peters School	Contribution	£170.00
x	S Dawson	Printer cartridge	£29.99

13/97 Borough Councillors reports none

13/98 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings;-

- a. **Grit bins- Councillor Geoff Hodbod.**
- b. **Risk Register- Coun Alan Duckworth.**

13/99 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

- a. Request a response to a the Outstanding highways concerns see minute 13/73a.
- b. Out of School Experience – Parking School Lane

13/100 Civic service.

It was resolved that service be on the 15th September in the St Peters Church starting at 9;.30am.
Next Parish Council meeting.

13/101 Change of Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council.

It was resolved that the meeting be held on the 1th August 2013 at 7pm in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

- 1) **RVBC.Agenda Planning Committee meeting 23rd May 13th June.**
- 2) **LCC- Stan the Van** will be on the Stork Car park on Saturday the 15th June 2013 from 12noon - 4PM.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Chairman’s initials.....