

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
held on 9th May 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

In attendance – Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies – Councillor Russell Hargreaves whose absences was approved.

- 13/66** Councillor David Peat was appointed Chairman of Parish Council for the Municipal year 2013/2014.
- 13/67** Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the Councillor Peat and witnessed by the Cler Councillor Alan Duckworth was elected Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2013/2014.
- 13/68** Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2013 were approved.
- 13/69** Declaration of interests. none
- 13/70** Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).
- 13/71** Decision items
- 13/72** Appointment of Councillors to represent the Parish Council on the following bodies:-

Office	2013/14
RV Parish Liaison Committee	David Peat & Graham Meloy
L A Local Councils	Alan Duckworth & David Peat
Parish Planning areas	As allocated by Chairman
Governance Panel	Graham Meloy, Alan Duckworth, Geoff Hodbod.
Bank Signatories	Councillors as currently agreed and the Clerk

- 13/73** Matters brought forward from previous meetings
- a. **Outstanding highway matters** – A meeting had been held with County Highway Officials to discuss 6 outstanding matters. The members appreciated the officials' explanation as to why not all of the Parish Councils requests could be accommodated but were encouraged that they undertook to review some of matters
It was resolved to note the report.
- b. **Electrical Supply to the Parish garden** – the Clerk reported that the County Lighting service is to reconnect to the supply to Parish Council's box.
It was resolved that the Clerk should ask that Parish Council should be notified of the date and time when the work is to be carried out.
- c. **Empirical Investments** A letter had been received from the company. The Clerk asked that the contents should be read after the planning application concerning the company's application to install a Wind Turbine at Huntroyde farm had been discussed.
It was resolved that the letter be read after members had considered. Planning Application 3/2013.0357 and had decided on a course of action.
- d. **Street Signs** – The Clerk reported that the Fountains Avenue sign has been repainted and should be refitted shortly. He also told the meeting that Ribble Valley BC were responsible for Street name plates and they were replacing the sign at Clough Lane. They offered to consider other signs for improvement if the Parish Council provided the details

It was resolved that members should let the Clerk know of sign that were in need of renovation by the 31st May for inclusion on the list to be provided to Ribble Valley for consideration.

- e. **Lengthmans' Scheme.** Councillor Duckworth described the scheme that was available for the Parish Council to join. He told the meeting that Parish Councils who were members of the scheme were receiving grant aid for various improvements in their localities leading to them making substantial savings which otherwise may be missed.

It was resolved to consider the matter at the next Parish Council meeting when Coun Duckworth would obtain more details outlining the costs and benefits of the scheme.

13/74 Matters raised by members

- a. **Denise Rishton** – reported that she had received a response from County Councillor Albert Atkinson to her complaint concerning litter on Shuttleworth Link verges and the lack of a footpath on Blackburn Road near Dean Brook Bridge. She was pleased to report that the Verges had been cleared but that unfortunately there was insufficient room on the bridge to provide a footpath but a traffic island had been installed to enable pedestrians to cross the road at the bridge to a make it safer crossing point.

It was resolved to note the report.

b. **Coun Hodbod-**

- i **Purchase of two grit bins** oneto be placed on the junction of Harewood Ave and Dawson Avenue, and one to be placed at the junction of Westminster Ave and Furness Ave. The Clerk reported that a request had been forwarded to the County Highways to install the Grit bins and a that the request would be considered along with similar requests and we would be informed of the outcome in due course.

It was resolved to note the report.

- ii **Prize** for the best kept garden competition 2013.

It was resolved that a £20 gift voucher be purchased from the local garden centre.

- iii **Footpath** Harewood Ave to School Lane. Coun. Hodbod suggested that the path be improved to provide a safer route and a more convenient route to School which would help to reduce the congestion on School Lane, by giving parents the option of using Harewood avenue for car parking whilst they take their children to School.

It was resolved to request LCC to assist in improving the footpath and to inform the School of the Parish Councils suggestion.

13/75 Working Party report-

- a. **Parish Plans** – Coun Dawson reported that work was continuing on developing a draft consultative documents so that a meeting with members could be held to consider it as the basis of the final Public Consultation Document.

It was resolved to note the report.

- b. **War Memorial working party.** – Clerk reported that Blackburn Diocese had been informed of the Working Group wishes to record the missing names on the War memorial and he had asked if there were any procedural matters required to achieve the Group's objectives.

It was resolved to note the report.

- c. **Governance** –The Parish Councils Standing Orders are in the process of being updated and the mandatory model orders have been assembled and distributed to the working group based on the NALC/SLCC 2011 model.

It was resolved that optional model orders be added in line with the Parish's Standing order 5th edition.

13/76 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	It was agreed that Coun Dawson and Duckworth make enquires concerning the application with a view to reporting their finding to members so that the Parish Council can make an informed observation.	

Application number 3/2013/0360	Officer: :	Grid Reference
Address	Wilkinson Farm Simonstone Lane Simonstone	
Proposal	Replacing Sunroom with Garden Room at Rear, Restore Stone surround and new window frames and internal alterations	
Parish Council	No objection.	

Application number 3/2013/0362	Officer: Mark Baldry:	377173 424657
Address	Witts end 13 Harewood Ave Simonstone	
Proposal	Car Port to cover existing car parking area	
Parish Council	Object to the on the following grounds :- Env 3 design not in keeping with immediate neighbourhood, overbearing nature of the proposal when viewed from the property immediately opposite, and the visual amenity is not in keeping with the general design of Carleton Ave. The property already has an established driveway and garage to the west of the house, which appears to be unused.	

13/77 Empirical Investments

- a. The Clerk read a letter to the meeting concerning "Benefits to the Local Community;
It was resolved to note the report.

13/78 LCC-

- a. **Variation in Planning Consultation** procedures- Consultation document emailed to members
It was resolved to note the consultation.
- b. **Road Closure notice** on Sabden Road, Simonstone from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 13th May 2013 until Friday 17th May 2013.
It was resolved to place the notice on the notice boards

13/79 RVBC

- a. **Parish Liaison Meeting A** list for the next municipal year has been received and forwarded to members.
It was resolved to note the dates.

13/80 LALC.

- a. **Ribble Valley Branch meeting** -- 30th April Councillor Duckworth reported;-
- i There had not been a presentation by David Padley of the County Environmental Project Team. on the County Councils Lengthman's Scheme.
 - ii that there had been a report from 3T Forum representative.
It was resolved to note the report
- b. **NALC Conference** Putting Communities First Sheffield 11th July £132.
It was resolved that Coun Dawson attend the conference.

13/81 CPRE – Annual General meeting -18th May at County Hall.
It was resolved that a member attend the meeting.

13/82 Finance

a. To approve the Annual Governance Statement.
It was resolved to approve the statement

b. Payment of accounts

i	Mrs Starkie	Garden Rent	£50.00
ii	CPRE	Subscription	£29.00
iii	I R Hirst/M&H	PP Draw Prize	£30.00
iv	I R Hirst/Huntroyde	GC Parish Garden Prize	£20.00
v	Zurich Insurance	Insurance	£240.61

It was resolved that the above accounts be paid
It was resolved that alternative quotes for insurance be obtained and the most competitive quote be accepted.

13/83 Borough Councillors reports none

13/84 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

a. Development of single storey housing.

13/85 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

a. Stake trees on Fountains Ave.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13th June 2013 at 7pm in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

1) RVBC.

- a) Agenda Planning Committee meeting 11th April
- b) Minutes and Proceedings of Council and Committees – April 2013
- c) Agenda Parish Liaison Committee Meeting
- d) Accounts and Audit Committee 27th March 2013.

2) LALC- News letter March 2013.

3) LCC- Stan the Van will be on the Stork Car park on Saturday the 15th of June 2013 12noon -4PM.

4) CPRE – Annual General meeting -18th May County Hall

Chairman’s

Simonstone Parish Council

Notes from a meeting on 9th May 2013.

Considering Outstanding Highways matters.

LCC –Representatives- Andy Ashcroft and Pat Douglass

Simonstone Parish Councillors- Dawson, Peat, Duckworth, Meloy, Rishton, Hodbod, and Quinn.

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1	The Fountains Ave/Whalley Road Crossing point	It was agreed that further surveys would be done at peak times with the greatest concerns being in the morning rush hour. Should the threshold of usage be breached the County would look to improve the Crossing Point. A possible solution would be to provide a traffic island to ensure a safer Crossing Point.
2	Mirror at the Junction of Whins Lane and Trapp Lane	The road marking would be assessed and possibly altered if an improvement to the junction could be made, taking into account the members' concerns.+
3	Parking on School Lane. The narrowness of the Lane	The problem of parking and yellow lines would be considered and solutions sought including the use of the County land and the marking of the lane to improve the passage of traffic during peak times, including discussing the matter with the Education Department at County Hall. Also, additional marking at the Garden entrance to the School would be assessed and improved if necessary.
4	Outdoor Elements Activities The failure of the County to place achievable site lines on the approaches.	unable to assist as this is a Planning issue.
5	Whins Lane speed limit	Discussions were ongoing to reduce the speed limit from 60mph. along the lane from the Read 30 mph limit to Trapp Lane
6	Harewood Ave/School Lane footpath to make a safer route to school to avoid parking on School lane	The Parish Council has agreed to request assistance from the County to develop a none MOT footpath through the open space. Both the School and landowner to be informed of the request.
7	Other comments	20mph limits were having a surprising effect on reducing accidents throughout the County. A written response to the meeting was requested and Andy agreed to provide an abbreviated account of the agreed action of the meeting. Funding and priority lists would play an important part on the outcomes of these discussions.

Chairman's initials.....