

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 14th November 2013 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present - Councillors. Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth, Joanne Quinn, Russell Hargreaves. Graham Meloy arrived at 8.15pm after attending the RV Parish Liaison meeting.

In attendance – The Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.

Apologies., Denise Rishton, David Peat

13/173 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2013 were corrected and approved

13/174 Declaration of interests. - none

13/175 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker)

Decision items

13/176 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

a. **Parish Councillor vacancy** – No nominations have been received.

It was resolved to note the report

b. **Electrical Supply** to the Parish garden –The Clerk reported that the replacement electricity box had been ordered and should be installed before it is required for the Christmas lights switch on.

It was resolved to note the report.

13/144 Blackburn Road – The Clerk reported that the County Council has agreed to the relocation of the signpost at no cost. It was not expected that there would be any cost to the Parish Council apart from repainting costs after the move had been completed.
It was resolved to note the report.

a. **Grit bins**-The Clerk reported on an offer made to the Parish Council to take part in a Pilot Scheme where the County Council would supply additional footway only grit bins and grit subject to the Parish Council being responsible for spreading the grit onto the footway when necessary.

It was resolved that the Council take part in the LCC Pilot scheme, 4 bins should be requested to be positioned at the following; Harewood Ave/Dawson Ave, Western Corner of Harewood Ave, Furness Ave/Westminster close and Fountains Ave that the Lengthsman be engaged to service the bins.

Green Deal – The Clerk reported that John Barber has agreed to give a presentation at the February Parish Council meeting.

It was resolved to note the report.

13/177 Governace

a. **Meeting Dates** for the year 2014.

It was resolved to approve the dates as listed.

13/178 Parish Liaison meeting 14/11/13

a. **Highways – Potholes** – Parishes are requested to make a list of the 3 worst areas of road requiring repair, listed in order of priority and submitted to the County by the 22nd November.

It was resolved that the following roads be listed;-

1, Simonstone Lane.

2, Trapp Lane.

13/179 LCC

- a. **Highways Potholes** East end Harewood Ave – the County Council has responded to the Parish's request and will carry out the repairs shortly.

It was resolved to note the report.

- b. **Carleton Ave footpath** has been reported to the PROW footpath's Officer for repair.

It was resolved to note the report.

- c. **School Lane yellow lines.** The County Council will not be in a position to consult about installing the double yellow lines outside 9-15 School Lane until early 2014. There are no other proposals being considered on the Lane.

It was resolved that the lines should be only at the narrowest points on the Lane so as to enable traffic to pass freely without preventing residents from parking.

- 13/180 **Lengthsman and PROW Scheme.** The Clerk reported that a request has been received from the Lengthsman administrator for a Parish Council contact to be nominated to liaise with the contractor should a problem arise relating to a task being undertaken so that a decision can be taken on how to proceed with the operation in hand

It was resolved that Cllr Alan Duckworth be authorised act as the Parish Council contact.

13/181 Christmas .

- a. **Christmas tree-** A quote has been received and needs to be accepted and the tree will be delivered on 23rd November at 9.00 am. the lengthsman is able to erect and dress the tree.

It was resolved that the quote from Dove Syke nursery be accepted and that the tree be erected by a working party of Councillors.

- b. **Christmas light switch** on 25th November. The Clerk reported that arrangements have been made for the Lighting equipment to be delivered to the School in time for a Councillor working party to set out the Garden as in past years. Volunteers are required.

It was resolved that that all available Councillors and volunteers assist stewarding the event.

- c. **Party Coun. Quinn reported** that the plans were in place for the party to proceed satisfactorily.

i Helpers are required to set up the Hall at 7pm on Friday and meet at 11.45am on Saturday to receive guests. Members requested to wear seasonal head gear etc.

ii The Clerk reported that an invitation list has been drawn up and delivery details are being arranged and will be delivered next week.

iii Councillors requested to find a Raffle prize each and bring tea towels.

It was resolved to note the reports.

13/182 Planning

- a. **Mayor's Reception** - A paper was presented by John Macholc RV Senior Planning Officer. He explained that fundamental changes had been made to Planning Laws.. A copy of the Paper is to be distributed to members when available.

It was resolved to note the report.

Application number 3/2013/ 0886	Officer: : Mark Baldry 01200 414571	Grid Reference 377322 435190
Address	Farthings Whins Lane Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7QT	
Proposal	Reconstruction of fire damaged first floor dormer roof, with extension of existing footprint to rear.. Resubmission of application 3/2013/0623.	
Parish Council	No Objection	

Application number 3/2013/0899 22/10/2013	Officer: Colin Sharpe01200414500	Grid Reference 377407 433189
Address	Altham Pumping Station Burnley Road Simonstone Burnley BB12 7NL Simonstone	
Proposal	Change to north west elevation. Removal of central roller shutter to be replaced with two doors with extra personnel door. Non-Material amendment.	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application Number 3/2013/0870 07/10/2013	Officer: : Daniela Ripa 01200 414518	Grid Reference 377522435862
Address	Land adjacent to White Hill Trapp Lane Read /Simonstone	
Proposal	Change of use from agricultural pasture land to equine facilities, to create a fenced Menage arena and 4 Paddocks. An area of ground within the boundary fence of the land, adjacent to the existing field gate entrance will have gravel laid to create a parking/turning area for horse transport vehicles. The existing field gate entrance will be moved further back into the land to allow vehicles to pull in without blocking the road (Trapp Lane). Access to the land will also be through an existing opening in the boundary wall, from the adjoining 'White Hill', Back Lane, Read, which is owned by the Applicant Applications for full consent.	
Parish Council	<p>The Parish Council objects to this application on the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed development is outside the settlement boundary. 2. Although not within the AONB, it is immediately adjacent to the AONB and is visible from within and without the AONB. Planning Policy G5 refers to developments: "not essential for the local economy; not needed for purposes of agriculture or forestry; not for local housing needs; not for tourism development" which would therefore exclude this development. 3. Trapp Lane carries over 800 vehicles per day and the road speed is limited only to NSL of 60mph. The Police Authority deemed it too dangerous when requested to carry out speed measurements in relation to a previous development on this road. 4. The entry and exit of Large horse carrying vehicles and trailers to/from the site will create a significant risk to road users. 5. Storage of Horse boxes and associated paraphernalia causing a visual distraction to the approaches of the ANOB. 6. Vehicles accessing and exiting the site from White Hill Woods will cross a 'public right of way'. Protection would be required for walkers and dog owners etc. 7. The footpath arrangements could cause conflict between the Horse users and walkers. The maintenance of the footpath would be problematic in wet weather when the ground is trampled and compacted by horses, especially at junctions of the paths. 8. The drainage proposals will speed cause an increase in the speed of runoff into the proposed dyke. Has this dyke sufficient capacity to cope with the increased flow rate without causing problems for people and property downstream? <p>Local Residents Concerns</p> <p>Whereas there is no indication that this development is to be used for commercial purposes it is feared that this will become the case at some later date and that any activity in that direction will lead to significant intrusiveness in the form of traffic, lighting, and noise.</p> <p>The parish council requests confirmation that this development is not to be used for commercial activity and that no structures, buildings, or lights are to be constructed on site.</p>	
W	<p>It was resolved that the footpaths divergence request be refused. It had been submitted around the same time as the above application. The Parish Council is of the opinion that it is a route well used by both local people and ramblers and visitors from many areas on their way to the Pendle ANOB. They would be discouraged from using the path as it could cause Ramblers to feel intimidated by horses and riders, as well as causing damage to the footpath making it impassable due to the concentrated use over the confined area set aside for the footpath route. There are areas in the Ribble Valley where horse tracks and footpaths converge and the Ramblers loose out, due to the destruction of the well establish traditional route.</p>	

b. **LALC.** the Clerk gave a report on the AGM held on the 9th November at County Hall the principle Speaker spoke on the New Health Care arrangements is the County. And the role of the Countie's Parish Champion.

c. Groundwork Training Day Friday 31st January Leyland.

It was resolved that Cllr Duckworth and the Clerk attend the Training day

13/183 Finance

a. Payment of accounts

i	RVBC	Printing Parish Plan	£400.00
ii	I R Hirst	Salary	£482.04
iii	HMRC	Income tax	£12.40
iv	PSS	Expenses	£148.32

The Clerk outlined items of expenditure including the Christmas Tree, additional LEDs, 3 Bars for the Badge of office.

It was resolved that that the above accounts be paid and the items described be purchased.

b. **Draft Budget** 2014-2015 to be considered.

It was resolved that that the budget be considered at the start of the next Parish Council meeting.

13/184 Borough Councillors reports – None

13/185 Parish Liaison report – **Coun Meloy** arrived having attended the Parish Liaison meeting and gave a report on the proceedings.

- a. **Car Parking** in parishes had been identified as a problem that many parishes were experiencing. The asked for assistance from the County Council in resolving the issue.
- b. **Banners and Commercial Street advertising** was becoming a problem throughout and parishes asked that measures be taken to resolve the situation.
- c. **Sat Navs** the use of car models were causing a problem on Rural Roads when used by Large vehicles instead of models for larger vehicles. The CE was writing to concerned.
- d. **Ribble Valley was to start a Community Asset Scheme** which would be looking at ways of maximizing the use of public assets across the borough.

It was resolved to note the report

13/186 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

a. **Budget, Governance.**

13/187 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

13/188 Next Parish Council meeting 9th January 2014.

I R.Hirst
Clerk to the Parish Council

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

- 1) **RVBC.**
 - a) **Agenda Special & Planning Committee meeting and 10th October**
 - b) **Account and Audit Committee 2013.**
 - c) **Minutes and Proceedings of the Council**
- 2) **Local Government Review – Autumn edition.**