

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 10th October 2013 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present - Councillors. Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth, David Peat, Joanne Quinn, Russell Hargreaves.

In attendance – Coun. John Hill, 1 member of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst. Apologies., Denise Rishton, Graham Melloy.

- 13/140 The Chairman thanked Councillor Quinn** for hosting the Civic Sunday reception in her home. Members of the Parish Council appreciated her help in making the event a great success.
- 13/141 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2013 were approved**
- 13/142 Declaration of interests. - none**
- 13/143 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker)**

Decision items

- 13/144 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.**
- a. **Parish Councillor vacancy** – No nominations have been received.
It was resolved to mention the vacancy at the Parish Plan meeting on the 16th October .
 - b. **Electrical Supply** to the Parish garden –The Clerk reported that the electricity box had been inspected and found to be defective. A verbal quotation had been received from the County Council’s Street Lighting Contractor.
It was resolved to replace the electricity box at a cost of £600.
 - c. **School Lane/Harwood Ave Footpath** – **The Clerk reported the** footpath had been in use for the past 40 to 50 years according to the information received after consulting local people and interrogating the Parish Council minutes. It was not registered as a public right of way though should the Parish Council wish it they can apply to have it registered as a right of way.
It was resolved that Councillors Hodbod and Peat would consult local residents concerning improving the path, and a decision on how to proceed would be taken at the Parish Council meeting to be held in January.
- 13/145 Blackburn Road** – The Clerk reported that County Council has agreed to the relocation of the signpost onto the northwest grass area at the junction, subject to the underground services being avoided.
It was resolved that the County Council should reposition the signpost.
- a. **Grit bins**-The Clerk reported an offer made to the Parish Council to take part in a Pilot Scheme where the County Council would supply additional grit bins and grit subject to the Parish Council being responsible for spreading the grit onto the footway when necessary.
It was resolved that members consider a response to the offer at the November meeting after reading the terms of the contract.
 - b. **Green Deal** – John Barber of RVBC will attend a meeting to explain the Community Scheme
It was resolved that a presentation should be given at the February Parish Council meeting.

13/146 Highways

c. **School Lane** - A report had been received from a resident that the milk lorries were having difficulties getting past the parked cars especially in term time since the new lamppost had been installed.

i **It was resolved that** the County Council Highways be made aware of the problem.

d. **Clough Lane**- Councillor Hodbod – The Clerk reported that a request to reposition the 20mph sign situated half way down Clough Lane to the Trapp Lane/School Lane Junction had been forwarded to the County.

It was resolved to note the report.

e. **Whalley Road Parking bay**. Councillor Peat reported that a car had been for sale in the parking bay. The Clerk had reported the matter to the police and that the car had been removed.

It was resolved to note the report.

13/146 LCC Extracts from the County Environment Bulletin had been distributed to members.

It was resolved to note the report.

13/147 Lengthsman and PROW Scheme.

a. **The Clerk reported** that application forms had been prepared following an insurance check and were ready for signing. Council needed to agree a sum of money to be forwarded for services required i.e. Spid expenses, Weed killing etc.

It was resolved that the agreement be signed and to contribute £1000 to meet costs.

13/148 Matters raised by members

a. **Coun Duckworth** – Governance Working Party meeting is to be arranged to discuss the management of Parish Council meetings and related issues.

It was resolved that the Working party should meet in January to consider reviewing Governance practices.

b. **Parish Plans** –It was reported that the Parish Plan had been distributed along with invitations to attend the consultation meeting on the 16nd October.19:00 to 22:00 hrs.

It was resolved that Councillor Peat would introduce and chair the meeting and that Councillor Duckworth would give a presentation followed by a question and answer session with Councillors and members assisting and noting issues raised.

c. Christmas

i **Christmas tree** is to be installed on 23rd November at 9.30 am.

ii **Christmas light switch** on 25th November.

iii **Party arrangements** The detailed arrangements for the party have yet to be made and all residents over 60yrs have been asked to register if they wish to receive an invitation to the Party.

It was resolved that Coun Quinn to check the party requirements and report back to the November meeting. The Clerk will update the invitation distribution list.

13/149 Planning

a. **0317 Huntroyde Home Farm** the Clerk reported that Wind Turbine Planning application had been withdrawn.

It was resolved to note the report.

b. **2011/0649. Calder Vale Park**- The Clerk reported that Ribble Valley had received a draft 106 agreement from the County Council. The Clerk requested a copy of the agreement so that members would have a chance to comment on it should there be any adverse conditions in it. The copy had not been received.

It was resolved to note the report.

Application Number 3/2013/0814	Officer: : Mark Baldry 01200 414571	Grid Reference 378623 435152
Address	Huntroyde Hall West Whins Lane Simonstone BB12 7QL	
Proposal	Erect boundary treatments of gates to enclose perimeter Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application number 3/2013/0796 06/09/2013	Officer: : Mark Baldry 01200 414571	Grid Reference 377647 435644
Address	Coach House Trapp Lane Simonstone BB12 7QW	
Proposal	Renewal of planning permission 3/2010/0626 - Conversion of former coach house to a two-bedroom residential dwelling.	
Parish Council	No objection	

13/150 LALC.

- a. **RV Branch meeting** 8th October 2013– Coun Duckworth reported, that the meeting had had a presentation on High speed broadband and Planning gain for local communities through a levy on local Development to support beneficial facilities in the parish.
It was resolved to note the report

13/151 Financea. **Payment of accounts**

i	Coun Quinn	Chairman's Allowance	£130.49
ii	SLCC	Subscription	£75.00
iii	Higher Trapp	Planning meeting	£11.25
iv	RVBC	Printing PP	£400.00
v	Read Parish Council	Play Area contribution	£210.00
vi	Sabden Parish Council	Lengthsman fund	£1000.00

b. **Revised Estimates** 2013-2014.

It was resolved to note the report

c. **Budget (preliminary)** 2014-2015

It resolved to add various items to the draft budget to be considered at the November Parish Council Meeting and that a letter be sent to businesses in the Blackburn Road area inviting them to assist in maintaining the flower beds on highway verges.

13/152 Borough Councillors reports – none**13/153 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings**

- a. Coun. Pollard's –Read P.C - Martholme link submission.

13/154 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

Highway Weed killing in the Parish.
Potholes on Harewood Avenue at the east end.
Carleton Ave/Tennis court footpath requires repairs...

13/155 Next Parish Council meeting 14th November 2013.

Chairman's signature.....

INFORMATION ITEMS (no decisions incurring finance may be taken on these items)1) **RVBC.**

- a) **Agenda Special & Planning Committee meeting 26/9/2013 and 10th October**
- b) **Account and Audit Committee 2013.**
- c) **Minutes and Proceedings of the Council**

2) **Local Government Review – Autumn edition.**