

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.00 pm**  
**in the Old School Simonstone.**

**Present - Councillors. Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth, Graham Meloy, David Peat, Joanne Quinn, Russell Hargreaves.**  
**In attendance – Coun. John Hill, 1 member of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.**  
**Apologies., Denise Rishton**

Members of the Parish Council attended the first of the Parish Council's "Getting to Know our Parish Scheme" when they visited a local business Seaway Services. The visit had been a both helpful, instructive and the contribution that a local business makes to the parish. as well as the some problems that they experience.

**13/122 Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 were approved**

**13/123 Declaration of interests. - none**

**13/124 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker)**

**Decision items**

**13/125 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.**

a. **Parish Councillor vacancy** – Their were no nominations.

b. **Electrical Supply** to the Parish garden –The County Lighting service confirmed that no electrical work had been carried out in the electricity box so there is no need for any certification of the Parish Council's box. However it was considered that the box should be inspected and tested before the Christmas lights switch on.

**It was resolved** that the box should have a safety inspection and any necessary work should be carried out.

**13/126 Matters raised by members**

a. **Civic Sunday** It was confirmed that final arrangements were in place and there had been 24 acceptances for the event.

**It was resolved** to note the report.

b. **Rural Services Network (RSN)** Coun Alan Duckworth.

**It was resolved** that a letter be sent in support of the Rural Fair Share Campaign'.

c. **Location for the new defibrillator.** It was reported that it was to installed at near Stork Hotel.

**It was resolve** to note the report.

d. **Japanese Knotweed** Pollard Row. Coun Hodbod- Following the compliant the site was inspected and the Farmer had sprayed it once and was to carry out further weed killing operations.

**It was resolved** to note the report.

e. **Working Party reports-**

i **Parish Plans** –It was reported that the final document of the Plan had been agreed at a Working party meeting and arrangements for the public presentation of the Plan would be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October.19:00. Three quotations for the printing had been received. and distributed to members

ii **It was resolved** that printing would be carried out by RVBC and distribution arrangements would be decided at a meeting on the 25th September. It was also agreed that a copy of the Plan should be placed on the Parish Council website on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

iii **War Memorial working party.** – **It was reported** that there had been no progress on the project.

**It was resolved** to note the report.

f. **Blackburn Road finger** post. The Clerk reported that the County had no objection to the post being moved to the grass area at the bottom of Simonstone Lane. The County had offered to move the post when the new location had been agreed with the Parish Council.

**It was resolved** that a meeting be arranged to agree the new location with County Council Highways.

g. **Cycle track** – The County Council had confirmed that the development of the proposed Padiham Greenway extension to Time Business Park should not jeopardise the future development of the Martholme link cycleway/footpath.

**It was resolved** to note the report.

h. **Grit bins**- The Clerk reported on the request for additional grit bins to be supplied by the County Council on Dawson Ave and Furness Ave. The locations failed to be justified as the sites were not considered to meet the required points.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk would obtain costs for the provision and replenishment of two grit

#### 13/127 Highways

a. **Road Count- Whalley Road /Fountains Ave.** A report from the County Council is awaited.

b. **Footpath Harewood Ave to School Lane**, a progress report from the County is a awaited on the Parish Council proposal to improve the path The Clerk reported that a resident/ Governor of the School had told him Clerk that she had slipped and fallen using the route on her way to School.

**It was resolved** that all necessary investigations should be carried out.

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

**It was resolved** to note the report.

d. **Street Name Plate**- It was reported that Ribble Valley will carry out the repairs to the listed Name Plates as requested on a step by step basis.

**It was resolved** to note the report.

#### 13/128 Lengthsman Scheme.

a. **Coun Duckworth** – The report on the concurrent functions scheme's had been circulated to members.

**It was resolved** that the Parish Council should join the Pendle Lengthsman Scheme as managed by Sabden Parish Council. Work to be carried out within the scheme should be agreed when the revised estimate and budgets are set for next year.

#### 13/129 Coun Rishton.

a. **Highway weeds**, A Complaint concerning highway grass cutting and damaged wall has been forward to the relevant authorities. The footpath from Read Car Sales to Straits Lane is to be cleared using the Lengthsman Scheme arrangement operated by LCC/Read Parish Council.

**It was resolved** to note the report

13/130 **Christmas**- Formation of a Working Party for this year's arrangements required the Volunteers to help out with the arrangements ie distribution of invites and collating the to returns identifying those eligible to attend , setting up the hall and finding helpers to serve the meal.

a. **It was resolved** that the necessary arrangements be agreed at the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

- i **Christmas tree** is to be installed on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.30 am. A price for the Christmas tree had been requested.
- ii **Christmas light switch** on 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- iii **Party arrangements** 7<sup>th</sup> December. Due to a mix up of dates the caterer requested that the date be rearranged.  
**It was resolved** that the date of the party remain as previously agreed.

**13/131 LCC Parish & Town Conference, Saturday 9th November 2013.**

**It was resolved** that the Clerk attend the conference on behalf of the Parish Council.

**13/132 RVBC Planning**

- a. **Ribble Valley Core Strategy** 2008-2028 update evidence and proposed main changes details forwarded to members. Members had considered their response to the revised Core Strategy.

**It was resolved** That the Clerk respond to the consultation about the proposal to build on Hammond Field and the effect that the increase development in South East of Ribble Valley will have on the A671 link to the motorway which passes through the village, especially as the promised by pass has been excluded from the Strategy.

<b>Application number</b> 3/2013/0660	<b>Officer: : Mark Baldry</b>	<b>Grid Reference</b> 377438 434145
<b>Address</b>	18 Pollard Row Simonstone Lane	
<b>Proposal</b>	Proposed two Storey extension to the rear	
<b>Parish Council</b>	No objection	

<b>Application number</b> 3/2013/ 0623	<b>Officer: : Mark Baldry</b> 01200 414571	<b>Grid Reference</b> 377322 435190
<b>Address</b>	Farthings Whins Lane Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7QT	
<b>Proposal</b>	Reconstruction of fire damaged first floor dormer roof, with extension of existing footprint to rear. Applications for full consent.	
<b>Parish Council</b>	No objection	

**13/133 Parish Liaison Meeting Report** The meeting discussed the following matters;

- a. Healthy living and life Style Risk Factors, NHS offers to give talks to small groups.
- b. Ribble Valley Year of Health and Wellbeing. Various initiatives are being made available to community organisations.
- c. Notice was given that a new Dogs Control Order consultation is to take place shortly.
- d. Green Deal – Green Communities offer to help communities to benefit from the Governments Green Deal. A speaker is available to explain the scheme to interested organisations.
- e. Post Offices – will give assistance to communities to improve the Post Office services in their areas.

**It was resolved** to invite a speaker talk about the Green Deal at a Parish Council meeting.

**13/134 LALC.**

- a. RV Branch meeting 13<sup>th</sup> August – Coun Duckworth to report  
North West Heavy Goods Vehicle Operators Licences Top Line Transport Services move to new operating Centre unit 16, Time Technology Park, for 4 vehicles and 2 trailers – A letter of objection has been forwarded requesting that a restriction be placed on the licence to restrict the use of the Parking area near to Railway Terrace for HGVs between the hours 7.00pm and 22hours only, in order to avoid disturbance to residents during the night.  
**It was resolved** to approve the objection.

**13/135 Finance**

**a. Payment of accounts**

i	<b>Higher Trapp</b>	<b>Meeting expenses</b>	<b>£13.50</b>
ii	<b>I R Hirst</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>£486.84</b>
iii	<b>HMRC</b>	<b>Income tax</b>	<b>£121.70</b>
iv	<b>PSS</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>£153.25</b>

**It was resolved** to pay the above invoices.

**13/136 Borough Councillors reports –**

**13/137 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings**

**Governance matters – Signing of cheques.**

**13/138 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.**

**13/139 Next Parish Council meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Chairman of the Parish Council .....**

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

**1) RVBC.**

- a) Agenda Special & Planning Committee meeting 12<sup>st</sup> September 2013.**
- b) Account and Audit Committee 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013.**
- c) Post Office Community Enterprise Fund.**
- d) Parish Liaison meeting 6/9/2013.**
- e) Minutes and Proceedings of the Council July 2013.**