

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 9th April 2014 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone.

Present - Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth and Denise Rishton.

In attendance – Six members of the public, RV Coun John Hill & the Parish Clerk .
Apologies. Graham Meloy.

14/62 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2014

It was resolved to approve the minutes

14/63 Declaration of interests. –Coun Geoff Hodbod item PA.1 Scott Ave.

14/64 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker) –

A member of the public complained that a planning application had been lodged for an extension to a property that would have an adverse effect on the street scene and adjacent properties. He was concerned about the size of the extension which was large and the close proximity to his own property as it included a large access to a narrow strip against his fence and garden. The height of the extension would prevent not only his property but others in the area from enjoying the views of the adjoining countryside from their gardens.

A lady told the meeting that the grass verges on Whalley Road were being driven on causing them to be damaged and unsightly. She asked if action could be taken to prevent further damage to the amenity. It was suggested that the county council be notified of the problem.

A governor of St Peter's school presented a report concerning the Item on the School Lane Yellow lines. She explained that there had been complaint a from the Parish Council concerning the practise by the school to place traffic "no parking cones" on the pavement adjacent to the area between the H bar and zig zag lines. The school requested the Parish Council to support the reinstatement of the yellow lines so as to keep the space clear during the operational time of the school.

14/65 Parish Councillor two vacancies.

a. **Nominations** to be considered for election to the Parish Council.

It was resolved that the Clerk make enquiries regarding a nominee.

14/66 Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

a. **School Lane parking restriction** The Clerk reported that he had been requested to attend a meeting with representatives of the LCC and School Governors. The School believed that the imposition of the law to prohibit the use of traffic cones by the School along the kerb edge where there were no ZIG ZAG lines would be detrimental to the ensure their duty of care. The school considered that without some restriction on parking in that area children would be exposed to an unnecessary risk. It was requested that the Parish Council reconsider it's opposition to the use of the cones.

It was resolved that the ZIG ZAG marking be completed up to the H markings, thus giving the protection requested by the School Authorities.

14/67 Matters raised by members.

a. **Coun Rishton-** requested that the Welcome to Simonstone sign on the A67 be cleaned.

It was resolved that the Lengthsman be asked carry out the work.

b. **The Chairman reported** that there had been a recent PACT meeting and no one from the Parish Council attended it he felt that we should be represented at these meetings and asked for volunteers.

It was resolved that members should attend the meeting once a list of dates has been agreed. The Clerk to make enquiries as to when meetings are to be held.

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14/68 Working Parties. The Chairman to report.

- a. **Governance Working party-** Standing Orders Code of Conduct. A request for clarification has been requested from the monitoring officer. The Clerk reported that he had met the Monitoring Officer concerning the governance issues that had arisen.
It was resolved to note the report.
Coun Duckworth left the meeting.
- b. **War Memorial;** Working party Chairman reported that he had contacted the regiment of the four soldiers whose names were not on the Simonstone War Memorial both the Canadian Regiment and the Household Cavalry Association had offered to give financial assistance towards meeting the cost of providing a memorial. He showed the meeting suggestions which would form the basis of the Faculty application. He suggested that the annual civic service would be a fitting occasion for the dedication of the war memorial, possibly at a time nearer Remembrance Sunday in November.
It was resolved to accept the proposals and proceed with the suggestions and to apply for a faculty after agreeing the ideas with the St Peter's Church and the Diocese.

14/69 **Dioceses of Blackburn** – notice of the intentions to change the legal name of St John the Evangelist Read and Whalley to St John's , Read and St Peter's, Simonstone. The Parish Council is asked to give it's formal consent to the change.

It was resolved to consent to the change of name as requested.

14/70 LCC

- a. **the Parish Council** is requested to confirm it's continuation of its membership of the County Council PROW Lengthsman Scheme.
It was resolved to continue membership of the scheme.
- b. **Finger Post** The repositioning has been ordered but there will be a delay in carrying out the worked due to sickness.
It was resolved that the Clerk make enquires as to when the post would be moved.

14/71 RVBC –

- a. **The dates** of the forthcoming meetings of Parish Councils Liaison Committee for 2014/15 are as follows:-12 June; 11 September; 30 October 2014 29 January and 26 March 2015. all starting at 6.30pm
It was resolved that Coun Peat would attend the meetings on 12 June, 11 September and Coun Hodbod would attend the meeting on 30th October.
- b. **Commemoration of the 100yr Anniversary of WW1.** The Borough Council is offering the following :-
i To plant an Oak Tree in each Parish
ii To provide Poppy seeds for distribution to schools or volunteers for sowing in appropriate areas.
It was resolved to apply for both offers and that the tree to be planted in the parish garden after consulting the owners to the properties facing the garden.
- c. Ribble Valley may give some make funding available towards meeting the costs of updating the War Memorial.
It was resolved to that the Parish Council apply for funding to assist the project.
- d. **Review of Polling Districts** and Places- Boundaries of Polling District, locations and the suitability of polling places. Consultation ends 30 June 2014.
It was resolved to confirm no changes to the existing boundaries note the report.

14/72 Christmas Party –

- a. **The Clerk reported** that there would be a 50p increase in the meal price this year.
- b. Entertainment.
It was resolved to accept the price increase and that Ron Mason be engaged to provide the entertainment.

14/73 Planning- White Hill Footpath –

- a. **The County** Enforcement Officer. A meeting is being arranged with the Land owner and there it is unlikely that there will be any further information until after the Parish Council meeting.

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It was resolved to note the report.

14/74 Planning Applications

Application number 3/2014/0222	Officer: : Claire Booth 01200 414493	Grid Reference 377325 434467
Address	1 Scott Avenue Simonstone BB127HY Simonstone	
Proposal	Single Storey extension to side of bungalow to provide dining room and extend kitchen Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	It was agreed that members would make enquires from neighbours	

- 14/74 **LALC- Annual County Conference.** The Chairman and the Clerk gave reports on the recent annual conference they had attended the items discussed at the conference were;-
- a. **The National Grid** - A Consultation on proposals on the distribution of electricity from the sources to the main distribution points in the North West.
 - b. **Veterans in Communities**- described local initiatives to assist ex servicemen in their communities.
 - c. **Marketing Lancashire** – new initiatives to help develop tourism in parishes and villages across the county.

14/75 Finance

- a. **Accounts for the year 2013-2014** It was agreed to consider the accounts at the next Parish Council meeting.
- b. **Insurance – Declaration of Cover reads ;**
 “You the insured, know of no losses, events that could give rise to a claim, or circumstances that would be prejudicial to us, the insurer, should the basis of cover on the below give insurance product (s)be changed.”
 The Clerk reported that he had spoken with the insurers and any claim would be dealt with on a case by case basis and once the Parish Councils decision not to proceed with the footpath improvement had taken place this would not affect the policy at this stage.
It was resolved to note the report.

- c. **Payment of invoices**

i	Zurich insurance	Insurance	£199.49.
ii	CPRE	Subscription	£36.00.
iii	ICO	Subscription	£35.00.

- d. **Consultation on** the draft Transparency Code for the Parish and Town Councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000 The Clerk to reported that there were proposals to change the current Audit procedures for smaller Parish Councils.
It was resolved that the Parish Council was opposed to any change to the current procedures.

14/76 Borough Councillors reports –

14/77 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

14/78 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

14/79 Next Parish Council meeting 8^h May 2014.

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

- 1) **RVBC.**
 - a) **Planning Committee meeting**
 - a) **Account and Audit Committee 2nd April**
 - b) **Minutes and Proceedings of the Council March 2014.**
- 2) **“Stan the Van” will visit the Stork Car park on 23th April between 10-4pm.**
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Chairman’s Signature.....

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