

**Simonstone Parish Council  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on 12th June 2014 at 7.10 pm  
in the Old School Simonstone.**

**Present-** Councillors. David Peat, Geoff Hodbod, Graham Meloy, Denise Rishton, Dave Waring and Ken Bury.

**In attendance** – 10 members of the public & the Parish Clerk .

**Apologies.** RV Coun. John Hill.

**14/113** Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2014 for approval  
**It was resolved** to approved the minutes.

**14/114** Declaration of interests. **None.**

**14/115** Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins 3 mins per speaker)

A lady spoke to the meeting explaining that a number of residents were concerned that the Parish Council had not proceeded with the proposed improvement to the footpath between Harewood Ave and School Lane. and local residents were upset that the footpath which had been used by residents over many year one person told the meeting he had used it for over 40 years and others confirmed that the path had been a much used path and that it was not used when it was water logged in winter. Some of the people explained that over the years there appeared to be a problem with the drainage which had got worse. One lady explained that when she had returned the questionnaire and had known the results of the school survey she was both surprised disappointed when she heard that the path improvements would not be completed. The resident agreed that they ask that the Parish Council review the decision. The results of the surveys confirmed that the majority of responses to the questionnaires were in favour of the improvements.

It was explained to the meeting that the decision to abandon the proposal was on the basis of a Risk Assessment drawn up by 2 former members of the Parish Council. The Clerk explained that no decision could be made at the meeting as the letters were received too late to be included on the agenda. It was agreed that the Parish Council would review the decision at the Parish Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council would investigate the drainage of the field to enable it to become usable over a longer period during the year.

A request was made that an additional dog bin be place in the vicinity of the of School Lane and Whalley Road.

**14/116** Parish Councillor Vacancies Nominations.- **None received.**

**14/117** Matters brought forward from previous meetings.

a. **The Clerk reported that;**

- i **Whins Lane speed limit** and Trapp Lane Junction with Whins Lane – re-marking the junction.  
A reply had been received from LCC that work will be carried when resources are available to do it. (It was noted that the area had been re-marked but no improvements had been made.)
- ii **Six Grit bins** have been installed as requested. Note green bins are those belonging to the Parish Council and residents agreed to replenish the salt as and when required.
- iii **Condition and maintenance of Footpath 15 and 5.** The matter has been reported to the LCC and action is being considered.

**It was resolved** that the above reports be noted

b. **Chain of Office** style of inscription was considered for names added in the future.

**It was resolved** that only the Chairman's name and any Royal decoration be added to the bars and that three name bars be purchased.

**14/118** Matters raised by members.

a. **Coun Hodbod** –

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- i **Post codes.** A complaint had been received from a resident suggesting that the Parish Council should consider requesting a change of post code from the current Burnley code to the ones used in Ribble Valley ie Blackburn.  
**It was resolved** that the Clerk make enquiries.
- b. **Notice Board** - request that an open village Activities Notice board be installed adjacent to the existing Notice board above the Defibrillator.  
**It was resolved** that the Clerk make the necessary arrangement

**14/119 Matters raised by residents via the website.**

- a. **Hedges** obstructing highway footpaths –A request had been received that the Parish Council ask owners to keep their hedges within the boundaries of their properties.  
**It was resolved** that members let the Clerk know of properties where hedges encroached over their boundaries which caused obstruction to the users of the highway or footpath.

**14/120 Chairman’s report** He had had meetings with other bodies and reports had been distributed to members.  
**It was resolved** to note the reports.

**14/121 Working Parties.**

- a. **Governance Working party-**. Meeting to be arranged to discuss the Parish Council Standing orders.  
**It was resolved** that Councillor Bury consider the current Governance documents and report back to the Parish Council so that a meeting of the Working party can be arranged.
- b. **War Memorial Working party** The Chairman reported that much progress had been made and that a cheque for £196.16 had been received from the Royal Regina Regiment who had held a A Keggy in the “ Scurvy dog” their Mess . The Chairman had written and thanked the regiment for their support.  
**It was resolved** to thank the working group for its efforts and that the report be approved.

**14/122 LCC.-**

- a. **Footpaths Definitive list.** A request had been received from the County Council for details of any established footpath not on the Footpath Definitive List, so that details could be forwarded for inclusion on list by 2016 as any footpath not on the list will loose it status and protection. A Map showing paths on the current list was distributed at the meeting.  
**It was resolved** that the paths that meet the criteria should be reported to the Clerk for consideration at a future meeting of the Parish Council prior to the closing date in 2016.
- b. **Consolidation order (1984 Traffic Act).** The effect of the order affects both Clough and School Lane as it revokes the 30mph limit, as the new limit is 20mph which was implemented some time ago. Any comments that the Parish Council wishes to make need to be forwarded by 26<sup>th</sup> June.  
**It was resolved** to note the item.
- c. **Age Concern -Health and Wellbeing.** A request has been received for a member of the community to take on the role as Parish Champion for the elderly  
**It was resolved** to be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

**14/123 LALC Planning Investment and Insurance Workshop;** ~The Clerk reported details of the meeting.  
It was resolved to note the report and for the Clerk to obtain copies of the most recent CPRE booklets on various planning matters and distribute them to members.

**14/124 RVBC –**

**Concurrent Function Grant** application form. The Clerk had received this along with a request for Parishes to apply for funding of any concurrent functions carried out by them.  
**It was resolved to note the request.**

a. **Planning-** –

- i **Housing Core Strategy** Copies of the main modifications had been emailed to members.  
**It was resolved** that members let the Clerk have their considered responses for inclusion in the final document once the majority members had agreed it.

**b. Planning Applications**

Application number 3/2014/0371	Officer: : Adam Birkett	Grid Reference
Address	21 Fountains Ave Simonstone	
Proposal	It is for alterations and a roof change to an existing porch	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application number 3/2014/0387	Officer Claire Booth : :	Grid Reference
Address	Rookwood School Lane Simonstone	
Proposal	It is for the proposed demolition of rear entrance porch, boiler room and WC, erection of a two and single storey rear extension to create additional living and bedroom space. Proposed alterations to detached garage to increase roof pitch to create family hobby room over existing garage with external steps, fenestration changes and external works	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application number 3/2014/0419	Officer: : Claire Booth	Grid Reference
Address	7 Whins Lane Simonstone	
Proposal	One dwelling	
Parish Council	Object on the grounds that it is outside the settlement Boundary and that it will add to the ribbon development	

**14/125 NALC – Making Localism Work** Conference.10 July 2014 - Cedar Court Hotel Harrogate. -£144 cost.  
**It was resolved** to not to send a representative.

**14/126 Finance**

a. **Revised Asset Register** (see attached) taking account of prices paid for the assets in line with audit instruction and replacing of Electricity Box items.  
**It was resolved** to approve the modifications.

b. . **Payment of invoices**

i Expense	PSS	£105.05
ii HRMC	Clerk's income Tax	£120.40
iii I R Hirst	Salary	£482.14
iv Read Parish Council	Play area contribution	£210.00
v St Peters Governors	Hire of Hall	£175.00

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

**14/127 Borough Councillors** reports – None

**It was resolved** that the borough councillors be asked for a written report for future meetings if they are not able to attend the meeting.

**14/128 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings.** Nothing requested

**14/129 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.**

**14/130 Next Parish Council meeting 14<sup>th</sup> August 2014.**

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

- 1) **RVBC.**
  - a. Planning meeting Agenda fpor the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> May
  - b. Parish Liaison meeting Agenda 12<sup>th</sup> June
- 2) **CPRE** -Fieldwork
- 3) **SELRAP**- Reshaping of British Railway- Colne Skipton Line report say benefits could be up to 6.5 times greater than costs

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