

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.00 pm**  
**in the Old School Simonstone.**

**Present Councillors. Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth, Graham Meloy, David Peat ,Joanne Quinn and Stephen Dawson.**

**In attendance – 4 Members of the public and Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.**

**Apologies - Councillors Russell Hargreaves and Denise Rishton whose absences were approved and RV Councillor John Hill.**

**13/1 Minutes of the meeting** held on 8th November 2012 **It was resolved** that the above minutes were approved.

**Declaration of interests.** None.

**13/2 Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker).

a. **A member of the public spoke** requesting that the Parish Council considers an objection to a Planning application recently submitted for replacing a domestic property with a large garden with 16 houses and bungalows. She complained that the local residents whom the development would impact upon had not been notified of the application by the RV Planning Department .She went on to make the following points;-

- i The garden belonging to the property is a natural habitat for wildlife. The proposed development is out of keeping with the existing properties in the adjacent and surrounding area.
- ii Whins Lane is a narrow lane with high walls, right angle bends and no footpath for pedestrians to safely walk.
- iii Access is poor and the additional number of residents would create greater traffic problems than currently exist.
- iv The residents asked that the Parish Council supports their objection to the development.
- v The members present agreed to support the objection and asked the Clerk to take the appropriate action.

b. **Brian Jeffrey informed** the meeting that he and a friend had been researching the records of former residents who had lost their lives in the world wars and whose names were not on the War Memorial and to date they had discovered three Simonstone service personnel whose names were missing. He asked for help as they hoped to update the memorial before the 100th anniversary of the start of War World 1 in 1914.

**Decision items**

**13/3 Councillor Albert Atkinson** – The clerk reported that he had not received a response to the matters raised at the meeting with Councillors on 16th November 2012.

**It was resolved** that a letter be sent requesting a response from Councillor Atkinson and Andy Coombes concerning the outstanding matters with a copy to the Ribble Valley Parish Liaison Chairman for information as the Parish Representative on the 3T committee.

**13/4 Footpath 13** Following the concern expressed about the Closure of a footpath, the Lancashire County Public rights of way Service had been contacted as a result the footpath has been checked and no problem were found. There was no comment on the footpath identified in the complaint photographs. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the County Footpath Service in order to obtain further information.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk should forward the information to members on receipt..

**13/5 War Memorial** missing names - a letter has been received from local researchers who have identified 3 soldiers who came from Simonstone and who lost their lives in the first World War. The researchers have requested that their names are added to the War Memorial.  
**It was resolved** that Councilors Peat, Dawson and Duckworth form a working party to help complete the project.

**Working Party reports-**

**13/6 Christmas Party** – The party was deemed a success and letters of thanks have been sent to all who helped. In response to a request for comments on the arrangements for consideration in future years only one suggestion has been received which is to ask that the Parish Council considers an alternative to the Annual Christmas Party by introducing the distribution of food parcels to the elderly and infirm who live on their own in the parish.  
**It was resolved** to arrange for the party to take place on 15th December and that in future only Simonstone residents would be eligible to attend and numbers attending be restricted to 80 people on a first come first served basis. Prices for catering should be obtained. Letters of thanks should be sent to the donors of raffle prizes.

**13/7 Christmas tree**, It was reported that the switch on had been a success with the School Children singing and Brownies providing refreshments. The Chairman reported that he had received a contribution towards the new Christmas tree lights.  
**It was resolved** to note the report and to accept the contribution the sum to be used for purchase additional lights. Coun Duckworth asked that his objection to accepting the contribution be recorded.

**13/8 Parish Plans** – the Chairman reported progress on the Parish Plan .  
**It was resolved** that the final copy of the question is to be circulated to members and agreed that the be printed for distribution and members would distribute them.

**13/9 Highways and Planning.**

a. **It was reported** that Slow notices on Trapp Lane and Yellow Zig zag road markings outside the Church/School Hall. had appeared, though the markings requested, at the narrow part of the lane had not .  
**It was resolved** that to note the report.

**13/10 RVBC**

a. Leader Plus Programme.- The Development of a programme for 2014.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

**13/11 LALC**

a. **Branch meeting** -Coun. Duckworth gave a report of the meeting on 11th December.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

b. **Training programme** for the year 2014 has been received There was one place for a member to attend the finance workshop on the 20th of February.  
**It was resolved** that Councillor Dawson attend the course.

c. **Neighbourhood Planning** The Conference is to be held on 19th January at the Leyland Hotel, 9.30 - 15.00pm.  
**It was resolved** that Coun Duckworth and the Clerk attend the conference.

**13/12 Planning Applications**

<b>Application no</b> 12/10/2012./1037	<b>Officer:</b> Mark Baldry 01200 414571	Grid reference
<b>Address</b>	1 Sawley Avenue Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7QD	
<b>Proposal</b>	Single storey extension to the rear and conversion of the existing garage to living accommodation.	
<b>Parish Council</b>	No objection.	

Application no <b>3/2012/0716</b> 08/08/2012.	<b>Officer:</b> : Colin Sharpe 01200414500	<b>Grid Reference</b> 377555 435702
Address	Land off Trapp Lane Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7QW	
Proposal	Proposed erection of a new agricultural building, creation of new track across land to building from existing access gate. Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	Object on the grounds that the development is overlarge and out of keeping with the location.	
RV Planning committee	Permission Refused – building not required on agricultural grounds therefore unnecessarily and detrimental to the visual amenities of the locality.	

**It was resolved** to note the reports

**13/13 Read Parish Council** Invitation to join the All Weather Pitch Development -Sub Committee meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am at the kick about area.

**It was resolved that** Councilors Dawson and Hodbod will attend the meeting.

**13/14 Finance**

a. **Budget review** – The Clerk reported on the new arrangements affecting the way in which the Parish Council tax is to be calculated.

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

b. **Budget Working Group meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November- Revised Estimate 2012-2013 for consideration**  
**It was resolved** to approve the revised estimate at **£9701**

c. **Budget for the Year 2013-2014**

**It was resolved** to set the precept at £7702 and a Budget of £15,112 with the balance of £7410 taken from reserves. For Car parking on School lane £7000, Signpost £200, and Grit bins £210.

d. **Payment of Accounts**

i	I R Hirst/Best Western	Meeting Expense	£13.50
ii	Alan Parkinson	Fixing notice board	£75.00
iii	Steve Scholes	PAC Test	£35.00
iv	Wendy Prosser	Meal	£630.00
v	David Peat/Byrnes	Drinks	£112.46
vi	Joanne Quinn	Supplies	£83.90
vii	Janet Birch	Entertainment	£50.00
viii	N Cattermole	Christmas Tree	£150.00

**It was resolved** to approve the payment of the above accounts

**13/15** Borough Councillors reports – None.

**13/16** Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings.

a. Coun Meloy told the meeting that the Stork Hotel was contemplating holding a low key Charity Fund raising event on the open space below the Car park on Fountains Ave.

**13/17** Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities..

a. Pot holes on both Road and footpaths on the Harewood Ave Estate

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7pm in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.**

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

**RVBC**

**Council meeting minutes for December 2012**  
**Agenda Planning Committee meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012**  
**Agenda Planning Committee meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012**  
**Agenda Parish Liaison Committee Meeting 22/11/12**  
**Accounts and Audit Committee Agenda 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**LALC Conference report 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 See attached.**  
**CPRE – Countryside Voice winter edition has been received**  
**War Memorials Trust Bulletin**

Chairman's Signature.....

Chairman's initials.....

## Simonstone Parish Council

Revised Estimate 2012/3 and Budget 2013/14

Approved 10/1/13.

Heading	Budget 2012/13	Current 12-13	Variation	Revised	Budget 13/14	
Precept	7400	7400	0	7400	7400	
Interest	10	2.99	7.01	10	10	
VAT	0	127.75	-127.75	630	300	
Grants	0	0	0	0	200	LCC
miscellaneous	0	381	-381	381		Scheme
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 7,410.00</b>	<b>£ 7,911.74</b>	<b>-£ 501.74</b>	<b>£8,421.00</b>	<b>£7,910.00</b>	

Heading	Budget 2012/13	Current 12-13	Variation	Revised	Budget 2013/4	
Subscriptions	375	101	274	375	400	
Insurances	300	293.43	6.57	294	300	
Audit Fee	200	199	1	199	60	
Clerk- Salary	2400	1790.38	609.62	2400	2400	
Printing etc	500	283.03	216.97	500	500	
Jewel	0	0	0	80	70	
Computer/website	10	0	10	10	10	
Hire of hall	155	170	-15	170	175	
Rents	50	50	0	50	50	
Chairman's Allow	130	130	0	130	135	
Training	200	325	-125	105	150	
Donations	200	200	0	200	200	
Pensioners Party	800	876.36	-76.36	800	900	
Christmas	200	1012.28	-812.28	940	230	
Ground maintenance	760	559.99	200.01	560	450	(1)
Cont to Play Area	200	210	-10	210	210	
Spid	650	432	218	862	862	
Parish Plan	350	124.25	225.75	150	250	
Sign Post /	1000	711	289	711	0	(2) 200
Grit bins	150	954.67	-804.67	955	350	(3) 210
Car park cont					7410	
	<b>£ 8,630.00</b>	<b>£ 8,422.39</b>	<b>-£ 207.61</b>	<b>£9,701.00</b>	<b>£15112</b>	<b>410</b>

Funds to be taken from reserve £7410 (4)£7000

Approved Precept 2013/4

**£7702**

Reserve Contribution, Car Park £7000, Sign post £200, and Gritbins £210. - Total.£7412

Notes Addition funding required for

- 1 planting the flower beds at bottom of Simonstone Lane
- 2 moving and refurbishing the finger post from Blackburn Road to Trapp Lane
- 3 the purchase of salt bins Dawson Ave/ Fountains Ave
- 4 a contributions toward the development of a solution to the car parking problem on School Lane

Chairman's initials.....