

Simonstone Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
to be held on 13th April 2017.
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.00 pm
Agenda

Apologies -.

- 17/60 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2017 for approval.**
- 17/61 Declaration of interests**
- 17/62 Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker).
- Questions Regarding Highway Crossings Councillor Graves to respond.
- 17/63 Decision items;**
- 17/64 Nomination** of Parish Councillors.
- 17/65 Matters raised from previous meetings.**
- a Suggestion for Entertainment has been booked.
 - b Village Directory – Annual update – Councillor Norse to report
 - c Shady Walks footpath See attached emails.
 - d WW1 documents - Clerk to report progress.
 - e Congregational Church proposals; See attached report. A response is awaited from Read Parish Council regarding their position on the proposals.
 - f Over hanging Hedge complaint Simonstone Lane – LCC Highways report work completed 29/3/17.
 - g Spid sites approved Plates to be installed £120 grant applied for. see attached
- 17/66 Matters requested by members**
- 17/67 Civic Sunday** joint arrangements with Read Parish Council changed to the 11th June, Chairman to report.
- 17/68 Ribble Valley** Ribble Valley Mayor Councillor Richard Bennett of Read. The Civic Sunday will be held on 28th May at St John's Church Read 9.30 am.
- 17/69 Reports.**
- a Annual Parish and Parish Council meeting date change?
 - b Meeting Dates for the year 2017-18
 - c Footpath maintenance see attached report
 - d Footpath maintenance clearance letter see attached report
 - e Community Walks following on a discussion with Brian Jefferies. He is looking to prepare a walk in September October time.
 - f Lengthsman Scheme /Martholme Grant £460. See attached report
- 17/70 Correspondence.**
- a Shady Walks footpath See attached emails.

- 17/71 LCC Highways Advance Notice**
 a **A Letter concerning -Carriageway Surface Dressing** has been sent to residents on Simonstone Road Lane and Trapp lane the work has been programmed for June.
- 17/72 Meeting of Read Parish Council**, Councilor Barker to report.
- 17/73 Planning**

Application no3/2017/0284 30/03/2017	Officer). Major Officer: 01200 414516	Grid ref377838 433492
Address	Land adjacent to Time Technology Park Blackburn Road (A678) Simonstone BB12 7TY	
Proposal	Proposed Business Park comprising 18 industrial units for B8 (storage and distribution) and B1 (offices and light industry) uses (resubmission of application3/2015/0906	
Parish Council	The above is for information only.	

17/74 Martholme Greenway Coun Barker and Meloy to report.

17/75 Finance

- a To Approve the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17
- b Payment of Accounts.
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| i) | ICO | Annual fee | £35.00 |
| ii) | Mrs Starkie | Rent | £50.00 |
| iii) | Read Parish Council | Play area | £310.00 |
| iv) | St Peters Governors | Hall | £180.00 |
| v) | RVBC | Litter bin | £384.79 |
| vi) | Sabden P.C | Lengthsman | £480.00 |
| vii) | Martholme Green. | Plastic bags | £ |

17/76 District Councillor Lesley Graves to report on Highway crossing points

17/77 The next Parish Council meeting is on the 11th May 2017 at 7pm.

I R Hirst
Clerk to the Parish Council

Information items

1. The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Springtime Gathering! Tuesday 11th April 2pm – 4pm, Will be at Grassroots Centre, St Philip's, Leeds Road, Nelson, BB9 9XB at 6.30pm – 8.30pm, and at St Mary's Hall, Whalley Road, Sabden, BB7 9DZ on the day.
2. Friends Against Scams event taking place at County Hall in Preston on Wednesday 26th April. 10:00AM booking necessary.
<https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/session.php?xCmd=find>

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Read and Simonstone Village Hall Community Engagement Meeting Minutes

United Reformed Church Community Engagement Meeting

23rd March 2017 .7pm At United Reformed Church, East View, Read

1.

Welcome

Greera Norse and Geoff Hodbod introduced themselves saying they had been Simonstone Parish Councillors for quite some time. 16 local people were in attendance along with Michele Jarmany and Ann Wild the Minister and Secretary of URC.

2.

Rumours

Greera Norse explained there have been rumours circulating locally that the United Reformed Church building would be made into flats, turned into just a nursery or a car park or just close down altogether. She explained that the Church building was not on the open market and that the Church elders were giving first refusal to the local community to buy the building for a nominal sum with an outlook that the site would continue to be used for recreational use by local groups, individuals and by useful local service providers. She said the building will continue to run as normal while plans evolve and that it was not going to close down.

A resident asked whether there was any dry rot in the building. The Church Elders confirmed that the building was in a fully sound well maintained condition and there was no dry rot. As part of its long history as a community building it had been fully checked over to make sure it was safe, sound and in a good condition by experts every 5 years.

3.

Church Offer to the Local Community

Greera Norse explained that this was a Church Offer to the local residents to own and use for. Parishioners attending the church has gone down to 10. The building is breaking even with income from groups using it and has no structural or utility issues and has been well-maintained by the Church Elders with building, upgrades in last few years, genuine offer.

4.

Basic Vision

It was said that the church is not making a loss. It is breaking even with the groups that use it. Has been used as a community building for a very long time. It had new Boilers and pipes, New external doors, new light fittings. Quite a lot of money spent on it in the last ten years. Adapt the building for the current user groups. Make it more modern.

5.

Donations

It was mentioned that Simonstone Parish Council had put up a £100 donation to a Read and Simonstone Village Hall Committee's administrative expenses on the proviso that Read Parish Council were willing to match that offer.

At a Donation Pot at the door cash donations of 15 pounds were received verified by Greera Norse and Geoff Hodbod.

Any and all offers were appreciated. Administration pot of money needed.

It was asked how much the building would cost to buy. It was explained that the building would be sold to the community for a nominal non-market rate sum.

Questions were asked about how the building would be bought. It was explained that the building would be bought probably with grant funding that was available for community buildings. It was mentioned that Trinity Church in Great Harwood was recently purchased by the community using available grants totaling 1 million pounds and that Read and Simonstone is the only small community in the Ribble Valley without a Village Hall or Community Centre.

6.

Committee

A number of interested residents put themselves forward to be committee members and also some interested in being non-committee members who were interested.

7.

Next Meeting

There will be another meeting on Monday April 24th at 7pm.

It was resolved that every house in Read and Simonstone would receive a flyer about this forthcoming meeting.

9.

Formation

The Community Centre was named "Read and Simonstone Village Hall".

Signatures of 4 Trustees were taken

Jodie Crosland
Richard Mathews
Marion Kelly
Greera Norse

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Simonstone Parish Council

Spid Sites Approved

The sites below have been visited and all lamp posts are newish metal post.

Road	Metal Lamp posts	Traffic approach	Notes
Fountains	no 3	north	not concrete
Harewood	No12	west	Just below the rise to slowdown traffic approaching the 4 junctions
Harewood	No 15	west	At bottom of on the bend facing uphill to display approaching traffic using the road as a rat run.
School	No9	South west	No 7 not suitable as post is obscured by Hedge, And the posts 5. 6,8, are too close to the traffic area especially when school parents are collecting children. No9 is at the junction of Clough lane and School Lane and positioned away from the highway.
Simonstone	No 16	south	North of Tunstead Ave which is at the top of the rise close to a bend making the junction difficult to see when travelling at an inappropriate speed.
Simonstone	No 20	north	South of Tunstead Ave - ditto-
Simonstone	No 28	north	Approved

All the sites have been approved and grant funding is awaited for erection cost at £20 each.

Simonstone Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2017/18

2017

11th MAY

8th June

10th August

7th September

12th October

9th November

2018

11th January

8th February

8th March

12th April

9th May Annual Parish meeting followed
by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

**All meetings are held in the Old School Simonstone, and start at
7.00pm**

**Parishioners are invited to attend and can speak on issues of concern that
affect the Parish under the item Public Participation, Prior notice will be
appreciated by ringing the Parish Clerk on 01200 428742
or Simonstonepc@talktalk.net**

2017

11th June- Civic Sunday St John's Church Read

27th November- Christmas Lights Switch On

9th December -Retired Folks Christmas Party

2018

10th May Parish Annual Meeting followed by the
Annual Parish Council meeting

The following extracts are acknowledgements of reports submitted to the county PROW TEAM who coordinate the repairs through local Lengthsman Scheme.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY NO as below PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Thank you for taking the time to report regarding an issue you have had with a Public Right of Way. We have recorded your report as:-

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP33** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report: The footpath is signposted on Simonstone Lane though the access is a little restricted due to a poor gate across the field side; the path is ill defined in the field which is very boggy and the stile at the opposite end is difficult to find at the side of the farm house. Along with this there is a very boggy area in front of the stile in the field and the access from the lane is poor.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP35** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Thank you for taking the time to report regarding an issue you have had with a Public Right of Way. We have recorded your report as:

Nature of Report: The final stile out of Gooseleach Woods is in reasonable order but the posts at each side need some attention as they are quite loose.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP35** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

We have recorded your report as:

Nature of Report: On the south side there is a fallen tree which needs attention; it is supported by another tree and is at head height on the path.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP35** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report: Within the north side of Gooselesch Wood there is a half fallen tree (approx. 40 feet tall) in a rotten and dangerous state over the path and leaning on another tree.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP7** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report: Part only in good condition.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP9** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report: At the junction with FP10. No waymarker sign for this path, hence it was not walked.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP7** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report:

Footpath Priddy Bank very boggy and needs some drainage to divert water into the

stream. The stile is in good order, but lacks the signage of a waymarker.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP10** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report:

Following fence very narrow small gate needs attention.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP29** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report: The first stile onto the field is in need of repair as the legs to the top step do not reach the ground and step rock badly as you cross over the fence line. The second stile has the bottom step broken off.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP29** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report: The footpath is not signposted at the top of Gooseleach Lane (or it is hidden as I could not find it).

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP10** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report:

The footpath needs way marking.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP10** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report:

The sign is missing at the top pointing to the footpath.

Response awaited

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP11** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF BURNLEY

Nature of Report: **Gate latch is missing and the gate has dropped (possible hinge problem).**

Response awaited

Conclusion of Reports and each letter of acknowledgement concludes with the following paragraphs which reads as follows :-

All reports relating to the Public Rights of Way network are important. In order to address these issues to the best effect within available resources, it is necessary for us to prioritise all the reports we receive. This is done according to the actual effect on members of the public wanting to use the paths, how many people are affected, whether they can bypass the problem, etc.

We will contact you again when your report has been resolved or closed. If you need to discuss your report at any stage please contact the Public Rights of Way Team on 01772 530317 or ProwReports@lancashire.gov.uk. It would be helpful if you could quote the above PRW reference number in any communication with us.

We hope this information is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely

Public Rights of Way Team.

A Clearance email has been received and is as follows.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY No **FP10** PARISH OF SIMONSTONE DISTRICT OF
BURNLEY

The problem you reported on the above public right of way has been investigated by the County Council's Public Rights of Way team and the outcome is described below.

Nature of Report: Sign missing at top pointing to Public Footpath.

Resolution: Volunteers have carried out a survey of Public Rights of Way signage, and missing or damaged signs will be replaced over the coming year.

Your report has now been closed.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Martholme Greenway Group

Lengthsman Statement 2016-17.

Lengthsman statement 2017			
Hours	Hour	RATE	TOTAL
Balance April 2016			459.91
Contribution 2016/17			700
55% funding grants for 2015/16			385
Totals available during the year 2016/17			1544.91
Lengthsman time	50.5	12	603
Materials			217.77
Balance 28/2/17			724.14
Additional Spid Allocation			480.00
Funding available for 2017-18		Total	1200.14

The above is statement of the current financial position of the funds allowcate to the work carried out under the Lengthsman Scheme for various works carried out by him under the County Councils scheme. Managed by Sabden Parish Council Clerk. Angela Whitwell and Councillor Greer Norse on behalf of Simonstone Parish Council. This much of the work was for the erecting the Spid for 26 weeks and attending to the flower beds at the bottom of Simonstone Lane, repairing various gates and fences other works from time to time.

It was agreed last year that the surplus funds should be used to further the work on the Martholme Greenway. £460. This fund was not used. Hence there is a surplus of £724 at the end of April.

In the coming year we have purchased a new Spid which thorough the generous use of the Ribble Valley District Councillors Grant as a consequence we now have available the Spid for use throughout the 12 months, and in order to increase the benefit to the Parish Council 7 additional locations will be shortly brought in to us where residents have expressed concerns of traffic speed. Both the police and our Traffic Speed Warden have been involve in the decision making process.

Now in looking ahead of this year's programme. There will e no requirement for hire a Spid from Sabden Parish Council which will make available £480 which was the hire charge, which can now be used for increasing the use of the Spid for the whole year along with incidental work as and when required.

There will be a reduced Parish Council funding for additional work additional work as envisaged at the time of writing hence cost £700 which along with being member of the Scheme which attracted almost £400 through various grants.

Now that Martholme Greenway is making progress and is in need of some funds to make progress on the project. It is suggested that the £460 be made available to the organization as and when assistance is required on production of invoices for previously agreed expenditure vie the Chairman and one other members not to be a member of the Martholme Greenway Group up to the £460.

Correspondence re Shady Walk Footpath public query

Following a complaint from a resident contact was made with the PROW team explaining the nature of the complaint which is as follows:-

Response from LCC 10th March

I think we've got our wires crossed regarding a number of points during our conversation.

Just to confirm, there has been no diversion application with respect to this path. The diversion process has been discussed with the landowner but as we discussed, no application to divert the path has been made. If an application is made, the County Council will consult with the Parish Council prior to a report being presented to the committee that determines rights of way matters. If an order is made, a further consultation with the Parish Council will take place and the order will also be advertised on site and in the local press.

To provide a hard surfaced path through the field would be very expensive and currently there are much higher priority sites around Lancashire.

With regards to your question regarding liabilities, the situation varies depending on each individual case and it wouldn't be helpful for me to speculate on the nature of accidents that may or may not happen in the future.

Parish Council Email dated 10th March 2017 concerning the condition

Public Rights of Way Query following PROW

Thank you for letting me have your contact details, they are now in my address book.

One of the main areas to concern that the members of the public and council is no one can remember seeing the notices of the footpath diversion being advertised or when the new route was approved, I would be pleased if you would send me a copy of the notices and details of where they were placed along with the subsequent objections, deliberations and actions. So that path users can have their fears that the proper procedure where not followed can be allayed.

I have noted your intention to ensure that the way markers will be installed shortly. As you pointed out there is nothing you can do because of the shortage of resources to improve the old path across the field, which is the preferred route. As you said the landowner to use the land as he feels fit, which in this case it would appear to have happened making the path a quagmire.

The question is who is responsible for any injury that should occur and to whom the injured should pursue for any compensation. The land owner or the regulatory body of the Public Right of way? The route of the old path is shown both on the Ordnance survey map and on the County PROW footpath map. Have the amendments to the route after the correct procedure have been followed and if so can you let me have a copy.

These are the above questions I am being asked and in need to be able to answer residents and Parish Council members alike.

I look forward to having your response in due course the Parish Council next meet on the 13th April a response before then would be helpful

Thanks for your time earlier. Please can you send all Public Rights of Way reports to

PROW@lancashire.gov.uk