

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
 to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017.  
 in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone  
 at 7.00 pm  
 Agenda

**Apologies -.**

- 17/15 Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 for approval.**
- 17/16 Presentation on behalf of Read and Simonstone Tennis Club.**
- 17/17 Declaration of interests**
- 17/18 Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker).
- 17/19 Decision items;**
- 17/20 Nomination** of Parish Councillors
- 17/21 Matters raised from previous meetings.**
- 17/22**
- a **WW1** artifacts Clerk to report
  - b **Spid** 3 sites for the placing of the Spid plates have been agreed but two of the sites suggested were not suitable.
    - i) Alternative locations
      - (1) for post no3 on Fountains Avenue.
      - (2) street furniture as in the case of the post on Whalley road after the 30mph sign. Both would require erecting a suitable supports for them.
    - ii) Place a Spid post on Whins Lane currently a 60mph, County Highways is currently considering this suggestion.
- 17/23 Matters requested by members**
- 17/24 Ribble Valley Parish Liaison meeting.**
- a **Presentation by Dog Wardens** –see attached report.
  - b **Payphone report** See attached
  - c **Transparency Act** – following the Parish Council’s request the matter was discussed and a response will be forthcoming.
  - d **The Borough Council** is considering suitable locations for beacons to be placed for communities to participate in a National chain of beacons to mark the end of WW1 on 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- 17/25 LALC – Chairmanship Workshop 16<sup>th</sup> March £25.00 course. See attached**
- 17/26 Correspondence. None**
- 17/27 Reports**
- a **Pendle Hill Partnership- Coun. Peat** to report.

- b Ribble Valley Councillors fund There is under spent grant money which may be available before the end of the year and can be used for parish betterment should the District councillor agree. The following suggestions have been made:-

- (a) To provide posts @ £200 approx each for the 2 Spids.
- (b) To contribute to Lengthsman's time towards clearing part of the route on the old railway track.
- (c) To the Martholme Greenway project.
- (d) Or other suggestions that members may have.

- c **Meeting of Read Parish Council**, Councilor Barker to report.

**17/28 Planning no applications received**

- a Parish Council objection to 3/2016/1192- Hammond Ground.

**17/29 Martholme Greenway Coun Barker and Meloy to report.**

**17/30 Finance**

- a Grants- There is an outstanding sum of money still available from the Ribble Valley Parish Grants.
- b Receipts
  - i) Ribble Valley Concurrent function grant £78.00
- c Payment of Accounts. None

**17/31 District Councillors report.**

**17/32 The next Parish Council meeting is on the 9th March 2017 at 7pm.**

**I R Hirst .....**  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**

## Ribble Valley Service for Dog Owners

I am e-mailing, following last night to offer your parish council the opportunity to work in partnership with the dog wardens and Dogs Trust to organise a community event(s) in 2017.

By working in partnership to carry out events we can provide a free, easily accessible service to local dog owners and we aim to promote all aspects of responsible dog ownership including:

- The change in the law regarding compulsory microchipping
- The legal requirement of keeping the microchip owner information up to date
- The legal requirement for collar and tag
- The legal requirement to pick up after your dog
- The importance of proper training/socialisation to prevent anti-social behaviour
- How to be safe around dogs
- The importance of the five freedoms

We also aim to provide health & wellbeing advice including promoting the importance of:

- Neutering
- Maintaining a healthy weight
- Recognising signs of ill health
- Registering with a vet
- Regular flea/worm treatment
- Annual vaccinations
- Regular dental checks

The Dogs Trust Veterinary Nurse will carry out a traffic light system of assessment of the dog's general health. Owners will be alerted to any health problems that their dog has and advised to register with/visit their vet. The team will contact local vets in advance of the event to find out if they would like to promote their services or if they have any offers available. We hope to encourage dog owners to register with a vet and take their dog for any routine treatments they require. We will also promote the importance of taking out pet insurance

The benefits to the Council are:

- To make dog owners more responsible and therefore to reduce the number of complaints to the Council regarding all aspects of anti-social behaviour involving dogs

- To reduce the number of stray dogs

- To increase the number of microchipped dogs (including increasing the number of microchipped dogs with correctly registered details) which increases the chance of a dog being reunited with it's owner

- To increase the number of dogs wearing a collar and tag which also increases the chance of a dog being reunited with it's owner

To give the Council the opportunity to promote their service and engage with the local community

- To give the Council the opportunity to tackle specific problems in the area targeted which have already been identified by the Council, e.g. if the event is held in an area where there is high level of dog fouling complaints the team will focus on this and talk to each owner about the issues in the area and what they can do to help.

At each event we will aim with the Dogs trust to offer a range of services which include:

- Free Information, support and advice about all aspects of responsible dog ownership
- Free healthcheck.
- Free responsible dog ownership pack
- Free poo bags
- Free on the spot microchipping service
- Free check your chip service and advice about how to update the registered details
- Each dog will be assessed by the team and neutering vouchers will be issued as required (please note we don't advertise this service).

In addition to this, the events will also give the dogs trust the opportunity to highlight the following:

- Puppy Ownership – The Dogs Trust aim to target those thinking of adopting a puppy to encourage them to consider rescuing an unwanted dog. For those who are going to buy a puppy we will provide them with the knowledge to enable them to choose responsibly. They also aim to engage with those people who have a new puppy to make a positive intervention in the crucial early stages of development, hopefully putting them on the right path towards being a responsible dog owner.
- Obesity – Statistics gathered at the Dogs Trust events show that canine obesity is an increasing problem. Often obesity is an indication of neglect of the five freedoms of the dog and impacts on the dog's health as the dog is more likely to suffer with heart problems and conditions such as diabetes and arthritis. Often dog owners are not aware that their dog is overweight and they do not have the knowledge of how to address this. We aim to improve the lives and welfare of overweight dogs by engaging with their owners and equipping them with information, advice and support they need to help their dog lose weight. We also hope to raise awareness of the health benefits of being a responsible dog owner. Exercising with their dog can have both physical and mental health benefits for the owner as well as the dog.

What we require from the Parish Council:

- A suitable venue/site for the event - we would be very grateful if you could provide an easily accessible venue for the dog owners you would like to target. The venue should preferably be indoors (in case of inclement weather). Examples of venues we use are community centres, church halls, sports halls and large council vehicles .etc. Ideally the venue should be large enough to accommodate a queue of owners with their dogs.
- Support with the promotion of the event to the parish / neighbouring parishes

The Dates that we have available are :-

**17/24b****RESIDENTS ASKED TO “PHONE IN” BROKEN PAYPHONES**

RESIDENTS in Ribble Valley are being asked to “phone in” if their public payphone is broken or in a state of disrepair.

Ribble Valley Borough Council is objecting to the proposed closure of 42 phone boxes in the borough.

BT wants to remove public payphones from 50 sites in Ribble Valley, including the iconic ‘centre of the kingdom’ phone box in Dunsop Bridge.

It wants to axe payphones where usage has declined by 90 per cent or more, but has to consider keeping them in service if communities object and is also under an obligation to repair any public payphones that are not working.

The council has objected to 42 out of the 50 proposed closures after consulting local residents and now wants to know if any of the borough’s payphones are broken or in a state of disrepair regardless of whether they are earmarked for closure.

Ribble Valley Borough Council’s head of regeneration and housing, Colin Hirst, said: “Payphones are a particularly valuable asset in rural areas and we are keen to ensure that they are available and in working order for use by residents and visitors in emergencies, or if they need an alternative method of communication.

“We need to know if the reason for the declining use of payphones is simply because they not working and are asking residents to report any that are broken or in a state of disrepair regardless of whether they are earmarked for closure.”

To report a broken public payphone contact Ribble Valley Borough Council on 01200 425111.

Ends.

Ref: PR174.

Date: January 17 2017.

17/25

# Lancashire County Training Partnership

Howick House, Howick Park Ave, Penwortham, PRESTON PR1 OLS  
Tel 01772 750900 Email info@lalc.org.uk

## Chairmanship Workshop

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 7 - 9 pm, Howick House

Fee: £25

### BOOKING FORM

### PLEASE PRINT DELEGATES DETAILS

Please complete form and return it to the Lancashire County Training Partnership at the above address as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

#### NAME

Cllr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Clerk/.....

Parish/Town.....

Address.....

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Post Code.....Telephone No.....

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I enclose a cheque made payable to **Lancashire County Training Partnership** for £.....

Signed.....Date.....

Parish/Town Council.....

**We regret that refunds cannot be made for non-attendance.**

# Lancashire County Training Partnership

Howick House, Howick Park Ave, Penwortham, PRESTON PR1 OLS  
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Dear Clerk,

## CHAIRMANSHIP WORKSHOP

Tuesday 16<sup>TH</sup> March 2017 at Howick House, 7pm – 9pm

The Partnership is running the above workshop to include the programme below. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion.

As the courses fill up very quickly, please return the booking form as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### Programme

The Role of the Chairman

Preparation for the Meeting

Coffee and Quiz

Procedures and Standing Orders

Feedback

Yours faithfully,

Marion Gelder  
Lead Officer

17/27a

**Simonstone Parish Council**

**Chairman; - Coun. David Peat**

**Clerk I Roger Hirst, 24 Ennerdale Road, Clitheroe BB7 2PB.**

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05/02/17

Nick Birkett  
 Planning Officer  
 Ribble Valley Planning Department.  
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Dear Sir

**Planning Application 3/2016/1192- Hammond Ground, Whalley Road Read  
 BB12 7 QN**

**Outline residential development for 50 units including reserved matters for  
 access.**

Simonstone Parish Council object to the above application on the following grounds.

1 The proposed application should be resisted as this piece of land is outside the Settlement Boundary of Read and Simonstone in the District Local Plan Core Strategy 2008 – 2028, and prior to that the District wide Local Plan 1998. Policies DS1, DMG3.

2 To allow this application would have implications to amend the Policy DME2 which would seriously affect the future of the Core Strategy and should be resisted.

3 Hammond Ground is an accient parkland and is of greatly valued scenic value to both Tourists and residents of communities both from Ribble Valley and those who travel to and from the area.

4 This development is outside the settlement boundary of Read both in the 1998 Ribble Valley Local Plan and the successor Local Plan as in the Core strategy DS1 DMG3 andEN2

3 The land is open ancient Parkland and contains trees which are integral to the view from the A671 and the Valley and upland beyond which enhances the approaches into Ribble Valley for people from the industrial towns from beyond to the borders of Ribble Valley and to lose this sometime Pastoral Scene would be irreplaceable and counter to Policy DME1 EN2 to which the latter policy relates and this particular

piece of land is considered highly for its scenic value.

4 The Consultation of the Local Plan for Ribble Valley- Regulation 18 is almost complete. Should this application be approved the effect would be to virtually remove all the spare housing (55) capacity in the Local Plan which, in there by design to act as a buffer and deny all the rest of the villages in Ribble Valley a chance to build housing for unforeseen necessities that can arise to accommodate local needs eg essential staff in Care, education etc.

5 The Parish Council carried out a survey of residents and produced a Parish Plan and over 30% of the 479 delivered questionnaires were returned. There was little support for additional housing and overwhelming opposition to any large scheme development. There was evidence that limited accommodation for single elderly people would be welcomed, so as to give elderly residents the opportunity to down size, without having move outside the village which would increase the risk of them becoming isolated from their friends and acquaintances.

The Parish Council has been working with and Ribble Valley Borough Council and Ribble Valley Homes to develop residences for villagers who have expressed a wish to downsize.

6 This extract from contaminated land report of the Application information states that;- The site is classified as Coal Mining Development High Risk Area which is present in the north and south of the site, associated with the ‘probable shallow coal mining’ and ‘coal outcrops’. Long term safety of the site is questionable. Safety of the site is compromised as the site underlain by the Pennine Middle Coal Measures with a number of coal seams sub-cropping on site and a number of near by mine entries. **This strata could generate ground gas (primarily carbon dioxide and methane) particularly where worked seams are present.**

7 With respect to pollutant linkage 3 (gas risk), it is recommended that the ground conditions are confirmed below the site; including the extent and depth of clay, the presence of shallow coal seams and confirmation of shallow workings. There is no evidence of any boreholes to enable a proper assessment of safety of the site and there is insufficient evidence in the application to ensure that the site is safe to develop and as such the site is unsuitable for housing development.

The site of historical importance as it was the scene of a battle during the civil war and is a local important heritage site.

Finally, the Housing Needs Survey document gives no numbers of required house or types required only percentages are shown as a consequence no conclusions can be drawn from it's findings, which renders it a worthless document.

Yours faithfully

I R Hirst  
Clerk to Simonstone Parish Council