

Simonstone Parish Council
The Parish Council Meeting
to be held on 30th June 2016.
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.15 pm
Agenda

Apologies – Aploagies RC Councillor L Graves. RV Planning meeting

16/115. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2016 for approval.

16/116. Declaration of interests.

16/117. Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

16/118. Decision items;

16/119. Matters raised from previous meeting

- a. **Nomination of Parish Councillors.** To be discussed.
- b. **Options for Christmas buffet.** A response from the caterers is awaited.
- c. **Christmas tree planting.** The Clerk will report any outcome at the Parish Council meeting. Still in progress
- d. **Garden competition** Councillor Hodbod to report
- e. **Defibrillators.** The first training session was deemed to be a success and 15 Time employees attended and session and a First Responder assisted with the training. .
- f. **Spot on**
 - i Professor of Adventure ticket sales £116.80 fee £500 Balance to be recovered £383.20
 - ii 5th Novmenber “Instructions for American Servicemen in Britain” has been booked and has to be confirmed. To be held in the St Peters Church Hall 7 for 7.30pm.
- g. **Civic Sunday** feed back and to consider proposals for future.

16/118. Community activities -

- a. **Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership** – Chairman to give a verbal report.

16/119. Correspondence items none

- a. A letter had been received expressing concern Planning application 3/2015/0283 was not in accordance with the approved site plans and that two building had been constructed that do not appear on the siteplans on the site plans. Also that a PROW footpath is no longer usable as shown on the Map. And that there is an incorrect statement along with other associated footpath issues.

16/120. Reports. Chairman to report on discussions with neighbouring Parishes regarding matters of mutual interest that are proposed in a report to the County Council Cabinet Bus services

- a. Bus services - a joint response regarding the modifications to the the bus services between Sabden Clitheroe Read and Simonstone that are seriously affecting the residents and businesses of the 3 parishes need be considered. One idea for consideration as a partial solution. Is to use the School bus services. School based run on approximately 190 days a year at set times should

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continue throughout the remainder of the year when schools are not open around 175 days the fares collected during term time could contribute to offset some of the cost incurred in maintaining the service through out the period when the Schools are not open. By agreeing to this method of working would bring about a reduction in operating costs of over 50% which would be a significant contribution toward maintaing a bus service Whilst not ideal it could assist a serious lack of service that is currently the case until such time a better service can be afforded.

- b. **Surplus Assets** – the County Council is looking to dispose of its surplus assests, some of which may have belonged to former Authorities and parishes and if the current senior authroities may have no longer an interest in them or used for their original purpose before the reorganisation . It was intended that on such occasions the assests should be returned to the original authority or it successor. There may besome parishes that could benefit from the disposal of such properites should the next senior authority no longer require the assist for its original use.

The Chairman has been in discussions with both Sabden and Read Councillors and it is suggested that the 3 Parish Councils join in discussion in looking at way in resolving issue of mutual interest.

The Parish Council needs to consider the matter and to decide if it wishes to take part in joint discussions as suggested Coun Greera Norse has volunteered to join a Ribble valley/ Parish Council working party to consider various issue that may arise.

16/121. Planning

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| Application 3/2016/0507 | Adam Birkett Officer: 01200 414571 | |
| Address | Land opposite Foxhill House Whins Lane Simonstone | |
| Proposal | Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 3/2012/0789 to reflect reduction in size of first floor windows, increase in size of bifold doors to rear elevation, removal of bifold door on front elevation, insertion of three-paned window at ground floor. Amendments to front porch to provide a gabled roof and removal of entrance door from side of porch to front. Increase in size of garage to provide double garage facilities with a gabled roof. | |
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16/122. LALC-

- a. Annual General Meeting which will be held on Saturday, 19 November 2016 at 10am at County Hall, Preston **see attached**
- b. **Councillors and Clerks Workshop**
- c. **Reports see attached**

Martholme Greenway – Councillor Graham Meloy

16/123. RVBC – Parish Liason meeting the Chairman to report.

16/124. LALC- Annual General Meeting which will be held on Saturday, 19 November 2016 at 10am at County Hall, Preston **see attached**

16/125. Finance

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a. Clerks salary National pay award increased from 1st April 2016 £203pa

b. Accounts to be paid.

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| i | Peter MacQueen | Fee (subsidy to be received) | £500.00 |
| ii | David Peat | Chairmans allowance | £140.00 |
| iii | I R Hirst | Salary | £498.97 |
| iv | PSS | Tax | £123.00 |
| v | HMRC | Expenses | £243.73 |

16/126. District Councillors reports none .

16/127. The next Parish Council meeting is on the 11th August 2016 7pm.

I R Hirst
Parish Council

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

1. Ribble Valley BC.
2. Planning and Development Committee Agenda meetings 30th June
3. Public Sector Show on the 22nd November in Central Manchester

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22 June 2016

TO PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

72nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

DATE AND VENUE

You are invited to attend the 72nd Annual General Meeting which will be held on Saturday, 19 November 2016 at 10am at County Hall, Preston.

REPRESENTATIVES

Your Council is invited to send voting representatives (1 of whom may be the Clerk), according to the number on your booking form (p3). You may also send additional non-voting representatives. Nearer the time we shall be sending you copies of the Agenda, Annual Report & Accounts. Will you please complete the enclosed booking form and return it to us as soon as possible and at the latest by **FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2016**

PROGRAMME

The provisional programme for the day is as follows: -

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| 10am | Opening of Meeting, followed by Speaker |
| | Formal part of the business of the AGM |
| | Resolutions |

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Open Forum

3.00 pm **Meeting closes**

Coffee will be available from 9.30am.

RESOLUTIONS

Councils are encouraged to submit resolutions for discussion and decision by Delegates. Resolutions should be concise, confined to one issue and require the County Association to do something e.g. "That the LALC ask Lancashire County Council/National Association etc to". There is no limit to the number of resolutions that a Council can submit. . **Each resolution requires a Proposer and Seconder** who are prepared to attend the AGM and speak briefly on, and in support of, the resolution. The resolutions, which should be confined to Parish/Town council issues only, should be received at this Office by **WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST 2016**. However, it would be very helpful if they could be received as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE

The appointment of President, Vice-President and Honorary Treasurer are made at the AGM. It is open to any Member Council to submit names for these appointments.

THEY SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2016

PAPERS

It is planned to send out the Papers for the meeting by **30 September 2016**.

Briefing from NALC 26.5.16

Dear Colleagues,

This bulletin provides a brief update on a number of this week's meetings and national developments:

Society of Local Council Clerks

- Yesterday the chairman Cllr Ken Browse and vice-chairmen Cllrs Sue Baxter and Derek Liddell met with representatives from the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) to discuss their proposed changes to the SLCC constitution to enable it to separate its trade union and professional association activities by creating a new trade union body called

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the Association of Local Council Clerks (ALLC); these proposals had been supported in a ballot of SLCC members and would be discussed at an Extraordinary General Meeting in June;

- NALC representatives sought clarification on a number of matters including financing, whether the ALCC would be an appropriate body to negotiate with, and what would be the on-going relationship between NALC and SLCC to enable the very best support to be provided to the sector; Cllr Ken Browse indicated that this would need to be considered by NALC's National Council and to inform those deliberations, the proposals have been circulated to members of National Council as well as county officers and will also be posted on NALC's website next week; I want to add that these are important changes so we would welcome comments from councils and county associations.

Queen's Speech

- I hope you found my short on-the-day briefing about the Queen's Speech on Wednesday helpful and I thought I would reiterate some of the key elements of the Government's agenda for the forthcoming session of this Parliament:
 - Neighbourhood Planning and Infrastructure Bill: to further strengthen neighbourhood planning and give even more power to local people, and strengthen neighbourhood planning by making the local government duty to support groups more transparent and by improving the process for reviewing and updating plans (we will be seeking to ensure neighbourhood plans have primacy in planning law, a presumption that where a neighbourhood forum submits an application for a community governance review to create a new parish council the principal council would create a new parish where a neighbourhood plan had been made, promoting apprenticeships in our sector, and again seeking statutory consultee status in the planning and licensing system);
 - Bus Services Bill: where in England further powers will be devolved to directly elected mayors, including powers governing local bus services (our Smaller Councils Committee are particularly interested in this Bill given their concerns about bus subsidies and bus provision in rural areas as well as, issues we will be pursuing through the Bill);
 - Local Growth and Jobs Bill: to allow local authorities to retain business rates, giving them more freedom to invest in local communities (we will continue to make the case for a share of business rates and some local piloting, and continue to press for exemption from national non-domestic rates on public toilets);
- Immediately after the Queen's Speech the planning and housing minister Brandon Lewis MP was in touch with our chairman Cllr Ken Browse to stress how he wants to work closely with us to take forward the government's commitment to strengthen neighbourhood planning (amongst other things); Ken very much welcomed the minister's approach and the Bill itself, which I see as a direct result of our lobbying during the Housing and Planning Act; officials have also been in touch with us seeking to discuss the Bill further, where we will also be pressing

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for more support from government to promote neighbourhood planning through mobilisation events and resources tailored for our councils;

- There is one noticeable, or at least interesting gap, in the legislation announced; originally unveiled in last year's Queen's Speech was a Public Service Ombudsman Bill – this would have combined the Parliamentary, Health, Local Government and Housing Ombudsmen – however this has not been included so we will have to wait and see whether proposals have been abandoned as we have an interest in whether some of councils will be brought into scope of the Local Government Ombudsman; and 'Other measures will be laid before you' always forms one of the Queen's last lines of the speech however, so we can expect more announcements in coming months!
- You can read the full list of Bills in the attached two page document or check out the [full briefing](#) on the Queen's Speech which contains Her Majesty's most gracious speech, the speech by the prime minister and more detail on all Bills announced.

Events

- Our second Digital Councils event took place on Wednesday at Aon's offices in the City of London, which I am pleased to say was a sell-out with 50 delegates attending;
- The Local Democracy APPG is teaming up with the Civic Societies APPG for a joint session on the National Planning Policy Framework on 7 June; speakers include Clive Betts MP, chairman of the Communities and Local Government select committee, Lord Porter, chairman of the Local Government Association and Baroness Parminter; if you would like to attend please use this [online booking form](#).
- I also wanted to encourage you to support our ongoing efforts to raise the profile of our sector and re-state the important role of our councils in local democracy by taking part in UK Parliament Week in November; this annual programme of events aims to engage and connect people across the UK with the UK Parliament and democracy; to find out more about how to get involved; more details on how to get involved are on the [website](#) or email alina.secui@nalc.gov.uk

Sector led body for local audit

- And finally the deadline for parish and town councils to opt out of SAAA has now passed and I am pleased that only around 30 have chosen to do so; this is a very encouraging start for the new sector-led body we have set up to procure audit; those councils which have selected to opt out have been given until the end of May to opt back in without the payment of an administration fee, so if you know of any colleagues who have opted out I would be grateful if you invite them to reconsider; and can I also draw to your attention [the latest letter from the chairman of SAAA](#) Mike Attenborough-Cox.

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