

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**  
**in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone**  
**at 7.15 pm**  
**Agenda**

Apologies –.

16/171. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2016** for approval

16/172. **Declaration of interests.**

16/173. **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker).

**Decision items;**

16/174. **Nomination of Parish Councillors**

a. **Matters raised from previous meeting**

- i **A671 Hole in the road** at the bottom of Haugh Ave.
- ii Both the Chairman and the Clerk have made representations through the MP, County councilor and direct to the County council's Parish Champion, at the time of writing with no success. It has been suggested that with the assistance of a couple of volunteers a temporary repair could be made at a cost of £100. Unfortunately there has been an accident at the site and this has been reported to the Parish Champion. Action is awaited. See attached.
- iii Following the above email it has been reported that an accident at the hole had occurred and the ambulance had to attend.
- iv **Spid** Additional sites where a SPID would be an advantage to be considered so that additional back plates can be purchased.,-
- v **Library** – Removal of historical artefacts; Are there any that have been donated to the Parish Council. If there are they should be recorded in the Parish Council assist register and if they are to be loaned to an archive they should be recorded as well. Are members aware of any such items?
- vi **Bulb Planting** report Councillor Hodbod to report.

16/175 **Working party report** -.. Autumn events. a progress report attached to be considered and updated,

16/176. **LCC Information** evenings for prospective councillors.

16/177. **RVBC County Council Elections** 2017 Informations evening 10th October and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at County Hall.

16/177. **Boundary Commission to Parliamentary boundary changes** –

- a. Letter from RVBC regarding the Boundary Changes see attached.
- b. A letter has been received from Nigel Evans MP regarding the initial changes concerning changes to the Boundary can be seen on the Parish Council website .
- c. The Parish Council letter to the Boundary Commission see attached .

16/178. **Reports Coun Peat reports** that the boundary of the Pendle Hill Heritage Lottery Fund Is on the disused railway site boundary. And teh chairman has invited the chrie of the committee to attend a meeting.



## Report on Spid Backing plates

### Sites for consideration where additional Backing Plate can be fixed.

#### Suggestions from members are ;-.

1. Harewood opposite Scott Ave.
2. One of the lamp posts coming onto School Lane soon after it changes from 60mph to 20 mpj.
3. Same on Telegraph pole coming onto Clough Lane from 60mph zone.
4. Also on Whalley Road soon after it changes from 60mph to 20mph.
5. Also on Simon stone Lane opposite Railway Terrace.
6. Also Fountains Ave on steepest bit near 1st corner coming down from Whalley Road.  
Unfortunately Whins Lane and Trapp Lane are 60mph.

- a. Spid backing plate suggestions from the Coordinator for the Community Road Watch for East Division, which is part of the Speed Management Group for Lancashire.

To complement the speed van sites, the order I have placed below is based upon a areas where we have recorded issues but is unsuitable for the van.

1. School Lane, primary direction into 20 mph from Trapp Lane. And if a plate can cover the direction past the school as well this is a key site for both directions.
2. Simonstone Lane any section uphill from Tunstead Avenue to junction with Whalley Road.
3. Whalley Road soon after 30mph zone sign.
4. Harewood Avenue as Geoff suggests is a possibility, however any of the three avenues (Haug, Scott, Lawrence) leading up from Whalley Road are normally higher recorded by CRW.

Is this unit the one which will record data? I raised this at the last Speed meeting at Hutton and special software is needed to get at the data. I am trying to find out how it could be gathered for police to assess for the list.of future enforcement sites. In the past the Parish Council has donated money to cover the camera calibration which has been gratefully received. I suggest, if considering this again, that you use this towards SPID plates to maximise the sites covered . I have found a police budget to cover this from now on.

## Correspondence and reports

16/174ai

**From:** Simonstone [mailto:simonstonepc@talktalk.net]  
**Sent:** 08 October 2016 16:38  
**To:** 'liam.kirby@lancashire.gov.uk'  
**Cc:** Albert.Atkinson; David Peat; Geoff Hodbod; Graham Meloy; Greera Norse; Jayne Shaw; John Barker (john.barker.accy@gmail.com); Lesley Graves (lesleyjayngraves@aol.com)  
**Subject:** FW: The Hole report it number 171863 and also 28118  
**Importance:** High

Further to your response to report number 28118.

The reference number 28118 shown on your response to Coun Albert Atkinson which was received yesterday may have been attended to.

**But the Hole is still present and is quoted as 171863 on the current Report It Map.**

I believe that there is some mix up with your system.

Please pursue with vigour and resolve this long standing complaint.

Roger Hirst  
Clerk to Simonstone Parish Council

Dear County Councillor Dereli,

I see that you received an email from Mr IR Hirst Clerk to Simonstone Parish Council

We had our first reported Road Traffic Accident at the hole today at 8am; North west Ambulance were in attendance. Two cars are abandoned on Haugh Avenue.

The warning sign has disappeared from the east end of the hole.

Local cyclists are advising of the danger of swerving out to avoid the hole on this busy A671.

We are approaching the first Anniversary of the problem being reported as a problem with blocked road drains, sometime around Christmas 2015 ;

Perhaps we should arrange to obtain a Birthday cake and invite LCC Leadership and Highways to join local residents . It would be an interesting spectacle, particularly to residents and media .

I hope we can avoid this spectacle.

Best wishes David Peat (Chair of Simonstone Parish Council and Haugh Avenue Resident)

### **Email to The County Councils Parish Champion**

**CLlr** County Councillor Dereli,

Hole at Junction of Whalley Road A671 and Haugh Avenue Simonstone  
On Thursday, 6 October 2016, 12:10, Simonstone <[simonstonepc@talktalk.net](mailto:simonstonepc@talktalk.net)> wrote:

County are not responding to our requests, The Chairman, myself, Nigel Evans, Albert Atkinson, the Conservative County Chairman Jeff Driver all have been contacted but nothing happens.

Personally, I suspect the matter is now a political game that the County Council is playing as they have just spent £3million on a Price Waterhouse report on the future funding of the County, instead of asking the Treasures Department to produce one who have all the statistics needed at hand. It would be interesting to have the internal cost of providing Price Waterhouse with the relevant information. The £3M would have repaired an awful lot of holes or supported help in reducing bed blocking in our counties hospitals and making an effort to provide meaningful services instead of financial consultants whose hourly rate is well in excess of those who can do a worthwhile job.

Speaking to a County Councillor I was told that the County Council have been telling the elected members that an extra £5 million has been found to fund highway maintenance though it doesn't appear to have found it's way to Simonstone yet.

Unfortunately, the Parish Council has to leave the filling of the hole to the Highway Authority. As a temporary measure I estimate that it would cost less than £100 to fill the hole with the assistance of a couple of volunteers.

I would welcome an early response

Yours faithfully

Roger Hirst  
Clerk to Simonstone Parish Council  
01200428742

**From:** Shirley Bridge [<mailto:spbridge@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** 05 October 2016 16:04  
**Subject:** Re: The Hole

Just passing this to Roger the Clerk at Simonstone for an update.  
Regards  
Shirley

Sent from my iPad

On 5 Oct 2016

## FormBuilder Submission

**Form Name:** Contact Form  
**Date of Submission:** Wed, 05 Oct 2016 11:12:41 +0100  
**Your server:** [www.readparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.readparishcouncil.org.uk)  
**IP address of person using form:** 2.100.210.0  
**URL of page containing form:** <http://www.readparishcouncil.org.uk/index.php?page=contact>  
**FormBuilder version:** 0.7.1  
**Tab Character:**

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**Your Name:** Your Email Address

**Subject:** The Hole

**Message:** Hi Shirley,

Just back from holiday and see our hole in Whalley Road is still there, despite all the apologies etc---must be coming up to its birthday? Sorry, but can't someone be fined for this incompetence?  
Grumpy Ian.

**Response Required:** Unchecked

**Simonstone Parish Council****Chairman; - Coun. David Peat****Clerk I Roger Hirst, 24 Ennerdale Road, Clitheroe BB7 2PB.****Tel/ Fax 01200 428742****Email; simonstonepc@talktalk.net**

09/10/16  
Boundary Commission for England  
85 Great Smith Street  
London  
SWiP 3BQ

Consultation -Initial Proposals Boundary changes to Ribble Valley Parliamentary Constituency.

The Year after the previous changes to the Boundary in the 1970s Read and Simonstone were incorporated into the Burnley Constituency and as a result when the local authorities were reviewed the two villages were very much against not being included in Ribble Valley. As a result they campaigned for an extensive period and eventually they joined Ribble Valley. This led to a very mutual partnership for both Parishes and the Council has enjoyed a respectful relationship both with their District Council and our MP.

The constituency currently has part of South Ribble within it alongside RVBC and we are content with this arrangement.

However over the years we have had various arrangements with Pendle and Burnley which were not very successful and the Parish Council objects to a Colne to Clitheroe relationship as suggested as there is very little relationship between the two main areas of populations as their history and institutions have very little commonality whereas the current arrangements (Ribble Valley) has produced a success which has enabled our MPs to provide excellent service in an unbiased way.

The removal of many of our fellow travellers give each and every parish mutual support especially through the work of the Ribble Valley Parish Liaison Committee which supports the parish councils in the district through its valuable support work to the far flung parishes. Ribble Valley Borough Council is the only district in Lancashire that is wholly parished and essentially has addressed many of the problems it faced in 1974 and to run the risk of diluting the arrangement would be a tragedy and run the risk of becoming like the rest of Lancashire which is largely unsympathetic to the idea of having a support network of Parishes which is important to the local residents.

It has been noted that many of our northern Parishes are to be incorporated in the Lancaster constituency as suggested in the proposal and the boundary between the northern villages has on it the southern boundary, the River Ribble and to the coast at Preesall. The administration centre of the proposed area lies across a high range of hills with difficult communications and no direct transport link apart from a difficult road which was used to take the witches to the Lancaster Assizes in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. The proposed Lancaster constituency is also a totally different community to the Ribble Valley and it has had great difficulties dealing with its urban problems.

Prior to the previous boundary change in the 1970s Lancaster extended to Barrow and the southern part of Cumbria which seemed to be a very successful arrangement.

Simonstone Parish Council is keen to preserve the status quo in continuing the successful relationship which is the result of both boundaries of the Borough and the Parliament being coterminous, which has given both parties a most effective partnership and understanding of the needs of the area.

As the area satisfies the requirement of the number of constituents as required in the 2011 Bill, in order to reduce the number of MPs to 600, both the parishes and the borough alike will feel very much aggrieved and betrayed should there be any change to the current arrangements.

Please note that the 1972 Act forming the Ribble Valley lead to a 4 year lead in time to harmonize the rates due the massive difference costs of the new local authority, this was a major contribution to the roaring inflation arose in the following years.

I would like to remind the London half of this nation that for every pound spent on infrastructure in the North West £22 is spent in the south west and almost £17 in Scotland and £8 in Wales whilst the once proud industrial base of the North West has been eroded and Ribble Valley has lost a number of businesses that have left and been encouraged to do so by various government policies.

If things aren't bust don't fix them.

Yours faithfully

I R Hirst  
Clerk to Simonstone Parish Council

## Planning Application Letter received 3/2016/0845

### For information

> The situation here is that the owner/developer obtained the main basic development pp and thereafter continued to add further buildings, structures, etc without first obtaining the required permissions. These permissions have later been obtained via retrospective applications. As far as this new external lighting is concerned RVBC as good as invited the developer to apply for it via a separate application when they said as much in their report when approving the revised application which specified that there was to be no external lighting on the site.

> I actually have no personal problems re the development as it is actually taking place on the ground, including the extras where retrospective permissions have been obtained. Indeed, it looks very good and location appropriate. However, I do have concerns over external lighting in this rural location which is close to housing and on an exposed and elevated landscape site. It seems from the plans that as well as the outdoor arena and adjoining transporter parking yard there is to be lighting up the private roadway that runs off Trapp Lane down to the arena and stables buildings and this would be likely to be very significant as to rural environment. It will clearly also affect residential amenity and I'll probably be making a representation.

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> You'll be aware of the planning application history I'm sure - the original application was refused on the grounds of size/impact, external materials (then basic profile sheet cladding), and the proposed external lighting. The revised and duly approved application amended the buildings design profiles, provided for the buildings to be sympathetically cladded in stone and timber, and removed the proposal for any external lighting. It's difficult to envisage an equestrian centre without external lighting but there is certainly alot of it proposed !

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> I hope this assists the Parish Council

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**Notes of the Parish Working Group Meeting**  
**held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**  
**Updated 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Bold = Actions items**

**Planting of Bulbs 1<sup>st</sup> October 2pm Parish garden**

- a. The School has offered to plant bulbs with the Children and 2 bag of bulbs has been supplied to it. A report has been received that these bulbs are being planted by parents and children attending the School,

**1. Geoff has delivered and School are to plant**

- b. It was agreed that bulb be provided to volunteers who agree to plant them in verges or public land near their homes, The bulbs will be distributed at 2pm 1<sup>st</sup> October, any remaining bulbs will be planted by in the various locations in the Parish.

**1. Scouts and brownies to be invited to attend- Geoff to arrange**

**2. Performance of the American show on the 5<sup>th</sup> November**

- a. **It was agreed that additional leaflets be obtained complete with the names of volunteer ticket sellers.**

**1. Councillors Meloy, Norse, Hodbod, and Peat, and the Stork Hotel requested to confirm their willingness to sell the tickets and the Stork hotel A request for 96 leaflets for the American show be delivered to the School for distributing Parents**

- b. A list of potential volunteers who would distribute leaflets around the village notifying people of the show.

**1. Geoff Hodbod is the coordinator.** Leaflets in the process of being delivered

- c. We have to arranged access to the Hall at 2pm to allow the productions there will be a need to erect the school staging prior the company to setting up their equipment and volunteers are needed to set out the hall prior during this afternoon.

- d. The Scout are being invited to assist in providing refreshments at the interval.

**1. Geoff to coordinate.** To be confirmed

- e. The hall has to be set out once the staging has been removed after the show ready for the morning service on the 6th.

**1. Final arrangements to be agreed at the October Parish Council meeting -Volunteers to be identified.**

f. Additional news “copy” is to be made available for local publications,

**1. Clerk to obtain and distribute to members once it has arrived . completed**

3. The dressing of the Christmas tree on the 26<sup>th</sup> November – Arrange are being explored to enlist the help of Parents of St Peters School Children to assist in the erection of a Christmas tree and dress it on the 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am.

**1. David to arrange with School to be confirmed**

4. Switch on of the Christmas Tree Light 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm on again volunteers a required to help set out the Parish Garden in time for the switch on. The lighting equipment will be provided by Burnley Hire and will be delivered to the School in the afternoon time of delivery has been requested for 1pm. **Arrangements to be confirmed**

**1. Clerk has to arrange Clerk to contact Rotary re FC attendance to be confirmed**

5. The working party needs to attend during the hours of day light around 2.30pm the setting up need to completed by 17.30.pm in time for a safety briefing. Following the end switch on refreshments will be served after a visit of special visitor, again it is hoped that the brownies will provide the refreshments.

**1. Volunteers of councillor, friends to assemble at 2.30pm to be finalized at the October meeting.** Identification of Voluteers

**. Christmas party for the retired 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016.**

• **It was agreed that the list of retired folk in the village be up dated and that a leaflet drop be forwarded and organised nearer the time so that invitations to the party can sent out. Clerk to arrange.**

• There will need to be a working party to set up the Hall on Friday evening starting at 7.pm. and the necessary decorations and obtained before hand ie table Cloths raffle prizes Christmas tree Councillors are requested to locate and to bring them along on the day. Wine and drinks will be required to collecting should it be required.

• The entertainer will Rob Mason and he has confirmed he will be in attendance

• Catering arrangements have been made and the food is as follows ;-

1. This simple quotation of the type of buffet we think you will find suitable .

2. Subject to slight variation nearer the time.

3. A generous selection of sandwiches, all on brown and white breads. Choices being roast ham, roast turkey breast with stuffing and cranberry, fresh salmon and cucumber, Egg mayo with rocket leaves.

4. All sandwich trays would be generously decorated with fresh salad in season

5. Home made pastries, our home made quiche has been popular with you in the past perhaps a vegetarian and a ham quiche. Home made sausage rolls.

6. Pickles, Crisps and savoury snacks, with dips Home made coleslaw

7. Sweet and sour beetroot, ( a current favourite of Pat Carters.)

8. Cheeses and biscuit selection with chutney, grapes and celery

9. Sherry trifle

10. Home made pavalova with fruit puree - Passion fruit curd- Lime curd. See our facebook page from ye old cobblers they are a real winner

11. Mince pies with cream.

We will try to do individual desserts to make things easier for guests to pick up.  
All disposable plates, spoons serviettes etc will be included.  
We would however require all the serving plates returned  
We could obviously arrange to change or amend things if needed including the costings

The entertainer will Rob Mason and he has confirmed w=he wil be in attendance

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