

**Simonstone Parish Council**  
**The Parish Council Meeting**  
**is to be held on 12th April 2012**  
**in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone**  
**at 7.00pm**

The Read and Simonstone Youth Council will be meeting before the Parish Council. Their meeting is starting at 6.30pm. so there may be a slight delay before the Parish Council meeting can start. A Youth Council representative may give a progress report.

**Agenda**

- 12/55 Apologies for absence**
- 12/56 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on 8<sup>th</sup> March for approval.
- 12/57 Decision items of business to be discussed in public Part 1 (items)**
- 12/58 Declaration of interests**
- 12/59 Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker)

**Matters brought forward** from previous meetings –

- 12/60 Christmas arrangements for 2012.**
- a) Christmas Party for retired folk-
  - b) To consider entertainment for the party
  - c) Lights- To consider alternative Christmas tree lights.
- 12/61 SID** – the site of one plate (Buckshaw Terrace) will be installed as requested. However, the position for the second plate needs to be reconsidered due to the lack of space on the approach to the School Lane junction either on the existing mounting points or on the verges within the 30mph limit. It is suggested that the approach to the Stork Hotel and filling station would be a suitable location as the site is by the bend in the road. Lamp post 117 is suggested as a suitable a mounting point. Are there any other suggestions?
- 12/62 Matters raised by members**
- a) **Tennis Club Car** parking – Councillor Duckworth to report.
  - b) **Dawson Ave Gritbin** – The request to locate one at the junction with Harewood Ave. has been considered. The site fails to gain sufficient points to make it a priority site.
  - c) **Simonstone Cross-** Coun Hodbod to report.
  - d) **Rubbish** on land adjacent to Trapp Lane- Coun Hodbod to report. Please note, the land owner is aware of some rubbish and will remove it when resources allow.
  - e) **Review** of the operation of the Parish Council website.
- 12/63 LCC-**
- a) “Better Working between LCC and Parish Council” – The Clerk attended the launch of the new scheme. The basis of the Scheme is that the County will consider any proposal from a Parish Council if they wish to take over the operation of any Statutory service that they are responsible for subject to the Parish Council meeting the necessary standards and the costs are below the current operational cost which will be met by the County. Should a Parish Council wish to enhance the service it will be liable to meet those additions costs. The operation will be subject to review every 6 months. Parishes do not need to be Quality Parish Councils under this scheme.
  - b) **20mph speed** limits- The Clerk to report..
- 12/64 RVBC- Parish Liaison Meeting** – Coun Meloy has distributed a report to members and a copy is now available on the parish website.
- a) There were 2 papers which need a mention.

- i) The use of an antitheft marking product which was described as very impressive and economical. Some communities where it has been used are reporting a considerable reduction in theft. Would the Parish Council wish to make further enquiries?
- ii) Nuisance Phone calls. Details were given of a free service to stop some of them.
- iii) The Chairman of the meeting reported on her attendance at the new 3 Tier Forum. She referred to the Parish Council's offer to assist the new committee should it require assistance in improving services by exploring requirements of the various parties, through scoping exercises, in order to minimise disappointments. The meeting was told that the 3T forum would be interested in having results of any Scoping exercise the Parish Council has carried out.

**12/65 An invitation** has been received from the Readstone Singers to attend a Jubilee Concert on the 21<sup>st</sup> May in St John Church Read to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. Would members wish to attend as the Parish Council, or make their own arrangements?

**12/66 Community Futures** a membership application form has been received and as the Parish Council is developing a parish plan with the assistance of their officers does the Parish Council wish to become a member of the organisation. The cost would be £30 per annum.

**12/67 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition-** Does the Parish Council wish to enter this year's competition?

**12/68 Working Party reports**

- a) **Notice boards** –
  - i) The final location of the notice board has not been finally agreed for the Stork car park. Before progress can be made the location and size of the noticeboard needs to be agreed before the purchase can be made.
- a) **Jubilee Celebrations** –Committee to report on the progress of the events and souvenirs.
- b) **Parish Plans** –
- c) An offer has been received from a Planning Consultancy. They offer to outline the changes in the Planning system and its effect on Parish Councils. A provisional date for a meeting has been arranged where the Working party and interested people can attend on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**12/69 Planning Applications.**

Application number 3/20120219	<b>Officer: : Colin Sharpe</b>	<b>Grid Reference</b> 377407 433189
Address	Altham Pumping Station	
Proposal	Demolition of existing building and erection of replacement 1265 sq mtr, water extraction, bottling and storage facility including ancillary offices, welfare facilities and construction of new access, vehicle parking and all associated engineering works.	

Application number 3/2012/02o3	<b>Officer: : Rachel Horton</b>	<b>Grid Reference</b> 378931 436004
Address	Red Rock Sabden Road Padiham BB12 9AD	
Proposal	Extended garden curtilage and erection of a garage and granny annex	
Parish Council	No objection	

Applications Number		
3/2010/0894	Pump House Wood- discharge of Conditions no 2, 4, 6	
RVBC	Approved	

Applications Number		
3/2011/0894	Fort Vale installation of 50KHW Photo voltaic panels	
RVBC	Approved	

Applications Number		
3/2012/0109	The Barn Dean Top, Whalley Road. Repositioning Roof light	
RVBC	Approved	

Applications Number		
3/2011/0894	Fort Vale Discharge of conditions 4, Surface Water regulations, 5, Surface water Drainage,	
RVBC	Approved	

**12/69 Finance**

- i) **Year end account 2011/12 see attached for approval,**

**12/70 Payment of Accounts**

(a) L Pickering Internal audit. £55.00

**12/71 Borough Councillor reports.**

**12/72** Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

**12/73** Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.**

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

- (1) **LCC Better working Between Parish Councils document**
- (2) **RVBC**
  - (a) **Planning Committee Agendas 15<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012**
  - (b) **Parish Liaison meeting agenda 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012.**
- (3) **CPRE- Countryside Voice. Winter edition.**
- (4) **Diamond Jubilee Mementoes**
- (5) **NALC Winter 2011 edition.**

**I Roger Hirst**

**Clerk to the Parish Council**

## Simonstone Parish Council

### Income and expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2012

Actual 2011/11	Heading	Actual 2011/12	Variation	Explanation
£7,400.00	Precept	£7,400.00	0.00	
6.40	Interest	6.70	0.30	
216.42	VAT	127.75	-88.67	Less VATable expenditure
850.00	Grants	0	-850.00	No grants or contributions
0	Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b><u>£ 8,472.82</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>7534.45</u></b>	<b><u>-938.37</u></b>	
291.44	Subscriptions	270.66	-20.78	
245.25	Insurances	288.52	43.37	
196.00	Audit Fee	229.00	33.00	
2386.32	Clerk- Salary	2386.04	0.02	
353.32	Expenses Printing etc	402.15	48.49	Amalgamation of expense heading No Village Fun run
550.00	Donations	200.00	-350.00	
772.04	Pensioners Party	731.44	-40.60	
125.00	Chairman's Allow	130.00	5.00	
150.00	Hire of hall	155.00	5.00	
0.00	Ground maintenance	162.52	162.52	Spid Hire first quarter payment
107.12	Christmas	144.00	36.88	Increase costs
50.00	Rents	50.00	0.00	
	Jewel	0.00	0.00	
31.80	Training/meeting	460.65	428.35	Additional training new Councillors and Parish Plans
190.00	Cont to Play Area	200.00	10.00	
266.46	Enhancement fund	315.00	48.54	
<u>527.58</u>	Computer Website	<u>7.18</u>	<u>-520.40</u>	Webb site/Computer last year
<b><u>£6,242.67</u></b>		<b><u>6132.40</u></b>	<b><u>£110.21</u></b>	

RFO .....

Signed Chairman.....

Prepared 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 Subject to Audit to be presented to the Parish Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Statement of Reserves at 31st March 2012**

	£
<b>Balance brought Forward 1st April 2011</b>	<b><u>10482</u></b>
<b>Contribution year ending 31st March 2012</b>	<b><u>1402</u></b>
<b>Year end balance March 31st 2012</b>	<b><u>11884</u></b>

Prepared by I Roger Hirst Clerk to the Parish Council date 5/4/2012  
 ( issued subject to Audit)

<b>Items for raised at various meetings for possible inclusion in next years budget</b>			Updates5/4/12
		£	
Mirrors Whins Lane Simonstone Lane	3	900	
Flowerbed Simonstone Lane Junction	1	900	800
SPID include additional Plates	4	600	660
Traffic Calming Simonstone Lane		35000	
Electrical box maintenacne		150	
School Lane parking		7500	
Grit Bins		300	
Notice Board		800	900
Development Parish Plan		1000	1000
Jubilee Celebrations		1000	1000
		<b><u>£48,150</u></b>	<b>£4360</b>