

Simonstone Parish Council
A Parish Council Meeting
is to be held on 10th January 2013
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.00pm

Agenda

- 13/1 Apologies for absence
- 13/2 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2012 for approval.
- 13/3 Declaration of interests.
- 13/4 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)

Decision items

Matters brought forward from previous meetings –

- 13/5 Matters raised by members
- 13/6 Councillor Albert Atkinson – a response to the matters raised at the meeting on 16th November 2012 is awaited.
- 13/7 Footpath 13 following the concern expressed about the Closure of a footpath. The footpath has been checked and no problem was found by the Lancashire County Public rights of way Service. There was no comment on the footpath identified in the complaint photographs.
- 13/8 War Memorial missing names - a letter has been received from local researchers who have identified 2 soldiers who came from Simonstone and who lost their lives in the first World War. The researchers have requested that their names are added to the War Memorial.
- 13/9 Working Party report-
- a. **Christmas Party** – The party was deemed a success and letters of thanks have been sent to all who helped. In response to a request for comments on the arrangements for consideration in future years only one suggestion has been received which is to ask that the Parish Council considers an alternative to the Annual Christmas Party by introducing a distribution of the food parcels to the elderly and infirm who live on their own in the parish.
 - i Decide on the arrangements for the 2013 Christmas celebration, catering and entertainment.
 - ii Christmas tree, switch on arrangement.
 - b. **Parish Plans** – the Chairman to report on the Parish Plan
- 13/10 LCC
- a. **Highways and Planning.**
 - i Slow notices have appeared on the road approaching the Outdoor Elements as requested and Yellow Zig zag road markings have been placed on the road outside the Church/School Hall.
- 13/11 RVBC
- a. Leader Plus Programme. Please see the email concerning the development of a programme for 2014
- 13/12 LALC
- a. Branch meeting 11th December -Coun. Duckworth to report.
 - b. **Training programme** for the year 2014 has been received the Parish Council has one place for a member to attend the finance works shop on the 20th of February.
 - c. **Neighbourhood Planning Conference** 19th January, at the Leyland Hotel, 9.30 -15.00pm

13/13 Planning.**a. Planning Applications**

Application no 3/2012/0716 08/08/2012.	Officer: : Colin Sharpe 01200414500	Grid Reference 377555 435702
Address	Land off Trapp Lane Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7QW	
Proposal	Proposed erection of a new agricultural building, creation of new track across land to building from existing access gate. Applications for full consent	
Parish Council	Objected the development overlarge as it was out of keeping with the land use.	
RV Planning committee	Permission Refused – building not required on agricultural grounds therefore unnecessarily detrimental to the visual amenities of the locality.	

Application no 12/10/2012./1037	Officer: Mark Baldry 01200 414571	Grid Reference
Address	1 Sawley Avenue Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7QD	
Proposal	Single storey extension to the rear and conversion of the existing garage to living accommodation.	
Parish Council	No objection.	

13/14 Read Parish Council Invitation to join the All Weather Pitch Development -Sub Committee meeting on the 12th January at 10.30am at the kick about area. see attached letter.

13/15 Finance

a. **Budget review** – the Working party considered the Revised budget for the year 2012/13 the budget for the year 2013/14 the as agreed at the November Parish Council please find attached the proposal agreed at the WP meeting. Since that meeting a notice from the Borough Treasurer and Lalc has been received which affects way in which the Parish Council tax is calculated. The Changes affects the Parish Council precept and reduces the number of charges payers from 499 to 485 who are liable to pay the full amount of tax by the number of resident in the parish who receive benefits. However this year there will be a localised grant of £208 to cover the shortfall which will enable the to Charge to stay the same

The net effect would be without the Council grant if the precept were to stay at £7400 there would be an increase in the charge to band D properties to £15.26. showing an increase of 43p,(2.8%.)

b. **Budget Working Group meeting 28th November- Revised Estimate 2012-2013 for consideration and Budget 2013-2014. See enclosed.**

c. Payment of Accounts

i	I R Hirst /Best Western	Meeting expenses	13.50
ii	Alan Parkinson	Fixing notice board	75.00
iii	Steve Scholes	Pac testing lights	35.00
iv	Wendy Prosser	Meal	630.00
v	David Peat/Brynne	Drinks	112.46
vi	Joanne Quinn	Supplies	83.90
vii	Janet Birch	Entertainment	50.00
viii	N Cattermole	Christmas tree	150.00

13/16 Borough Councillors reports

13/17 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

13/18 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14th February at 7pm in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

1) RVBC

- a) Council meeting minutes for December 2012**
- b) Agenda Planning Committee meeting 8th November 2012**
- c) Agenda Planning Committee meeting 6th December 2012**
- d) Agenda Parish Liaison Committee Meeting 22/11/12**
- e) Accounts and Audit Committee Agenda 28th November**

- 2) LALC Conference report 22nd 2012 See attached.**
- 3) CPRE – Countryside Voice winter edition has been received**
- 4) War Memorials Trust Bulletin**

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