

**Simonstone
Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
to be held on 10th September 2020
By email under the emergency powers for Parish Councils
Section of 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020**

- 20/93.** **Declaration of interests**
- 20/94.** **Minutes of the meetings held on 13th August 2020for approval.**
- 20/95.** **Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)
- 20/96.** **Decision items**
- 20/97.** **Matters raised from previous meetings:-**
- 20/98.** **Flower beds Simonstone** Lane Blackburn Road A number of calls have been received to date with no positive results yet.
- 20/100.** Report From Martholme Greenway – Councillor Barker
- 20/101.** RSVH Report - Councillor Rob McKelvey
- 20/102.
- 20/103.** **Dog bins . of the following bins.**
- 1 **Reciting** of the Fountains Ave bin to Woodside Road- The nearest neighbours to the site at the bottom of the road near to the Salt bin, have been notified of the Parish Council proposal and there has been no objection received at the time of writing.
- RVBC has done a survey of both villages and found that there are 12 litter/Dog bins in the area which is more than any other similar sized area in the borough. and as a result has made the following suggestion in order to even the distribution of the existing bins-
- 20/104.** **Carlton Avenue footpath 12-10-FP PROW access.** Dog bins. The placing of a dog/litter bin at the entrance to the footpath to the Tennis court on Carlton Avenue.
- The Tenant of the land has been written to and this is the response for members to consider, I am afraid we cannot allow a dog bin to be placed through the gate in the field off Carlton Avenue. As I explained in our conversation the cattle would destroy it as it is their nature to rub/push/lick/upend anything different.
- As discussed this would obviously be at a cost to the council and if it is upended there is the added issue of dog waste bags falling from the bin onto the ground and the cattle/sheep chewing/eating the plastic bags which in turn will present other issues.

Further to the most recent Government safety notice which refers to Vulnerable People and the fact that the Parish Council meeting it was decided to hold the next Parish Council meeting RSVH.

I would ask you to consider if you over 70yr old and you are content to attend and open meeting on the 10th September in the Village Hall. Or would you prefer to continue with

The Zoom meetings as they have been successful for most members since we started the but without having to stop half way through the last meeting, Or should I explore the possibility of holding a Hybrid meeting where the over 70 yrs old can continue with a Zoom meeting with the young members of the Parish Council, meeting at the village hall using a computer with a overhead projector and screen to enable a 100% attendance.

Most of the younger members will be able to use their own laptops or we may be need to provide microphones to complete the fullness of communications between all parties.

If you have any equipment that would assist in meeting these objectives please let me know so that I can explore any locating deficiencies

Extract from Government Guidance.

: Vulnerable people

1. Certain groups of people are at increased risk of severe disease from coronavirus (COVID-19), including all people aged 70 or over. Such individuals are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household.
2. **Cleaning**
3. All surfaces, especially those most frequently touched, should be cleaned regularly, using standard cleaning products. If you are cleaning after a known or suspected case of COVID-19 then you should refer to the specific [guidance](#). See also [Waste Disposal \(in non-healthcare settings\) guidance](#) on how to dispose of face coverings and PPE in a business setting.
4. Sufficient time needs to be allowed for this cleaning to take place, particularly before reopening. Frequently used objects, surfaces or spaces, including for example doorways between outside and inside spaces should be given particular attention when cleaning.
5. Where possible, non-fire doors and windows should be opened to improve ventilation in the premises. Other measures that will usually be needed are:
6. signs and posters to build awareness of good handwashing technique, the need to increase handwashing frequency, advice to avoid touching your face and to cough or sneeze into a tissue which is binned safely, or into your arm if a tissue is not available;
7. providing hand sanitiser in multiple locations, such as reception areas, in addition to washrooms
- setting clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets to ensure they are kept clean and social distancing is achieved as much as possible; and

- providing hand drying facilities (paper towels or electrical dryers)
- businesses should provide extra bins for staff and customers to throw away face coverings and PPE, and should ensure that staff and customers do not use a recycling bin

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20/95. Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker

20/96. Decision items

20/97. Matters raised from previous meetings:-

20/98. Damaged notice boards . A report was received that the wind had damaged the notice board by the Stork Hotel and the one adjacent to it had become unusable. They have been repaired and brought back into use.

20/99. Flower beds Simonstone Lane Blackburn Road. Balfour Beauty usually reinstate the site within 10 days of finishing work. They have been requested to reseed with wild flowers and daffodil bulbs and they have the contact details of the Parish Council in case they need further information. A number of calls have been received to date with no positive results yet.

20/100. VJ (VICTORY OVER JAPAN) DAY CELEBRATIONS – 15 August 2020

20/101. Report From Martholme Greenway – Councillor Barker

20/102. RSVH Report - Councillor Rob McKelvey

20/103. RVBC Control of Dogs Order –Consultation. It is 3 years since the above temporary order was adopted. It is necessary for the District Council to request that it is readopted or it will lapse. The District Council seeks the Parish Council's opinion as to whether or not the Order should be renewed.

20/100. "The order makes it an offence to:

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20/102. Let your dog foul in public

20/103. Not be in possession of pet poop bags

20/104. Let your dog off its lead in Clitheroe Cemetery

20/105. Allow your dog to enter a playground or sports pitch

20/106. Refuse to put your pet on a lead if asked by a dog warden

20/107. Be in charge of more than four dogs at once

20/108.

20/109. Anyone breaching the order faces a £100 fixed penalty notice or day in court and a fine of up to £1,000."

20/104. Dog bins . Reciting of the following bins.

1 Fountains Avenue to Whalley Road Car sales area. There is already a bin at the entrance to the site and one by the letter box and one at each petrol pump so ask the Parish Council to reconsider this request.

2 Whalley Road /Scott Avenue area to bottom of Woodside Road Area. In the light of the report below I would respectfully request further instruction.

RVBC has done a survey of both villages and found that there are 12 litter/Dog bins in the area which is more than any other similar sized area in the borough. and as a result has made the following suggestion in order to even the distribution of the existing bins-

Haugh Ave bin to be moved to Whins Lane away from properties as the Parish Council requested some years ago..

20/105. Carlton Avenue footpath 12-10-FP PROW access. Dog bins. The placing of a dog/litter bin at the entrance to the footpath to the Tennis court on Carlton Avenue

The residents who live nearby have been approached and are not in favour of placing the bin behind the kerb. as suggested. They have suggested one may be placed in the vicinity of the Tennis Club. The problem there is that it would be less convenient to service the bin, especially in wet weather .

As a consequence, having discussed the problem with the Ribble Valley dog warden who is also responsible for the emptying the bins, it has been suggested, to assist the Parish Council and to take into account the objections of the neighbours, that the Fountains Avenue post be moved and placed by the gate or on the fence at the rear of a neighbouring property from the kerb edge on Carlton Ave . This solution will not satisfy everyone but it will facilitate a solution which would help to mitigate some of the reasons given by the objectors and reduce the impact of the bin on the Carlton Avenue Street scene.

Explanation The reasons for a dog bin at the bottom of Haugh Avenue which makes 3 bins in the area, 2 on each side of the Road (Bus Stops bins one official and one unofficial) and 1 dog bin are that litter bins were not allowed to be used for waste in days gone by.

The Warden suggested that the dog bin would be better on Whins Lane where there is long stretch without a bin. LCC Highways gave the Parish Council permission but the RV bin emptying service objected due to the size of the vehicles causing an obstruction on a bus route .

The warden who empties the bins uses a small van and would be able to service the bins safely as but she is somewhat concerned about collecting from the Whalley Road site because of the speed and volume of heavy traffic and she would welcome the change of location onto Whins Lane where there are a number of locations which are away from houses and at the same time give a better spread of the available resources

Whalley Road bins . The dustbin men will continue to service the bins from a much larger vehicle which would give more protection to the operatives.

20/106. Pendle Hill Landscape I Partnership. The Partnership has carried out a scheme to improve the Signpost in the area at the junction of Trapp Lane and the one at Sabden Lane Opposite Huntroyd Offices has been painted, aided by a 50% grant from the partnership, leaving the Parish Council to pay £140. The next Parish Council project they are undertaking is the attending to any stiles that are in need of attention. The details have to be forward by the end of August, so if any members know of any stiles that need attention please either report it on the " REPORT IT " Lancashire Website or send the details to the Clerk so that he can ensure that they are forward to the partnership.

20/107. Read Parish Council has requested a contribution towards the cost of laying a tarmac surface on the car park and the road to the allotments. The track to the Cricket Club has now been tarmaced and the track to the Allotments has been leveled and improved but has not been tarmaced as incorrectly stated at the last Parish Council meeting.

20/108. Fort Vale Woodland Creation draft Scheme – the Company is proposing to develop a 3 hectares area of land which is to the north and west of the industrial site's main boundaries and runs along the edge of Martholm Greenway up to Gooseleach wood. It is in 3 parts and will include tree planting and rides. The company would welcome the Council's observations.

Comments from members received to date

" The only reservation I have is that if the proposal involved extensive tree planting in the areas indicated, it would result in obscured views to the south of the Greenway all the way from Simonstone Lane to the end of Gooseleach Woods. This would make for a rather boring walk and spoil the views over the River Calder flood plane. Therefore, may I suggest that a "zone" of 75 to 100m east of Gooseleach woods (adjacent to the picnic tables) and 75-100m west of the Gas Governor (NW corner of the Fort Vale site) be left to small shrubs and meadow wild flowers etc. - this would help bio-diversity as well."

20/109. The Chairman's report

- a. RVBC are discussing how to respond to a possible change in local government in Lancashire(elected Mayor, Combined Authority; see recent petition re. Blackburn with Darwen).
- b. **Residents email about dog bin** near Woodside AND a possible dog exercise space away from farm animals.(on Facebook)

20/110. BT consultation re. the removal of the Payphone on Whalley Road due to the short consultation period . The following response has be forwarded on the Parish Council's behalf so that it is registered before the Ribble Valley consultation is made. Phone number 01282772130 Bottom of Haugh Ave Whalley Road, Simonstone

"Simonstone and Read as we are remote from larger towns, has poorish mobile signals, heavy traffic use and the road carries vehicles and pedestrians between towns late at night and we object to the proposed closure and wish to retain the wired land line communication, especially now with the various threats that appear to coming from international sources."

20/111. Finance

a. Accounts for payment

i. LCC	PHLP Signpost	£140.00
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20/112. Next Parish Council meeting is on the 10th September 2020.

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