

Simonstone

Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

to be held at 7.00 pm on 1st July 2021

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District Councillor for Read and Simonstone, and Chairman of Simonstone Parish Council to report on the Boundary Commission Proposal for the Parliamentary Constituency of Ribble Valley. This is an open item for discussion by members of the Public of both Read and Simonstone.

After the Discussion the Parish Council will decide on what action it wishes to take.

AGENDA

Attendances

Apologies;-

Declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests

no	Item	Background	Discussion	Action
21/74	To Approve minutes of the meeting held on the 13 th May 2021			
21/75	Clerk's report – item for RV Parish Liaison meeting on 21 th June : Changes to Microsoft, Google and Cloud and cost implementations for Parish Councils. Are there any alternative ways, e.g. sector/joint licensing, the use of open source systems, closed systems, avoiding the use of Cloud?	Meeting on 21 st June : Changes to Microsoft, Google and Cloud and cost implementations for Parish Councils. Are there any alternative ways, e.g. sector/joint licensing, the use of open source systems, closed systems, avoiding the use of the Cloud		
21/76	Parish Governance Review	Clls. Finn and McKelvey to report		

21/77	RV Planning Governance	Documents have been emailed to members. Consultation is to be carried out every 2 years to ensure that the system is working in a satisfactory manner	Results of the survey have to be completed by 30 th June and Surveying must be carried out by email to ensure meeting the closing deadline.	
21/78	Civic Sunday arrangements	To be held on 26th September in RSVH	Final arrangements for the Service and Catering arrangements to be considered.	
21//79 21/91	Christmas celebrations	Cllr. Pollard to report on discussions with Read PC.		
21/80	RSVH	Cllr. McKelvey to report.		
21/81	Footpaths and noxious weeds	Cllr. Pollard to report		
21/82	Martholme Litter bin	RVBC Contacted	Awaiting report.	
21/83	Planning application 21/04821	New concrete track to assist better management		
21/84	Payment of accounts	Salary and expenses	759.21	
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21/88	Proposal for the Parliament Constituency of Ribble Valley	To consider the report on the earlier public meeting.		
21/89	Details of the accident at the junctions of Trapp Lane and Whins lane.	Whins/Trapp Lane junction. The PC has requested measures to make the approaches to the junction safer. The road markings were adjusted in response to the request. A traffic mirror was also requested but the Highway Committee rejected the request.	Cllr Meloy in Whins Lane as there has been a cyclist knocked down and the police had been In attendance	

21/90	Cllr Peat. Speed and noise of traffic as it passes through the village.	A671 Noise. In 1998 Calming strips were placed at the approaches to School Lane/Simonsone Lane, junctions with A671. Residents living nearby complained of the noise and since then the Strip's have not been maintained.		
	Planning Application No: 3/2021/0627 Grid Ref: 376975 434352 Proposal: Erection of an outbuilding in front of the principal elevation of the main house. Location: 12 Westminster Close Simonstone BB12 7ST	Erection of an outbuilding in front of the principal elevation of		
21/91	Christmas lights switch on This year a request has been received to use the	The School is holding a Christmas Concert this year and the head teacher would like to combine the event with annuals switch on event within the school and its Grounds, making it a safer event.		
21/92	St Peter' request In conversations and a tour of the school grounds the head teacher pointed out outdoor areas for teaching zones	Funding for a 30 place gazebo for outdoor learning. Lottery applied for A nature area and peace gardens; the latter needs two new benches(low level no backs) at £425 each fitted.		
	Platinum Celebration re St Peters School			
21/93	Finance Payment of accounts	HMRC Tax, £234.80 I R Hirst, Salary. £539.68 I R Hirst, Expenses 98.02 CPRE Subscription £36.00		

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 12th August 2021 at 7pm

Members of the Public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings

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

Boundary Commission Proposals for the Ribble Valley Constituency June 2021

Simonstone Parish Council has considered the proposed changes to the Ribble Valley Parliamentary Constituency and considered its position at a meeting of Simonstone Parish Council at its meeting of 1st July 2021.

It is worth stating that the Parish Council understands and supports the concept of equal and fair sized Parliamentary Constituencies in the United Kingdom as a crucial building brick of our (or any) Parliamentary Democracy.

By way of background ,the Parish of Simonstone has a population of some 1100 people(2011),and alongside our neighbours in Read with a population of approximately 1400 persons (2011) make up the bulk of the East Whalley Read and Simonstone ward of Ribble Valley BC.

The Parish is entirely within the area of the Pendle Hill Heritage initiative, operated by the Forest of Bowland AONB from offices in Clitheroe and our voluntary bodies receive grants and support There from and other Ribble Valley services .

We appreciate that this proposal is not about changing Council Boundaries but following recent publicity about Council mergers in Lancashire ,there is a high degree of cynicism and mistrust about the longer term intention of this proposal.

More to the point

- 1) Simonstone Parish (and Read Parish) are built on either side of the A671 ,which links Oldham to Clitheroe. Settlements are about 3/4 mile to a mile on either side on this road ,which is a Primary Route (and between Burnley and Whalley ie these villages) is judged one of the most dangerous roads in England).
- 2) The southern route of A678 is a shorter road between Padiham and Blackburn and serves the Simonstone Enterprise Park, a major employer in Ribble Valley, with very few domestic properties close by).
- 3) Public Transport follows this road ; the service bus (M2) provides a half hourly Burnley/ Clitheroe service. **There are no direct public transport links to Accrington.**
- 4) Our local Primary school, St Peters Simonstone , is a feeder school to Faith or County Secondary Schools either in Whalley (RC) or Clitheroe (other county schools).
- 4) Our primary care is provided by GP Clinics largely in Sabden, Whalley or Clitheroe.
- 5) Hospital Appointments tend to be at Clitheroe Community Hospital or the major DGHs in Burnley or Blackburn.

Thus bearing in mind that for transport, education and health, residents of Simonstone (and Read) look to the rest of Ribble Valley ,and are served by religious and voluntary services from Clitheroe and Environs and cannot directly access services or links with Accrington (the Principal town of Hyndburn Constituency,(Direct public transport is not feasible from the village)

We do not agree to the proposed transfer from Ribble Valley Parliamentary Constituency to the Hyndburn Constituency,

Resolution; Simonstone Parish Council is committed to the maintenance of the Ribble Valley Parliamentary Constituency boundary for Ribble Valley wards .
DAP 12/6/21