

Additional information for Simonstone Parish Council Meeting on
Thursday 8th September

1. Apologies for absence - Robert McKelvey
7. Clerk's Report
 - a) Hedges – *residents have been written to, one resident has responded that hedge cutting has been put off due to several birds nesting; this will take place in September once young birds have fledged.*
 - b) Local Crime Statistics

July	August
Road Related Offence- 2 Assault- 1 Theft - 2 Public Order-1	Not yet confirmed

- c) Computer
8. Parish Plan work group to report
9. Reports from external meetings
 - a) Martholme Greenway
10. Facebook & website report
- 11. Decision Items**
 - a) Road Safety
 - b) Celebration Sunday Report
 - c) Christmas Meal
 - d) Request for financial assistance – Defibrillators – *quote info attached*
 - e) Footpaths
 - f) The notice board by the Stork Hotel
It was noted that the noticeboard is in need of maintenance
 - g) SAAA opt out for external Auditor appointment
Previously the External Auditor has been appointed for us as part of this scheme. We are able to choose our own internal Auditor who reviews the accounts prior to these being submitted for external review.

11. Correspondence

- a) Note of thanks from the environmental group for the donation towards thermal cameras to help reduce heat loss from homes.

Please pass on our thanks to Simonstone PC re the money they generously donated towards the thermal imaging camera. We will keep you informed of how things progress. - Gayle Wray, Treasurer	Thank you for dropping the cheque off. Please would you pass on to both Simonstone and Read Parish Councils our sincere thanks for awarding us £150 from each council towards the cost of a Thermal Imaging Camera, to be used on behalf of the householders of each village. The camera has been bought, and I am sure it will be put to good use during the coming winter! <i>Becky Colvin, Chair, Readstone Environment Group</i>

- b) Scouts meeting
- c) Environment group suggestion of regular bus stop cleaning

I wonder if this matter could be brought up at the next council meeting please.

You might be aware that at the end of May REG did a 'Big Clean for the Queen' to commemorate the Queens Jubilee. Well over 30 hours were spent cleaning bus shelters x 2 in Simonstone, road name signs and a few road signs and gutters. Most of the hours were spent in Simonstone. Both bus shelters were in a parlous state. The west bound stop on Whalley Rd had a lot of detritus inside and the windows were filthy. The east bound had a lot of green algae and although it did look much better after cleaning, the plastic is so scratched that it looks opaque.

We wondered if the Parish council might take on board the cleaning of the bus stops a couple of times a year? Read council have the bus stops cleaned via a private contractor and it would make for a much better travel experience for people in Simonstone whilst waiting for the bus if the surroundings are more congenial.

Kind Regards

Gayle Wray

Treasurer

- d) Fort Vale energy use – LCC efforts towards net zero – *please see attached*
- e) *Letter from the Mayor of the Ribble Valley – new trail around the Ribble Valley and Forrest of Bowland*

12. Planning Applications & Decisions/Enforcements – *planning application documents attached*