

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF SIMONSTONE PARISH COUNCIL ON 5TH OCTOBER 2023

The Borough has extended its controls on dog fouling for another three years by renewing its Public Spaces Protection Order after 97% of residents who responded to a consultation backed the continued crackdown.

I met a member of staff from Ingham and Yorke, the Agent of the Huntroyde Estate on Friday 8th September and I am very pleased to report that the Estate is very happy to get behind a campaign to erect community road safety signage along the rural lanes including, Whins, Trapp and Back Lanes and Sabden Road in suitable locations. Safe Lanes in Pendleside has been wound up and limited aspects of its work are being continued by The Pendle and District Bridleways Group. I have looked at some of Safe Lanes in Pendleside's signs today that are surplus and which I am told by Janet Myers we can have free of charge as the Pendle and District Bridleways Group will not be using them. We just need a van to collect them and a place to store them until the community has decided which signs to put up and their locations.

I held our third Councillor Drop-in session here at the Simonstone Old C of E School on School Lane on 23rd September and was very pleased to meet some more residents. We will now be alternating between Read and Simonstone Village Hall and the Simonstone Old C of E School on School Lane on the fourth Saturday of each month except December when we take a break.

I have submitted a Motion to the Council Meeting to be held on 10th October supportive of the Martholme Greenway. The full Motion has been published with the meeting Agenda on the Ribble Valley Borough Council's website. Although there is no guarantee of the Motion being voted through this time, we remain hopeful of gaining enough support on the night and encourage local residents with an interest in the Greenway to attend in the public gallery if able to do so.

I am continuing to report and follow up road, footpath, signal and sign defects with mixed results but will keep up the pressure to make sure our infrastructure is as good as it can be with current funding constraints.

The Head of St Peter's CE Primary School has confirmed that the flashing amber warning lights on Whalley Road are now working following my contact with a Highways Officer in Burnley. These lights work automatically on a timer so do not need any manual operation.

I was pleased to see that Give Way line and other white line marking has been renewed today at the junction of Whins Lane with Sabden Road. There is still no Give Way or T junction warning signage so I will continue to chase through my earlier reports.

I have a Slow Down Save Lives banner and a large quantity of Slow Down Save Lives wheelie bin stickers for anyone who could put them to good use.

[POST MEETING NOTE – Councillor Hampson took the banner and one pack of wheelie bin stickers as I left the meeting after Agenda Item 6.]

Councillor Gaye McCrum is trying to clarify the remit of the Climate Working Group and open it up to input from interested and knowledgeable community Groups and individuals but her attempt at the last Economic Development Committee was voted down. We are working on a question to the Leader of the Council in the Council Meeting on 10th October on the same theme.