

Simonstone Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 24th June 2011 at 7.00 pm
in the Old School Simonstone

Present **Chairman** **Cllr. John Aizlewood**
Councillors. **Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth, John Hill, Denise Rishton, Peter Lambert**
In attendance **Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.**

Part 1 (items of business to be discussed in public)

11/ 83 **Apologies for absence** **None**

11/ 84 **Minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2011 for approval.** **Approved**

11/ 85 **Declaration of interests.** – Prejudicial interests from Cllr Aizlewood and Cllr Duckworth item 11/87 f (iii)

11/ 86 **Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker)**

Councillor Hill gave a report as Borough Councillor of the proceedings at various meetings of Ribble Valley BC and various issues of concern that would affect the lives of the community. His main concern was Lancashire County Councils imposes charges for children travelling to denominational schools of their choice and the impact it would have on many families in the Parish. He was urging the county to think again.

He was reminded that the Parish Council and individual members had voiced opposition during the consultation period.

Decision items

11/ 87 Matter brought forward from meeting held on 26th May

a. **Christmas arrangements for 2011** – Clerk reported that arrangements had been made for Susan Eames Singers to provide entertainment at the Party at an approximate cost of £60.
It was resolved to note the report.

b. **Parish Council Website.** Copies of the Terms and Conditions template for website usage and Acceptable Website use policy had been distributed.

It was resolved to approve both items for the management of the website. It was also decided that the site be managed by Councillors Duckworth, Hodbod, and Aizlewood. on a rotating cycle, with only pages concerning Parish Council matters to be placed on it, with links to local organisations and appropriate community sites.

c. **Street Names.** Clerk reported that he had requested the contractor to check and carry out maintenance work to the street name plates as necessary.

It was resolved to note the report.

d. **CPRE – National Grid.** Clerk reported that he had spoken to the County Chairman of CPRE and that the line for the new grid had yet to be finalized. There were still ongoing discussions taking place and a number of options were being considered. When discussions have been completed, there will be a public consultation.

It was resolved to note the report.

e. **Speed indicator signs SpID.** – A local Parish Council was to consider if it was prepared to hire out their SpID when it was not in use and response is awaited.

It was resolved to note the report

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f. **Highways matters**

- i Tree Planting, Mrs Kelly had drawn up plans for a planting scheme at the bottom of Simonstone Lane and they were displayed.

It was resolved to approve the scheme for the bulbs and trees and request a Licence from the Highway Authority. It was also resolved to consider the seeding costs at a later stage.

- ii **Speed Strips on the A671.** No response had been received from the County Council. However, the Clerk had been advised of the current high work load by the department responsible that had been prioritised for work in preparation for the implementation of 20mph limits across the county.

It was resolved that further representations should be made to Brian Cook to expedite matters.

- iii **School Lane Parking.** Councillor Duckworth presented a report concerning the problems that residents were having in gaining access and egress from their properties caused by the number of cars long term parking on the Lane. Also the effect of various changes that had occurred which restricted the number of spaces available for parking including problems with school staff parking on the Lane.

A response putting forward the perspective from the School was read out by Cllr. Aizlewood. This report stated that the school have made significant efforts to maximise the number of cars being parked within the limited space available on the School premises.

It was resolved that a meeting should be arranged between representatives of the land owners of a section of potential off-street parking, together with the School, the Parish Council and the Highway authority to explore ways of overcoming the current problems. The Parish Council would form a working party, including Councillors Aizlewood, Hill, and Duckworth as members.

- iv **Speeding on Whins Lane.** It was reported that the Police had not received any recent reports of speeding.

It was resolved to note the report

- v **Parking Outside Valley Terrace.** Councillor Hill reported that arrangements were being made for mirrors to be installed to assist traffic exiting from the rear of Valley Terrace and the Farm opposite on to Simonstone Lane.

It was resolved to note the report.

11/ 88 Change of day of Parish Council meetings.
It was resolved that in future the Parish Council should meet on the last Thursday in the month.

11/ 89 Consideration was given to reduce the number of Parish Council meetings per year from 10 (Legal obligation to hold 4 meetings).
It was resolved to reduce the number of Parish Council meeting to one every 2 months for a trial period of 6 months and a review of the trial to be held at the January 2012 meeting. The meetings are to be held on the last Thursday of the month. Additional meetings to be held as and when necessary if required.

11/ 90 **RVBC**

- a. The Clerk made a report on the proceedings of the Parish Liaison Committee 9th June,
 - i QE11 – Challenge to create a legacy to protect outdoor spaces for communities.
 - ii Recruitment of Parish Council Members to serve on the RV.Council’s Standards Committee.
- b. Agenda for the Standards Committee meeting on 18th June has been received.
- c. Agenda Planning and Development Committee 26th June.

It was resolved to note the reports.

11/ 91 **Planning Applications.**
Reports at the Planning Committee – The Clerk reported that there were various reports given to a recent Ribble Valley Planning Committee meeting outlining proposals for future development of land during the next 20 years. In the reports there were various options that members and the public could

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consider and comment on before the final proposals were formulated and adopted.
It was resolved to note the report.

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| Application number 3/2011/0345 | Officer: : Rachel Horton 01200 414571 | Grid Reference 377907 434268 |
| Address | Sunnyside Dean Top Whalley Road Simonstone Lancashire | |
| Proposal | Two-storey extension to side (East) elevation with balcony at first floor level. New porch to rear elevation with balcony at first floor level. Applications for full consent | |

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| Application number 3/2011/0222 25/03/2011 | Officer John Macholc : | Grid Reference 377290 433370 |
| Address3 | Fort Vale Engineering Ltd Calder Vale Park Simonstone Lane Simonstone Burnley Lancashire BB12 7ND | |
| Proposal | Proposed extension to rear of Building 'S' to provide new despatch and storage area ancillary to industrial use of building. Erection of stand alone ancillary facilities building. Applications for full consent | |
| RVBC | Recommended for approval at the Planning meeting on 26/5/11 | |

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| Application number 3/2011/0257 20/04/2011 | Officer: Rachel Horton 01200 414571 | Grid Reference |
| Address | 2 Valley Terrace Simonstone Lane Simonstone Lancashire. | |
| Proposal | Removal of existing extension and elevated rockery. Proposed single storey extension with two Velux rooflights. Applications for full consent. | |
| Parish Council comments | No objection but residents are concerned about the access to the site during in the demolition and building of the extension due to restricted access to the site through a neighbours garden areas. | |

11/ 92 LALC –

- a. Legal Briefing notes – Councillor Notification under the Data Protection Act 1998.
- b. Notes of concern from the External Auditors.
 - i It is no longer a legal requirement to review the internal audit arrangements, but it is good practice to do so at the time of the annual review of internal control.
 - ii Safe arrangements should be considered when allowing the public to inspect account documents. (I suggest that the documents be made available in future at the Parish Council Meetings in April and May) “during part or all of the statutory 20 day period”.
 - iii Annual returns must be approved by a full meeting of the council and not be by a Subcommittee.

It was resolved to note LALC reports.

11/ 93 Community Futures.

- a. Queen Elizabeth 11 – Challenge to create a legacy to protect outdoor spaces for communities.
It was resolved to form a working party to explore the possibility of taking advantage of the scheme in reserving areas of land for the benefit of future generations, as outlined in the Fields in Trust. Members of the working party are Councillor Hodbod, Rishton and Meloy together with interested members of the public.

11/ 94 *Finance

- a. Bank Signatories.
It was resolved that Bank signatories as listed be approved

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| i | Read Parish Council | Play area contribution | £200.00 |
| ii | I R Hirst | Salary | £477.26 |
| iii | PSS | Expenses | £96.22 |
| iv | HMRC | PAYE | £119.32 |

It was resolved to authorise payment of the above accounts

- 11/ 95 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings
 - a. Parish Plans
 - b. Agenda Items –
 - i Restore Matters arising-
 - ii Include Borough Councillors report
 - c. Grit bins
 - d. Refuse disposal
 - e. Police report
 - f. To consider a letter from Mrs Marion Kelly.

- 11/ 96 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.
 - a. Pot holes on Trapp Lane.
 - b. Rubbish dumped in lay-by on Back Lane.
 - c. State of advertising Signs around the Blackburn Road Industrial Estates

11/ 97 The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday the 29th September 2011 in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.

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

Hyndburn BC – Submission Documents Site Allocations and Development Management Policies have been received

Fixed Council meeting dates to be held.on;-

- 29th September 2011
- 24th November 2011
- 26th January 2012

Additional meetings will be held as and when matters need to be discussed and to be decided.

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