

SIMONSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Members of Simonstone Parish Council are summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 5 March 2026 at St. Peters School Church Hall, Simonstone commencing at 7.00pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Agenda

- 1. To receive apologies for absence.**
- 2. To approve minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 January 2026.**
- 3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other registrable and non-registrable interests.**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary, and other registrable and non-registrable interest in respect of matters contained in the agenda.

- 4. Public participation.**

This 15-minute session (time limit of 5 minutes per item/per person) provides members of the public an opportunity to indicate interests in an agenda item and put questions to the Parish Council. Such questions may be answered after the meeting or become an agenda item at a future Parish Council meeting.

ITEMS for DECISION/DISCUSSION:

- 5. Finance Report.**

Report of the Clerk (enclosed) to approve the:

- Accounts to date.
- Schedule of Payments as set out in the Report.
- Reconciliation of Receipts and Payments as shown in the Report.

- 6. Raising school transport costs for Simonstone families with LCC**

Verbal report from Cllr Hampson and discussion on how to raise the high transport costs faced by Simonstone Parents to attend schools within the Ribble Valley.

- 7. Lamplight**

Report from Cllr Hampson on SPC involvement this year with Lamplight's lamp of peace.

- 8. Approval of IT Policy**

Draft of IT Policy by the Clerk (enclosed) for approval from council.

- 9. Approval of draft Data Protection Policy**

Draft of Data Protection Policy by the Clerk (enclosed) for approval from council.

- 10. Advertisement of Councillor Vacancy**

Report of the clerk (enclosed) seeking approval for draft advertisement of councillor vacancy, as well as details of interview timetable and arrangements.

11. CCTV update

Report of the clerk (enclosed) updating members of the latest proceedings in the CCTV project.

12. School path update

Report of the clerk (enclosed) updating members of the latest proceedings in the school footpath project.

13. Authorisation of Lengthsman costings/work hours for fence around bench

Report of Cllr Pollard on the outcome of the future of the lengthsman scheme meeting.

14. Authorisation of Lengthsman costings/work hours for fence around bench

Report of Cllr Pollard on the submitted costings/work hours provided by the Lengthsman for a fence around the bench by the River Calder.

15. Defibrillator decision

Report of the clerk (enclosed) updating members of the latest proceedings in the installation of the new defibrillator.

16. Blackburn Diocese Big Mission Weekend

Report of the clerk (enclosed) on Blackburn Diocese's Big Mission Weekend in September 2025, and specifically Rev Sue's requests to organise a parish walk and put up a peace pole in the community garden.

17. Motion to vote in favour of sending a letter to LCC councillors on funding for the extension of the Martholme Greenway

Draft letter (enclosed) by Cllr Pollard.

18. Arrangements for Annual Meeting/Annual General Meeting

ITEMS for INFORMATION:

19. Planning Report.

Report of the Clerk (enclosed) for members to consider planning matters since the previous meeting.

20. Crime Figures.

Report of the Clerk (enclosed) to update members on the latest crime figures for the area.

21. Consideration of matters not on the agenda.

An opportunity for the Clerk and members to provide updates, raise matters and suggest items for future meetings:

22. Borough Councillor Report.

23. Items for next agenda.

24. Future Meetings.

- 2026 – 7th May (Annual Meeting/Annual Parish Meeting), 2nd July.

Dr Anna Haines

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Simonstone Parish Council.

