

Simonstone Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

held at 7.00 pm on 18th February 2022.

At Read Simonstone Village Hall

Minutes

All persons who attended the Meeting should have had a clear Covid LFT test result during the day prior to the start of the meeting and keep at 2 metres distance apart in the meeting.

Attendances :- Cllrs. David Peat, Robert McKelvey, Clifton Pollard, Elisa Hargreaves, John Barker, Jacqueline Hampson, Stephen Finn, Graham Meloy. And members of the public some of whom had attended the Boundary Commission meeting prior to the Parish Council meeting

Apologies;- none

22/23 Minutes of the meeting dated 13th January 2022 for approval.
It was resolved to approve the Minutes.

22/24 Public Participation (members of the public are invited to raise matters of concern, time limit of 3 minutes per item/person. NA

22/25 A member expressed concern that extreme views had been expressed about particular projects that the Parish Council had engaged in over the years a number of years which had been supported by the community in a proper manner and felt that such issues should be properly research before comments should made.
It was resolved to note the comments.

22/26 Declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interests. – Pecuniary: Martholme Greenway Cllrs. Barker, Hargreaves, Pollard, Meloy and RSVH Cllr. McKelvey.

22/26 LCC budget consultation 2022/23 consideration of an increase of 3.99% of which 2% is to cover Care costs which for this year will be taken out of balances. Next year the additional expenditure will be considered at budget time.
It was resolved to note the report.

22/27 District Councillor's report., The Ribble Valley Budget meeting is on 22nd February in the Council Chamber at 6.30pm. The meeting is a 2 Part meeting, part 1 is for the public and part 2 is confidential where the public are excluded.
It was resolved to note the report.

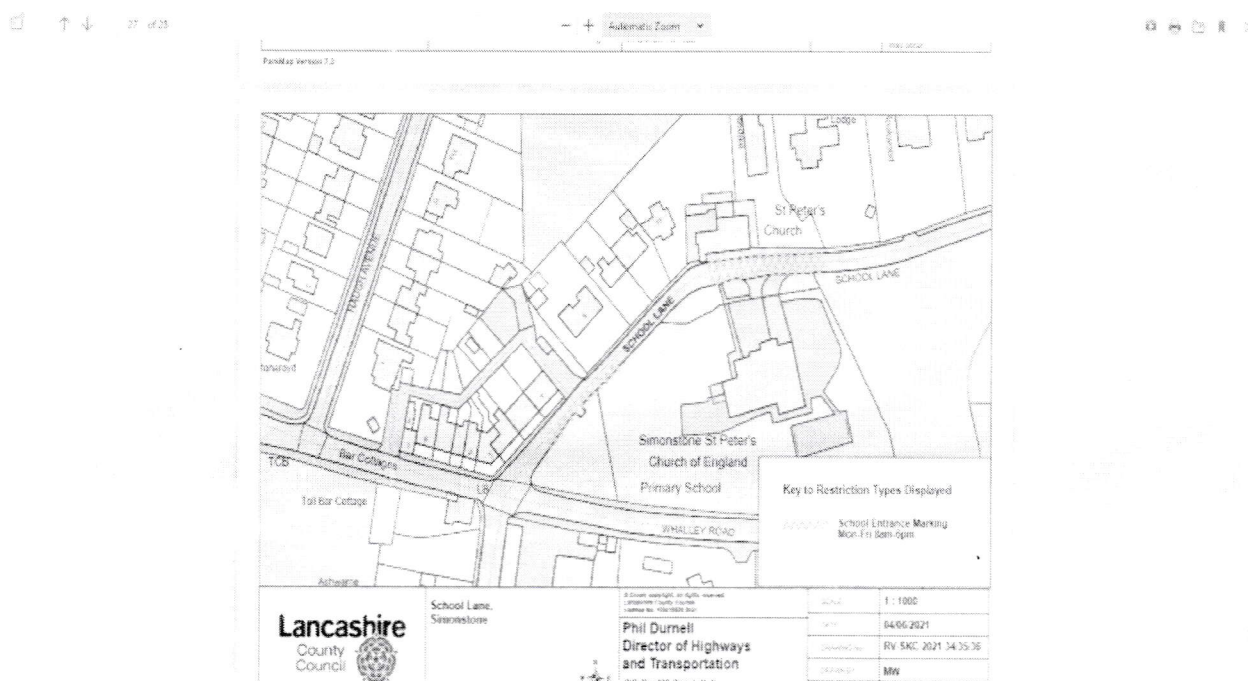
22/28 Councillor's Guide to Handling Intimidation. There was discussion about the guide and as the members had considered the matter and had amended the public notices which excluded their home addresses at the January meeting. **It was resolved** to note the report.

22/29 Martholme Greenway. Cllr. Barker reported that there was a meeting with Sarah Britcliffe MP to Support the Development and there was to be a meeting with Nigel Evans MP next week to help further the development. They had been working with Fort Vale who had planted a new woodland and work was continuing in improving

22/30 drainage up to Gooseleach wood. The Chairman explained, in response to a question that Martholme Greenway started in 2015 and the parish had supported the work as had various funds, eg from Tesco and the public, national and commercial, private granting bodies and charities. There had been a petition signed by over 2000 supporting the scheme. The Parish Council had given grants for materials and equipment from time to time and the most recent was a waste bin, for users of the paths and roads in the vicinity.

It was resolved to note the report.

22/31 High Road Markings as part of a countywide modification of Zigs Zags School Marking outside Schools. St Peter's marking are being upgraded. There are 3 Regulation types 1 Information only, 2 Police enforcement only, 3 County full legal enforcement.



22/34 Read and Simonstone Environmental report – Simonstone Lane flower beds. The Lengthsman has been requested to prepare the beds for seeding. REG has been notified that their assistance in seeding of the beds would be appreciated. The Chairman told the meeting that he would be meeting with the REG Committee in the next fortnight

It was resolved to note the report

22/35 Planning

Consultation - Local Development Plan 2022 suggested submission is attached below

Local Development Plan 2022

SIMONSTONE PARISH COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO RVBC

Housing

A survey of residents in 2013 showed that a large majority (73%) were opposed to any development which would alter the character of the village. They expressed the view that if there was to be further development it should include a high proportion of sheltered and affordable housing.

The P.C believe that there is insufficient local infrastructure to support large scale development.

Traffic

Housing development which has taken place in Whalley, Barrow and Clitheroe over recent years has created a much higher level of traffic flow through the village. Many of the new residents using the motorway system to commute will use the A671 to access the M65.

The proposed Read and Simonstone by-pass received planning permission in 1990 and became one of the top three schemes in Lancashire before funding was withdrawn.

The route of the proposed by-pass passes along the disused railway which is also the route of proposed Cycleway 685. Cycleway 685 would connect the Pennine and Hyndburn cycleways to the Ribble Valley and is shown on the Ribble Valley Cycle Map.

Simonstone P.C firmly believe that until there is a commitment from central Government to fund a by-pass and cycle way further large scale housing development should be opposed and the Borough's new Local Plan should include a commitment to resist any development along the route.

Members were concerned that there should be a highways issues that need to be addressed especially the traffic volume along the A671 and the need to take account of the increase of housing 3258 all ready built. And the additional planned 2000 homes in the coming years.

It was resolved to approve the above statement subject to the improvement of the highway access to the south A671 and along South west of Ribble Valley.

Application 3/2022/0018	Officer Sarah Heppell Tel : 01200 425111	Grid Reference 377636 435393
Address	Twin Oaks, Whins Lane, Simonstone, BB12 7QR	
Development Proposal	Proposed Garages with first floor storage/Hobbies room	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application 3/2022/0053	Officer Sarah Heppell Tel : 01200 425111	Grid Reference 377636 435393
Address	Twin Oaks, Whins Lane, Simonstone, BB12 7QR	
Development Proposal	New Entrance to Twin Oaks to provide visibility safety splays to improve safety and add parking spaces.	
Parish Council	No objection	

Application 3/2022/0109	Officer Laura Eastwood Tel : 01200 425111	Grid Reference 377867 433528
Address	Change Gym Ltd Unit 12 Baublock Blackburn Road Simonstone BB12 7FS	
Development Proposal and	To alter the hours of operation/opening as previously approved	
Parish Council	No objection	

It was resolved to raise no objections to the above applications.

22/36 Parish Plan report **Cllr. Hampson** and **Cllr Hargreaves** were meeting in the coming weeks to develop a draft consultation document for consideration at the next pc meeting.

(a) Mapping Location of Defibrillators. Work is ongoing.

22/37 Finance

a) Payment of accounts

(i) RSVH	Meeting	£30.00
(ii) RSVH	Meeting	£20.00

It was resolved to pay the above accounts.

22/38 Grant request –RSVH – Coun. Peat

22/39 LCC Parish Champion Grant refund £400.00 The Parish Champion has been notified that we have failed to be able to take advantage of the Grant on this occasion.

It was resolved to note the report

22/40 Parish Council Website And Facebook Account. Copies of the Terms and Conditions template for website usage and Acceptable Website use policy had been distributed. The conditions had been submitted to RVBC for approval and then to NALC for advice. They approved that the PC should take measures to protect itself from unauthorized usage and made no comment on the document submitted to them as below.

“The Parish Council website be managed by Coun Stephen Finn..... who will report any misuse to the Chairman Appointed at the AGM and Parish Clerk.
Facebook Account by Coun. John Barker..... who will monitor the Facebook Account and report any misuse to the Chairman and Parish Clerk.

The Parish Chairman, on appointment, will approve only pages concerning Parish Council matters which are to be placed on the Facebook Account.

The Chairman and Parish Clerk will arrange for any matters that may arise to the earliest Parish Council meeting.

Links to District Council and County Council and appropriate local based community sites and community based organisations to be authorised at a Parish Council Meeting

It was resolved to approve the management document.

22/41 LCC- Parish and Town Councils conference (Highways Special Meeting) 19th March 2022 County Hall.

It was resolved that Cllrs Hampson, and McKelvey, and the Clerk would attend the conference.

22/42 Cllr Hargreaves Reported that the speed of traffic using Simonstone Lane is increasing and putting users of the road at greater risk. Would the Parish Council bring these concerns to the attention of the Police.

Next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7p.m. at St Peter's School Hall.

Members of the Public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings

Chairman's Signature.....