

# Simonstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.00 pm  
in the Old School Simonstone

**Present**                      **Chairman**      **Geoff Hodbod,**  
**Councillors.**   **Alan Duckworth, Graham Meloy, David Peat and Stephen Dawson**  
**1 Member of the Public attended the meeting.**  
**In attendance – Parish Clerk .Roger Hirst.**

**Apologies for absence** **Councillor Denise Rishton Graham Meloy(attending Parish Liaison meeting).** were received and approved.

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

**PCSO Dinah Bioletti apologised for not attending the meeting but submitted a written report for consideration; -**  
**Crime report;-**

READ & SIMONSTONE: OTHER THEFT = 1. Between 19:30 11/11/11 and 08:30 12/11/11, a Ifor Williams 6’x4’ trailer was stolen from an open driveway of a house on Straits Lane in Read. The trailer also contained a set of aluminum ladders. The stolen items were valued at £1000.

Are there any matters that the Parish Council wish to bring to the attention of PCSO Bioletti?

**11/ 187 Minutes of the meeting** held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were approved.

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

**11/ 188 Declaration of interests;- Couns. Hodbod, Dawson item 192H. Coun Duckworth 192c.**

**11/ 189 Public Participation.** (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3 mins per speaker)

**11/ 190 Co-option of member to the Parish Council –**  
**It was resolved that** Mrs Joanne Susan Quinn be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of John Aizlewood -

**11/ 191 Borough Councillors reports- no report was received due to non attendance.**

**11/ 192 Christmas arrangement for 2011.**

d. Retired folks party. The Clerk reported that invitations had been distributed and 73 acceptances had been received. Final arrangements had been made and members agreed when they would be available to assist, meeting at the Hall on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm and attending from 11.45am on Saturday to serve the meal and clear away afterwards.

d. Christmas lights and tree erection- the Clerk reported that final arrangements had been made for erecting the tree and on the 26<sup>th</sup> November and for the switch on at 6pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**It was resolved to approve the arrangements.**

**11/ 193 .Footpath 24 –** the Clerk reported that a reply from County has been received and forwarded to Councillor Meloy. It would appear that the path is an old one and was recorded back in the 1890s on the Ordinance Survey Map and needs to be diverted in order to prevent the owner having unnecessary disturbances by ramblers crossing his garden.

**It was resolved to note the report.**

**11/ 194 Items brought forward by members ;-**

d. **Review of meeting dates and days.**

**It was resolved that the day of the meetings** should be on Thursdays preferably on the third in the month to avoid Thursdays clashing with the Ribble Valley Parish Liaison meetings.

d. **Repositioning** of the Parish Council notice board to the Stork bus stop.

**It was resolved** that Coun Duckworth would make enquiries from local contractors who may be interested in making an additional notice board for erecting in the Parish Garden and to approach the Stork Hotel to enquire if they would agree to allow the notice board to be placed on the wall outside the hotel.

d. **School Lane** – Coun. Duckworth reported that he had attended a Residents meeting along with Coun. Hill.

- i Some residents had been in touch with the land agent concerning property boundaries.
- ii Residents requested that the gate into the Parish Council Garden be closed as they were concerned about the safety of children crossing the road to the school at the garden entrance.
- iii It was agreed that the County Council be urged to carry out parking restrictions (yellow line) as agreed, as soon as possible.
- iv The Clerk reported that a response had been received from the LCC concerning the Parish Council's request to help to address the parking problem on School Lane. The suggestion that the land adjacent to the school be used for a temporary car park will be discussed more fully by the various officers at County Hall.

**Coun Duckworth** was unable to vote due to a personal interest in this item.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk should write to the School requesting that the traffic cones are removed from outside the School and Church Hall as soon as the day school staff leave in order to maximize the use of the limited space on the highway for parking. The Parish Council would appreciate efforts to maximise the use of the space available within the school grounds for visitors to the school outside normal school hours (9am to 4pm). It was also agreed that there should be a meeting of the School Lane Working party to consider and draw up suggestions for developing car parking on the land adjacent to the school.

d. **Parish Plan** - The Clerk reported that "The Localism Bill" had received Royal Assent on 15<sup>th</sup> November and copies of the Bill had been distributed along with the NALC briefing paper to members.

**It was resolved that** before a meeting of the Working Group was held it would be of help if statistical information that is currently available concerning the parish should be promulgated to members, and that the Clerk should make the appropriate enquiries.

d. **Advertisement Banners** –The Clerk reported that he had not received a response to his request for an update from Ribble Valley Planning Dept.

**Noted**

**Community Transport** - Little Green Bus The LCC has withdrawn the NOWCARD assistance and as a consequence it is currently running at a loss. They are seeking assistance in order to keep the service going.

**It was resolved that** a £150 grant be made to assist with cost of the service with the proviso that a record of the number of Simonstone residents who use the service is kept which should be submitted to the Parish Council for consideration when further requests for funding are made.

d. **Website protocol**

**It was resolved that** Councillors Hodbod, Dawson and Duckworth be responsible for managing the Parish Council Website, Coun Dawson would ensure that the agenda and minutes be added when available. Articles submitted for putting on the site should be

circulated to members prior to them being added to website. The use of links should be made to items of general interest eg. LCC Winter Highway leaflet.

- d. **Grit Bin**-A request has been received to place a bin at the bottom of Dawson Ave and Harewood Ave.  
Councillors. Dawson and Hodbod declared an interest in this item and did not vote on the following resolution.

**It was resolved that** Councillor Dawson discuss with residents a possible location site for the bin. Subject to a satisfactory outcome the County Highways be requested to provide a grit bin.

#### 11/ 195 RVBC

- d. Ribble Valley Requirement Housing Consultation- The Parish Council considered the review document.

**It was resolved supported the option Aa Baseline Scenario Sensitivity Test** which forecasts the effect of taking into account the levels of vacant units and second homes and aims to reduce the number overall to 190 houses per year during the period of the plan.

- d. Dog Control Order-Parishes have been invited to identify land under their ownership/control which they would like to be included in the order so that various restrictions and requirements are placed on dog owners whilst exercising their dogs on the land.

**It was resolved** to note the invitation.

#### 11/ 196 Planning Applications.

Application number 2011/0894	<b>Officer</b> Colin Sharpe 01200 414500	Grid ref 377432 433404
Address	Fort Vale Engineering Calder Park Simonstone Lane Burnley	
Proposal	Proposed 50 KWp solar photovoltaic installation on two West facing roof slopes of the Production building.	
Parish Council comments	No objection	

- 11/ 197 **Jubilee Celebrations** – Members were asked to consider how the Parish Council should celebrate the Queens Jubilee next year on 4<sup>th</sup> June and what form of celebration should take place.

**It was resolved** to accept an invitation and to join Read Parish Council in a joint celebration event to be held at the Read Cricket Club on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012

#### 11/ 198 Payment of Accounts

i	<b>St Peters School</b>	<b>Hire of Hall</b>	<b>£155</b>
ii	<b>I R Hirst</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>£477.26</b>
iii	<b>PSS</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>£79.42</b>
iv	<b>HMRC</b>	<b>Income tax</b>	<b>£119.32</b>
v	<b>I R Hirst</b>	<b>Party expenses</b>	<b>£5.59</b>

**It was resolved** to approve payment of the above accounts

- d. **Revised Estimate for 2011/12-**

**It was resolved** to approve the revised estimate.

- d. **Budget for the Year 2012/13** **It was resolved** to set the precept for the year 2012/13 at £7400.

- 11/ 199 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings

- 11/ 200 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.**

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

1. Human Trafficking - Nigel Evans MP has forwarded the Parish Council's letter to the Minister for Equalities and Criminal Information at the Home Office, Lynne Featherstone.
2. Councillors Dawson and Meloy gave verbal reports on the Lancashire County Council Parish and Town Council Conference
3. Councillor Dawson gave a report on the Village SOS Road Show that he attended. He told the Meeting that the Road Show brought to the attention of parishes various funding streams to assist them save assets important to their communities from disappearing. The contact organisation is Rural England

**(Confidential Items of business not to be discussed in Public) None**

**I Roger Hirst**