

SIMONSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Members of Simonstone Parish Council are summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 6 November 2025 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 4 September 2025.

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. Budget Considerations.

Report of the Clerk (enclosed) for members to review the budget for 2026/27 as a precursor to setting the Parish Council's 2026/27 Precept.

7. Public Rights of Way – 'School Field' Footpath Considerations

Report of the Clerk (enclosed) outlining considerations surrounding school footpath, including funding decisions, parish/landowner views and additional cost implications (including legal, resurfacing and Lengthsman costs).

8. Overhanging hedges

Report of the Clerk (enclosed) outlining issues in the parish regarding overhanging hedges, proceedings so far and future action plan.

9. Meeting schedule for 2026.

Report of the clerk (enclosed) to approve proposed meeting dates for 2026.

ITEMS for INFORMATION:

10. Remembrance Sunday Arrangements.

Verbal update on preparations for Remembrance Sunday and laying of wreaths.

11. Festive Preparation.

Verbal updates on preparations from Cllr Vaughton for Christmas – Lighting arrangements and Higher Trappe Meal.

12. Maintenance arrangements for Parish Gardens.

Report of the Clerk (enclosed) on the current maintenance arrangements for the parish gardens and future considerations.

13. Update on Defibrillator.

Report of the Clerk (enclosed) to update members on the purchase of a new defibrillator.

14. Planning Report.

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

15. Crime Figures.

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

16. Parish Plan Questionnaire.

Update from members on the results of the recent questionnaire.

17. VE Day Remembrance Bench - Update

Update from members on the installation of the VE Day remembrance bench.

18. 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.

19. Future Meetings.

- **2026** – 8 January, 5 March.

Dr Anna Haines

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Simonstone Parish Council.



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