

# Simonstone Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Old School Simonstone

**Present**                      **Chairman**        **Cllr. John Aizlewood**  
                                  **Councillors.**   **Geoff Hodbod, Alan Duckworth, Pat Carter and Denise Rishton**  
                                  **Public**            **3 members of the public attended the meeting.**  
                                  **In attendance**   **Parish Clerk Roger Hirst.**

### Public Participation.

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

- 11/ 29    Apologies for absence**   Councillors Pam Jelley and John Hill.
- 11/ 30    Minutes of the Meeting** held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
**It was resolved that** the above minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 11/ 31    Declaration of interests** –None
- 11/ 32    Public Participation.** A member of the public told the meeting that he was very unhappy about the way in which the advice and decision to permit sightlines had been put in place without apparent consideration of the consequences that would affect both trees, hedgerows, wild life and other planning conditions placed on the site. He had written to RVBC to complain about the matter, asking for details of how the decision was arrived at. It was stated that animal proof fences topped with barbed wire had been erected which prevents the wild animals, deer, fox etc., to inhabit the wood which they had previously done, which is contrary to the undertakings given prior to the planning consent being given.

#### Decision items

- 11/ 33    Garden Club – Coun. Aizlewood reported** that he had a team of volunteers to carry out the planting the trees. and they are to meet on the land opposite Stork hotel on the 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 am. All were welcome to join the team of volunteers.  
**It was resolved** to note the report
- 11/ 34    Christmas arrangement for 2011.**
- a. **Retired folks party**, Catering arrangements and entertainment
- i            Two 2 quotes had been received.  
                  **It was resolved** that the lowest quote should be accepted on a like for like basis.
- ii           Coun Aizlewood reported that he had spoken to Mr Jelley who would assist in locating suitable entertainment .  
                  **It was resolved** to note the report.
- b. **Children's Party**
- i            **It was resolved** not to hold a Children's Party as there were other parties taking place on the available dates.
- 11/ 35    Items brought forward by members :-**
- a. **Progress on Common Land** application. Clerk reported that he had received a response from LCC and that the application has been taken forward "out of order".  
**It was resolved** to note the report and that the Clerk should request details of the procedure and the likely timetable.
- b. **Pump House Wood**; The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the Parish Champion concerning a letter about the Parish Council's concerns about the sightlines at the site and that he had not responded to it. A further letter had been forwarded to the Ribble Valley District Partnership Officer and a response was awaited.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

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- c. **Website Development** – Councillor Duckworth reported that progress had been made and that there was to be a meeting of the Working Party after the Parish Council meeting.  
**It was resolved** to note the report.

- d. **Congestion on School Lane**- A response had been received from LCC highways.  
**It was resolved** that a letter should be sent to the School requesting that Parents be reminded about the problems that occur on the Lane asking for their assistance in reducing the time taken at start and finishing times, so as to ease the flow of traffic on the lane and reduce the risk of blockages.

- 11/ 36 Day of Parish Council Meetings.** Coun Aizlewood proposed that the day for Council Meetings be changed to the last Thursday in the month and that the number of Parish Council meetings each year be changed from 10 to 4. (February, May, September and November)

**It was resolved** that the matter be discussed at the June Parish Council meeting after the new Council had met.

**11/ 37 Planning Applications.**

Application number <b>3/2011/0007</b> 17/01/2011	Officer Claire Booth 01200 414493	
Address	10 Carleton Avenue Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7JA	
Proposal	Erection of a single storey rear extension, with the addition of dormer windows to the rear creating a two storey conversion. Roof will be replaced and the ridge line raised. Applications for full consent.	
Parish Council comments	There has been strong local opposition to this proposal as the development site is in row a of 6 bungalows and will change the existing street scene on the southern side of the Road. RV Districtwide Plan 1998 Policy G1 H10	
RVBC decision	Refused	

Application number 3/2011/0069 10/02/2011	Officer: Claire Booth 01200 414493	Grid Reference 378006 434184
Address	The Farmhouse Dean Top Whalley Road Simonstone Lancashire	
Proposal	Proposed extension of existing dwelling to provide Granny Flat accommodation above the existing garage. Applications for full consent.	
Parish Council comments	The proposal is somewhat out of proportion with the existing building both on the front and rear elevations. It would be preferred that the materials used on each elevation matched those of the existing building.	

Application no <b>3/2011/0144</b>	<b>Officer:</b> : Colin Sharpe 01200414500	<b>Grid Reference</b> 377553 435426
Address	Tithe Barn House Whins Lane Simonstone Lancashire BB12 7QR	
Proposal	Detached stable block including 3 stables, tack room, covered horse box and mechanical tractor store. Also animal food storage. Applications for full consent.	
Parish Council Comments	awaited	

**11/ 38 LCC**

- a. Parish and Town Council Charter. Coun Duckworth and the Clerk reported they had attended a meeting at County Hall where a Working Party was reviewing the Charter. and they had submitted a questionnaire to RV. Parish Liaison Committee to ascertain the effectiveness of the existing charter in order to improve the working relationship between the layers of Local Government. Amongst the matters discussed were :-

- i Delegated Services Pilot Scheme – Grass verge cutting and public rights of way  
The Parish Lengthman scheme –a review of the existing scheme is taking place and it will be replaced in 2012. Parishes who wish to take over the management of some services have the opportunity to apply to the County Council to enter into a Service Level Agreement to provide them and receive funding to run them to a standard

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agreed by the County Council. Parishes wishing to take part in the Pilot are requested to apply by the 29<sup>th</sup> April.

- ii Lancashire Locals Committee was disbanded, at the start of the municipal year and trials are currently being carried out on a 3 Tier System which include District Councils the County Council and Parish Council in 3 Districts in the County. It is expected that the pilot will be completed by September when it is hoped that the new committees will be formed in each District.

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

#### 11/ 39 RVBC

- a. **LDF Core Strategy Report** – Clerk reported that the Council received formal responses from just under 750 bodies/individuals, containing a total of 3920 representations. The majority (59%) of representations were made from people living in the Parish of Whalley. The second highest number of representations (10% of all reps received) was received from respondents based outside RV. from Planning Agents or Land Owners. This was then followed by respondents from the Parish of Billington and Langho (7.8%), Longridge (6.7%) and Clitheroe (5%). The option chosen by the Parish Council was the most preferred option ie. that development should be on a pro-rata basis.

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

- b. **Community Group Forum** It was reported that there was to be a meeting to form a Community Groups Forum on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at St Mary Centre Clitheroe at 4.30pm.

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

#### 11/ 40 LALC

- a. **Chairmanship Workshop**- 6<sup>th</sup> April £25 At Howick House

**It was resolved** that Coun. Hodbod should attend.

- b. **HMRC** – The Clerk reported that all Parish Councils have to be registered Employers for collecting PAYE. The Clerk reported that the effect on parish councils was yet to be identified.

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

#### 11/ 41 Finance

##### a. Payment of Accounts

i	<b>Eon</b>	<b>Christmas Lights</b>	<b>£1.37</b>
ii	<b>I R Hirst</b>	<b>Salary/Expenses</b>	<b>£700.54</b>
iii	<b>LALC</b>	<b>Annual subscription</b>	<b>£190.44</b>

**It was resolved** to pay the above accounts.

##### b. Balances **£10,681**

#### 11/ 42 Matters reported by members for consideration at future meetings.

- a. Feed back should be reported on matters in future meetings.

#### 11/ 43 Matters for reporting to the appropriate authorities.

- a. Padiham bye- pass – litter on the verges.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in the Old School, Simonstone Lane, Simonstone.**

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

1. Planning Committee Agenda 17/3/11
2. Minutes of the Council March 2011
3. Budget Consultations 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011
4. Audit and Account Committee 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011
5. Parish Liaison Meeting Agenda 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011

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

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