

*Simonswood Parish Council*  
*"Growing from Strength to Strength"*

Annual Open Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 at 19:00 hrs at Four Lane Ends, Mission Hall, Skelmersdale Rd, Bickerstaffe L39 0EZ.

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: J Mercer, A Lewis, B Rimmer and N Shaw

WLBC councillor: I Rigby

Clerk : S Smith

Residents : 9 plus 4 young adults

APOLOGIES - None

Cllr Mercer opened the meeting at 19:00 hrs and thanked those attending.

Clerk introduced members of the parish council to the residents.

Residents were informed that all parish councils are required to have a government web site and emails. Simonswood's web site was launched 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Simonswood-pc.gov.uk). Cllr Shaw loaded the web site to the projector and talked through the contents on the web site currently.

We are hoping to use it to communicate with most residents by using Face book, Messenger and any other platforms residents may want.

We are hoping that we can use it to assist the community.

If anyone has any history of Simonswood, this could be used to add to the web site.

Our history is important, older minutes and various articles are kept in the archives in Preston.

There is also a Simonswood chest (looks like a pirate's chest) that has belonged to the council for a very long time.

The councillors informed residents that they fight for the good of Simonswood.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Resident stated that not all residents can make morning meetings and requested could it be changed.

RESOLVED this to be discussed at next meeting, this could be online, evenings or mornings

Cllr Rimmer advised how Simonswood was part of KBC and the boundary change moved it back to WLBC

HGV's

The council was asked if complaints have been made to LCC

Clerk advised this has been done many times over the years with no luck

A planning application for 3 warehouses on Stopgate Lane was objected to as it could have led to more HGV's travelling the wrong way. This went to appeal and the applicant won but we do have a commitment that HGV's will leave the correct way.

KMBC will not clean Pingwood and Stopgate Lane due to the rubbish from HGVs from the Simonswood Industrial estate. KMB have a pot of money to change the traffic at Stopgate and Shevingtons Lane. Cllr Rigby suggested contacting KMBC and request an APNR camera on Stopgate Lane.

Fly tipping is an issue

Stopgate Lane needs cleaning, clearing and to be repaired

If you see anything that needs reporting, please report it and let the parish council know it has been reported with the police incident number. It also requires other residents to report it as well.

The smell from the Industrial Estate needs more than 5 people to report any foul smells to the Environment Agency otherwise it is ignored.

A question was raised who monitors APNR cameras. LCC can keep the fine money from the cameras.

Can APNR can they be rented?

1<sup>st</sup> public meeting young members, well behaved.

1<sup>st</sup> parish council to give residents open forum.

The council thanked the residents for coming along with the 4 young residents.

Refreshments were provided

Meeting closed at 20:30 hrs