

Simonswood Parish Council
"Growing from Strength to Strength"

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd July 2025 at 9:30 am in Four Lane Ends Mission Hall, Skelmersdale Rd, Bickerstaffe L39 0EZ.

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PRESENT

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Parish Councillors: Cllrs Mercer, Lewis, Rimmer and Shaw.

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WLBC Councillor: Cllr Rigby.

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Clerk: S Smith

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Residents 2

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APOLOGIES - none

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Cllr Mercer welcomed everyone to the meeting, the meeting started at 9:33 am

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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Minutes of the previous meetings 5th June 2025 was approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chairman.

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PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

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The meeting was adjourned for a period of public participation.

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Overgrown hedges Hall Lane

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Cllr Rigby suggested reporting it to clean streets, they may be able to contact the owner.

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Clerk to find out who owns the land and request the hedge be cut if possible or would

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they be willing to remove the hedge on left hand side heading into Kirkby and replace

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with a wooden fence from Brick Kiln House to the bridge.

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Speeding traffic on bridge and in Hall Lane

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Pedestrians coming from Kirkby cross the bridge with back to the traffic. Elderly gent had

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to throw himself into field as HGV driver did not see him.

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Cllr Lewis has suggested: A full road width speed ramp to be installed on the sharp bend

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over the brook bridge in Hall Lane to reduce the speed of traffic to below 5MPH for the

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duration of the bend in the road, I am also calling for LCC highways to make an urgent

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visit to this site as pedestrians can no longer walk on the side walk and are being forced to

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walk on the highway in the direct path of fast moving traffic including HGV's (there is a

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very serious road safety issue present at this location) something practical has to done at

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this site that will have the effect to slow all traffic down to almost a stop, an alternative

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would be one way traffic, traffic light controlled

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Noise on Simonswood Moss

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Cllr Rigby had taken sound readings, 48 decibels on hard standing as contractors

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pumping concrete. Concreting will be finished in two weeks; resident will wait until

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completed.

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RESOLVED: - if resident has any more problems to phone any councillor who will ring Mr

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Baldwin and both will try to find out where the noise is coming from.

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Meeting reconvened

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MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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SIMONSWOOD MOSS

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Parish councillors and borough councillor met at Simonswood Moss with Mr Baldwin Junior

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and dug holes with a digger in various places to check that there was no moss.

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May have found Polytrichum moss? Is this the start of peat regeneration?

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Holes have been dug and black sand was found at the bottom.

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To discuss at the next meeting regarding the way forward. Then to arrange a meeting with

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Mr Baldwin senior regarding findings.

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Clerk to contact Marcus Hudson (LCC planning) regarding the moss

194 Has a 106 agreement been done?
195 What should have been done in the 10 years after care?
196 Has 106 been signed off?
197 The parish councillors have agreed that Mr Baldwin has to date rejuvenated a large area
198 of the moss from the tip it was left in.
199 Clerk to gather as much information as possible, the findings to be discussed and then to
200 arrange meeting with Mr Baldwin
201 Do we ask natural England for a site visit to ask their advice
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203 PLANNING

204 App [LCC/2022/0003](#)

205 Demolition of existing building and erection of purpose-built building (and ancillary
206 structures) to house high temperature treatment facility for the management of medical
207 waste incinerator

208 The parish council have heard that the 106 agreement hasn't been signed yet as land is
209 now owned by the Duchy and they do not want to sell. Culzean are enquiring into the
210 purchase of the land. Find date of planning committee oct 22.

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212 WLBC App: 2025/0026/PNP Proposal: Consideration of Details for Prior Approval -
213 Agricultural Building. Location: Top House Farm, Boundary Lane, Kirkby, Liverpool,
214 Knowsley, L33 3AL

215 Decision: Prior Notif-Agriculture- Details **REFUSED**

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217 KMBC APP: 25/00359/NEI Spencers House Farm North Perimeter Road . change app no
218 Determination as to whether prior approval of details is required - enlargement of
219 dwellinghouse by the construction of additional storey. maximum height of proposed
220 additional storey - 7.68m.

221 Recommendation: - That the Certificate of Lawfulness **SHOULD BE GRANTED** subject to the
222 conditions of A.3 criteria as full planning permission is not required for this proposal
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224 SIMONSWOOD HALL

225 Clerk to advise the planning department that work has started on the hall but the parish
226 council has not seen any planning applications and it is a listed building,
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228 AOB

229 CLLR RIGBY

230 Advised that a meeting was to be held to include WLBC councillors also to include
231 Simonswood Round Table?

232 Clerk to find out who/where is Simonswood Round Table and request that our parish
233 council also be invited to any meeting as they would like to be involved.
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235 ROAD CLOSURES

236 Road closures have been advised by the agenda.
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238 LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY (LNRS)

239 Forward to Mr Baldwin and Cllr Shaw to see if it may be of interest to them.
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241 FINANCE

242 TO PAY - Hire of hall July meeting £28.00
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244 AUDIT - Self-exemption form emailed 30th June 2025
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246 NEXT MEETING

247 7th August 2025