

486 *Simonswood Parish Council*

487 *"Growing from Strength to Strength"*

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489 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 9:30 am in
490 Four Lane Ends Mission Hall, Skelmersdale Rd, Bickerstaffe L39 0EZ.

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492 PRESENT
493 Parish Councillors: Cllrs Mercer, Lewis, Rimmer and Shaw.
494 WLBC Councillor: Cllr Rigby.
495 Clerk: S Smith
496 Residents 2

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498 APOLOGIES – None

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500 Cllr Mercer thanked everyone for attending and the meeting started at 09.38hrs

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502 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

503 The minutes of the last meeting held on 4th September 2025 were approved as a true and
504 accurate record.

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506 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

507 None

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509 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

510 Meeting was adjourned for a period of public participation,

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512 SIMONSWOOD MOSS

513 Please see main agenda under Simonswood Moss.

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515 SIMONSWOOD RIDING Club may now only be doing livery.

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517 Meeting reconvened.

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519 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

520 SIGNS

521 Clerk has now sent details of signs to CIL – waiting for reply.

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523 SHAPING CARE TOGETHER

524 Details can be found on the parish council website. Presentation and links to web site
525 have been emailed to residents.

526 Simonswood Parish Council held meetings to produce a presentation and presented it to
527 the forum on behalf of the parish council and residents.

528 Cllr Shaw was thanked for her presentation the professional presentation on behalf of the
529 PC.

530 The parish council explained to the residents that we did what we thought was best for
531 the residents and parish council.

532 Cllr Rigby thanked the parish council for representing residents.

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534 PLANNING

535 Application No: 2025/0768/FUL Proposal: First floor extension at side and garage
536 conversion. Site Location: Olive View, Stopgate Lane, Simonswood.

537 This property was originally Rimwood may have new occupants.

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541 SIMONSWOOD MOSS

542 Reply from Jonathan Haine There was a section 106 agreement attached to planning
543 permission 8/10/196 which extended the aftercare period on any phase of the site to a
544 total of 10 years following completion of restoration works. The section 106 agreement
545 runs with the land so will apply to the current landowner as well as the previous landowner.
546 We are currently undertaking a review of the site to understand where the restoration
547 works are up to and if any further restoration and aftercare works are required. The
548 planning permission contains a requirement to submit a monitoring report of the
549 restoration works which will include commentary on the success of the restoration works. It
550 would probably be too early to tell if peat is regenerating – it's more about providing the
551 correct hydrological conditions to allow the peat to regenerate in time.
552 Clerk to write to Jonathan to ask if each area has a 106 agreement.
553 What is restoration scheme. Meeting we want things missing some information.
554 When information received: -
555 Request a zoom meeting of approx. 30 mins.
556 Need to have a conversation with Mr Baldwin

557 INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

558 Keelshore has an lmac on top of mound and raising the height of the mound further.
559 Fire brigade recently attended a fire on the estate.

562 APP-0727-LBC Simonswood Hall

563 Simonswood Parish Council OBJECT strongly to the application.

564 This is a Historic England grade II* property, listed as entry 13434716, LBS no 215302. It is not
565 grade II.

566 Grade II* buildings are particularly important buildings of more than special interest.

567 Around 5.8% of listed buildings are Grade II* and they usually showcase the highest quality
568 of craftsmanship, are in original condition and may have once been the home to a
569 notable person in history.

570 We are very concerned that nobody has checked this out at WLBC.

571 The application does not seem to be in line with a listed building.

574 Clerk has written to Paul Chadwick, Enforcement at WLBC

575 Advised that SPC have seriously objected to the application and the parish council are
576 seriously concerned that nobody checked if it was grade II or grade II*

577 The parish council also want to inform you that there is a large new build being
578 constructed at the rear of the Hall, it also has gable ends.

579 The Parish Council spoke about the hall in our meeting on 4th September 2025, a few
580 people at the meeting also stated the hall had cellars, are they still in intact?

581 Can you please keep us informed?

583 AOB

584 SPEED BUMPS -HEADBOLT LANE AND HALL LANE, KMBC

585 Sharp edges and angles on the speed bumps are causing residents and chairman to
586 replace tyres on vehicles and trailers, suspension and steering are also being damaged.

587 Clerk has sent email to KMBC

588 Reply from Joanne, Tarmac Highways Maintenance

589 We have been passed your email from KMBC. We have logged enquiries for our reactive
590 highways inspector, from which jobs will be raised for actionable defects and submitted to
591 KMBC for approval.

593 PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

594 It was agreed that "surgeries" can be held, resident cannot be named but reason must
595 be stated. No advice or decision until discussed with whole council and minuted under
596 Part II.

597 EVENING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

598 Clerk to write and ask for contact details of the Greek tutor, we have been advised
599 lessons are done in back room and clerk has requested if they would be happy for us to
600 use the main room and would be happy to share the cost of the hall hire.

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602 FINANCE

603 The parish council agreed to pay for: -

604 Hire of hall £28.00

605 Printing of Leaflets £30.00

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607 NEXT MEETING. 6th November 2025

608 Meeting closed 11:20 am