

Simonswood Parish Council
"Growing from Strength to Strength"

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th November 2025 at 9:30 am in Four Lane Ends Mission Hall, Skelmersdale Rd, Bickerstaffe L39 0EZ.

PRESENT

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

LCC Councillor Cllr Owens

WLBC Councillor: Cllr Rigby

Clerk: S Smith

Residents 3

Cllr Mercer thanked everyone for attending and asked everyone to stand for a minute's silence for remembrance.

APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr N Shaw

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd October 2025 were approved and agreed as a true and accurate record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Meeting adjourned for a period of public participation.

Clerk to check a resident's email as emails not being received.

Mounds at Keelshore on Williams Brothers estate, are increasing in size.

The school bus (Holmeswood Travel) has been speeding down Hall Lane,

Highways traffic calming methods site meeting Moss Lane.

Speeding HGVs on Hall Lane, no name but black thin yellow line on side also Suez HGV's

Bins have not been collected in Hall Lane, Cllr Rigby explained that it will hopefully be back to normal soon.

Resident asked about who is responsible for cutting back vegetation in Simonswood Brook, councillor who is a framer stated that they can only do a certain length and not sure who now does what i.e. River Board or Farmer

Meeting reconvened.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

"SIMONSWOOD ROUND TABLE MEETING" was held on line 22/10/25,

Cllr Rigby attended the 1st meeting, it is an EA led meeting, future meetings will monthly up to May 2026. Cllr Rigby to email copy of the minutes.

From Flo Churchill

I will do some digging but I am not aware of a meeting having been held – I will ask and come back to you. It is certainly not our intention to ignore the Parish Council as we are very aware of the contribution the Parish Council makes.

SIMONSWOOD MEETING

STOPGATE LANE FOOTPATHS

Email from Cllr Owens

The team were late starting the work due in part, so I'm told, to the huge amount of material which needed removing from previous pavement clearance.

They have now commenced in Bickerstaffe on Liverpool Road and Ben Lane. I am assured that the work will continue, and I asked that Stopgate Lane be a priority.

Hopefully the wait will not be too long now.

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BLOCKED GRIDS Stopgate lane

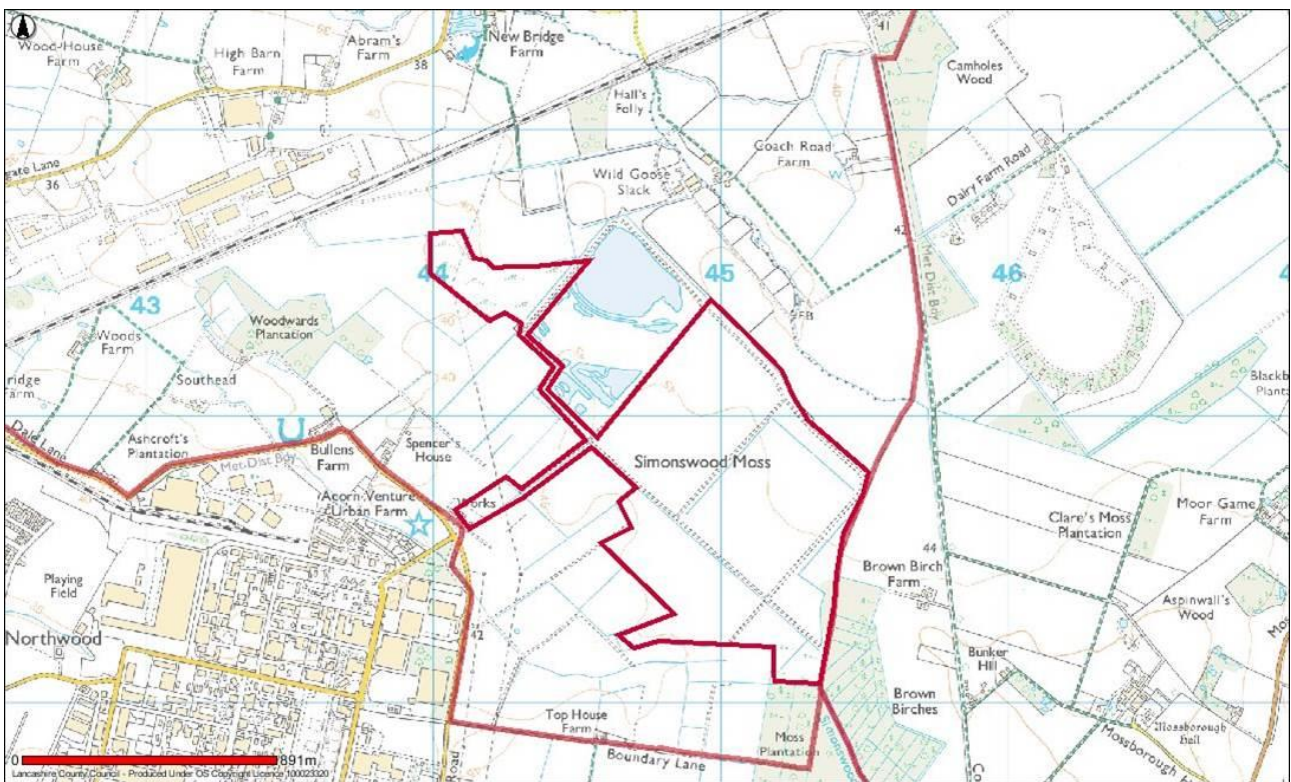
Clerk wrote to Highways Lead (last response). Now been advised it is Clean Streets This has been assessed by an inspector and has been recommended for inclusion in our future programme. We will continue to monitor and make safe any hazards in the meantime.

SIMONSWOOD MOSS

Email from Jonathan Haine

There is one section 106 agreement for the entire Moss area (excluding area 2), and it covers all of the land subject to permission ref 8/10/ 0196 – see plan below (the dark red line is the s106 area).

The conditions of permission 8/10/196 require a separate restoration scheme to be submitted for each area of the site as working is completed within each area. However, the broad restoration concept to the whole site is set out in the application documents for 8/10/196 which you can access through our webpage.



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Cllr Rigby is going to Altcar to see rewetting of the moss at Altcar.

Cllr Mercer to arrange a meeting with Mr Baldwin as a new application will be made in February 2026 and he would like to keep parish council informed.

Clerk has found an England peat map on the Gov.uk web site.

[England Peat Map](#) (Ctrl and click) for map please see previous agenda.

SIGNAGE

Kevin Parkinson needs a final decision on the proposed positioning so we can ensure that there are no related issues. Unfortunately, signage within the highway is limited to information considered beneficial for drivers and does not allow for any personalisation or additional text that may result in an unnecessary distraction to road users.

From the information previously provided, I have attached a mock-up detailing potential siting and layout. The rose image on the full sign is just a template and can be substituted with your logo/image. The western sites on Hall Lane and Stopgate Lane also represent the county boundary and already feature boundary signage to this effect, which, in line with current Department for Transport instructions to declutter the network, would require

701 us to combine signage to avoid potential driver information overload. Given this, I have
702 proposed adding supplemental signage to the existing provision.
703 Without knowing your exact requirements, I'm unable to provide precise costings, but in
704 general, the full (eastern) signs and dual poles will be in the region of £600 per location
705 with a further £300 each for the supplemental signage, including installation and
706 associated traffic management.
707 If, after assessing the plans, you would like to continue, please confirm details of the final
708 layouts and positioning required (including any replacement logo), and I will draw up a
709 more detailed *quote for your attention*.
710 Clerk to write to insurance company to find out if the signs are damaged by traffic, graffiti
711 or vandalism who is responsible for the repair.

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713 SIMONSWOOD HALL

714 Enforcement Reference Number: CS0256992.

715 From Paul Charlson

716 Alleged Breach: Erection of extension. Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory
717 Services Paul Charlson. Our ref: E/2025/0245/LB Location: Simonswood Hall, Hall Lane,
718 Simonswood, Liverpool. Thank you for your recent correspondence received 3rd
719 November 2025 drawing my attention to a possible breach of planning control at the
720 above site. I can confirm that the matter will be investigated as soon as possible and
721 during the investigation it may be necessary to contact you for more information.

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723 Police informed there has been several people asking for directions to the hall during the
724 day and evening Ref no: SCA-9681-25-0404-02.

725 From Neil Smith (Police)

726 If any of the residents are happy to contact me and explain the situation, I would be
727 grateful, they can contact me via email and leave their telephone number if they would
728 prefer that method of contact.

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730 AOB

731 RESIDENTS INVITE

732 Clerk sent email to residents and had one resident asking to be removed from mailing list
733 as they had not signed up for marketing purposes. I have asked if they would reconsider
734 as all emails to residents are sent as blind carbon copy and their names cannot be
735 identified by other residents. As there has been no reply to the clerk has now removed
736 their name from our list.

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738 FINANCES

739 Pay for November Hire of Hall £28

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741 MEETINGS

742 Clerk to check if meeting can be done by Zoom and if resolutions can be agreed or
743 disagreed by email.

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745 NEXT MEETING 4th December 2025, Clerk to try and arrange a Thursday evening.