

Notice of Ordinary Meeting of
Simonswood Parish Council 6th November 2025
Growing from strength to strength

To Members of the Council

I hereby give notice that a meeting of Simonswood Parish Council will be held on Thursday 6th November 2025 at 09:30 am in Four Lane Ends Mission Hall, Skelmersdale Rd, Bickerstaffe L39 0EZ.

THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IS BELOW.

PRESENT

APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence
Cllr N Shaw

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the last meeting 2nd October 2025 and to approve them as a true and accurate record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- i to receive any changes to the current register of interests,
- ii to receive any Declarations of Interest for any item on this agenda,
- iii dispensations.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

- i to adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation,
- ii to reconvene the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

STOPGATE LANE

FOOTPATHS

Reply 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.

BLOCKED GRIDS

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

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

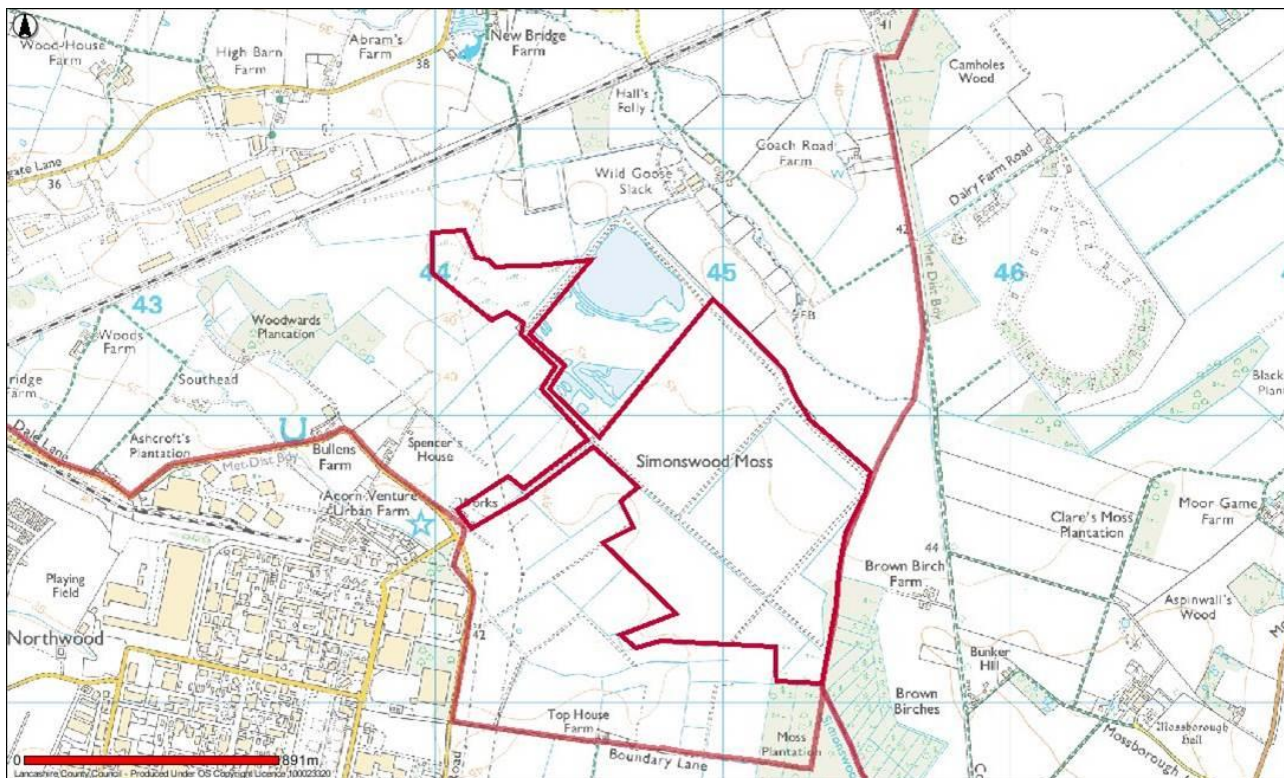
Moss

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



LCC PLANNING

Clerk has not received any planning for a while, and I was advised the weekly planning lists are sent out by the district councils not LCC. The planning team email address for South Ribble Council is planning@southribble.gov.uk !!

Clerk has also stated there is no track button like the surrounding councils: - WLBC, KMBC SBC

The reply: - Unfortunately, the LCC online register does not have the facility of a track button. I agree it would be very useful, and I will put the idea forward to the software company we use to see if one could be added to the online register.

West Lancs, Knowsley and Sefton use a different software company for their online planning registers. Unfortunately, the software company we use to facilitate our online planning register, does not offer the 'Tracking' option. Sorry for any inconvenience.

LCC does not send out a weekly planning application list. We do not receive the same volume of planning applications as the district councils, so a weekly list is not necessary. If we do receive any planning applications that fall within the Simonswood Parish boundary we always consult you on the application for any comments you may have.

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.

SIMONSWOOD HALL

Enforcement Reference Number: CS0256992. Clerk been advised not to email enforcement officer (as previous) but to email the Enforcement admin email.

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

AOB

RESIDENTS INVITE

Clerk sent email to residents and had one resident asking to be removed from mailing list as they had not signed up for marketing purposes. I have asked if they would reconsider as all emails to residents are sent as blind carbon copy and their names cannot be identified by other residents. I have now removed their name from our list.

NEXT MEETING 6th November 2025