

# Simonburn Parish Council

## DRAFT Minutes – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Venue – Simonburn Village Hall

**Chairman:** Mrs JE Lamb

**Clerk:** Miss K L Heaney

**Meeting started at 18:04pm**

**Present** Cllrs Mrs JE Lamb (Chairman), Cllr Peter Rowcroft, Clerk Miss K Heaney. Absent – Cllr D Bulman.

10-03-01 **Declaration of Interest** No declarations received.

10-03-02 **Apologies** – Cllr A Mardell – no other apologies received.

10-03-03 **Minutes** – Minutes for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December have been approved and signed.

10-03-04 **Clerk's Report** – Noted. Members approved the report received. Members of the council agreed to send clerk some information/links regarding information and history of Simonburn for the new website, Clerk will update onto the website when received, and we will also contact the village hall to include their events onto the website also.

10-03-05 **HugoFox updates** - Hugofox/NALC updates – Email service and website is up and running, Clerk is currently uploading documents from previous website. Would like to ask members if they would like more information on the website such as COMMUNITY, HISTORY, PEOPLE AND LINKS. If anyone has any ideas, please send them to the Clerk.

### 10-03-06 **Reports – Village Hall, NCC and PCC**

**Village Hall** – All events are currently well supported by local/surrounding residents, with the Bacon sandwiches and the bingo being the more popular events. First aid night will be held 22<sup>nd</sup> April, time to be confirmed closer to the date.

**PCC** – Village Fate date set 25<sup>th</sup> July – details will be confirmed and posted onto the website and the noticeboard. Windows in the church are finished and looking great and repairs on the lych gate have started.

**NCC** – Report received from Cllr Antonia Azócar-Nevin below:

**Flooding** - A meeting was held on 12 March with Rebecca Smith from Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management and Michael Rowe from Highways to discuss local flooding concerns and possible next steps.

**Council Tax Increase** - Following the budget meeting on 18 February, it was confirmed that council tax and the adult social care precept will increase for the coming year.

Concerns were raised by councillors regarding changes to the council tax support banding system. While the revised scheme is intended to simplify the process and help achieve £2 million in savings, it will reduce the level of support available to some residents who previously received 100% assistance with their bills.

The county council receives the main council tax and social care precepts, the parish council receives the parish precept, and the Police and Crime Commissioner receives the police precept.

The agreed increases are as follows:

Council tax: 2.99%

Adult social care precept: 2.0%

Police and crime precept: 9.45%

Bus Services

Prior to my election, Nick Morphet submitted residents' transport suggestions from across the ward to Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC).

I have since been appointed as NCC's representative on the local bus board, which supports access to funding through the Bus Service Improvement Plan. Following discussions with members of the NCC Bus Team, officers confirmed they are continuing to review the suggestions submitted. Report shortened and summarised for the draft minutes.

**10-03-07 Matters Arising (not on agenda)**

N/A

**10-03-08 Accounts & Balances up to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Balances as of 4<sup>th</sup> March 26 2025 £2,064.18 (Savings Account £3,394.58)

Outstanding Lodgements.

- SLCC – Membership renewal £84.00
- Clerk Salary - £417.80
- HMRC Paye - £125.20 & £104.60 = Total £731.60

The Council approved the draft letter for the annual AGAR – draft letter circulated prior, letter to be emailed across to the auditor.

**10-03-09 Date of next meeting – Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 6:00pm**  
**Venue Simonburn Village Hall.** Future meetings are on the website.

Signed Chairman .....

Date .....

Meeting closed at 19:36pm