

## Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of 11 April 2011 at the Village Hall, Stalmine

**Present:** Cllrs R Pye (Chairman), Ms P Andrews, R Holford, K Jenkinson, W McCann

Also present: PCSO N Johnson, Mr M Tucker, Mrs J Jackson, Mrs D Anderson

Before the start of the meeting proper, PCSO Johnson gave a report on the crime figures for the area for March.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Pye declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 11.00210.ful.

**Minutes:** to receive the minutes of the meeting of 14 March 2011 as a correct record:

**(1)(2011/12) Resolved:** Cllr Jenkinson proposed the minutes as a correct record.

### Planning

#### *Applications*

Members considered the following applications:

11.00238.fulmaj — part retrospective application for change of use of three existing buildings (B/C & D on submitted plans) from agricultural to industrial units within USE Classes B1 (light industrial) and the erection of three new buildings (to replace buildings A/E & F on submitted plans), buildings A/E to be used as B1 (light industrial) and building F to be used as B8 (storage and distribution) and the erection of two utility buildings (resubmission of 10.00737.fulmaj) at Long Acres Farm, Back Lane, Stalmine, FY6 0LN.

Members thought this application would result in the same problems as the previous application namely highway safety, excessive traffic and destruction of visual amenity.

**(2)(2011/12) Resolved:** that Wyre Borough Council be informed of the view of the Parish Council.

11.00210.ful — erection of a greenhouse extension to the southeast of existing structures, erection of new greenhouse and to extend the general purpose building at Cleggs Nurseries, Back Lane, Stalmine.

Cllr Pye left the room during the discussion of this item and took no part in the voting thereon. Cllr Ms Andrews, vice-chairman, took the chair. Members had no objection to this application.

**(3)(2011/12) Resolved:** that Wyre Borough Council be informed of the view of the Parish Council.

#### *Consultation*

*Halite Energy* – review of land rights and interests under the ownership or control of Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council which might be affected by a proposal to store gas underground in the Preesall Saltfield. Members were informed that there were no land interests of the Parish Council affected by the proposal.

**(4)(2011/12) Resolved:** that Halite be informed there are no land rights and interests under the ownership or control of Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council which might be affected by a proposal to store gas underground in the Preesall Saltfield.

*Halite Energy* — *Consultation on proposed application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission* for a Development consent Order to construct and operate and Underground Natural Gas Facility at Preesall, Lancashire.

Members were informed that Halite had begun formal consultation on its proposals to store gas underground in the Preesall Saltfield.

**(5)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the view of the Parish Council be made know to the IPC and Halite after that company's presentation to the Council on May 16.

**Stalmine Bowling Club** — request for a donation towards the cost of installing floodlights.

Members considered a request from Stalmine Bowling Club, who had submitted estimates, to make a donation towards the cost of installing floodlights at the club.

**(6)(2011/12) Resolved:** that a donation of £500 be made to the Club.

**To receive an estimate for the erection of a fence on the playing field.**

Members were informed that only one estimate had been returned in the sum of £750 has been received for the work.

**(7)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the contract be awarded to I Henderson of Stalmine.

### Clerk's Report

#### *Consultation on the Future of Public Audit*

Members were asked if they had any comment to make on a DCLG consultation paper on the future of public audit process and that NALC would like to respond on behalf of local councils and LALC has asked for comments to be made through it. Members felt there should be a lighter touch for small parish councils, that the audit fee was excessive for the amount of work involved and that the time for completing the audit was too short.

**(8)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the views of the Council be made known to LALC.

#### *LALC Wyre Area Committee*

Members were asked if they had any issues they wished to raise at the next meeting of the Wyre Area Committee of LALC on Tuesday April 12.

**(9)(2011/12) Resolved:** that Members inform the Clerk of any issues before the meeting.

#### *Wyre Volunteer Bureau*

Members were informed that Wyre Volunteer Bureau had written to the Parish Council offering its services in the recruitment and placement of volunteers in the community. Members were asked if they had views about the recruitment and use of volunteers in the Parish.

**(10)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the Bureau be asked to provide further information on their work in the area.

#### *St Aidan's Church of England Technology College*

Members were informed that a letter has been received from Ian Taylor, chair of the Governors of St Aidan's College informing the Council that the College intends to move towards academy status during 2011.

**(11)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the letter be noted.

### Finance

#### *Cheques*

Approval was sought for the following payments by cheque:

		£
903	PW Swarbrick	172.48
904	SL Needham	152.67
905	LALC	230.22
906	Wyre Building Supplies	26.99
907	Ian Henderson	480.00
908	Aon Ltd Insurance	746.14

**(12)(2010/2011) Resolved:** that the above payments be approved.

### Arrangements for Parish Meeting, Annual Meeting and May ordinary meeting

In view of the confirmed acceptance by Halite to make a presentation to the Parish Council on their gas storage project Members were asked to consider the arrangements for the Parish Meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the May ordinary meeting.

Members felt that the presentation would attract a large attendance at the meeting and the committee room at the village hall would be unsuitable. In addition, the main hall and small hall were booked. The noise from the dance exercise class would detract from the presentation.

**(13)(2011/12) Resolved:** in the public interest and with regard to health and safety issues, that the Clerk investigate the availability of the main function room at Wyre Villa FC and to book it, if suitable and subject to the bar being shut during all three meetings.

### Cllr Ron Holford

The Chairman reported that Cllr Holford was standing down from the Parish Council

**(14)(2011/12) Resolved:** that Cllr Holford be thanked for his years of good service to the Council, which were much appreciated by the Members.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.