

### Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of 8 August 2011 at the Village Hall, Stalmine

**Present:** Cllrs M J Jackson (Chairman), Mrs D Anderson, Ms P Andrews, K Jenkinson, Miss A McCann, W McCann. Also present Mr M Tucker

Before the start of the meeting proper, Mr Tucker gave Members a report on the flowerbeds in the parish. Mr Tucker also updated Members on progress with flood relief and sewer improvements.

7.45 p.m. meeting proper starts

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Jenkinson declared a personal interest in the application by the Village Hall committee for a donation by way of his membership of the Hall's committee

**Minutes:** to receive the minutes of the meeting of 11 July 2011 as a correct record:

**(63)(2011/12) Resolved:** Cllr W McCann proposed the minutes as a correct record.

#### Planning

##### *Applications*

11.00495.ful single storey rear extension and side conservatory at 11 Malvern Avenue, Stalmine FY6 0QD (amended application)

11.00571.ADV — advertisement consent to display one non-illuminated signboard on land adjacent to 3 Birch Grove, Stalmine, FY6 0LS

Members considered the above applications and did not object to either of them.

**(64)(2011/12) Resolved:** that Wyre Borough Council be informed of the Council's view.

#### Halite energy

Members were informed that Halite energy had responded at length to the letter we sent to them following their presentation at the May council meeting.

**(65)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the unsatisfactory reply be noted.

Members were informed that Halite energy issued a press statement about the incident involving brine well 45 at Preesall including an allegation of sabotage.

**(66)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the Clerk writes to Lancashire Constabulary asking to be informed of the outcome of the Police investigation and, in the public interest, to seek an assurance, if possible, about any action involving the police and other brine wells whose condition is cause for concern.

#### Review of Polling districts and Polling Places

Members were informed of Wyre Borough Council's periodic review of Polling Districts and Polling Places and asked if they had any comments. Members considered the current arrangements to be satisfactory.

**(67)(2011/12) Resolved:** the Wyre Borough Council be informed that Members consider the current arrangements to be satisfactory.

#### Consultation by Wyre BC on street cleansing

Members were informed that Wyre Borough Council is taking street cleaning back in-house from 1 April 2012 and is consulting parish and town councils on what areas need cleaning and how often. Wyre Borough Council also asked about the duties of the parish lengthsman and if there are any hot spots or regularly missed areas for cleaning in the village?

**(68)(2011/12) Resolved:** that Wyre Borough Council be informed that: a, the Parish Council; welcomes the return of the cleansing contract in house; b, that they be informed of problem cleansing areas; c, that the lengthsman is not available for duties that should be carried out by Wyre Borough Council

#### Stalmine Village Hall dry rot repairs request for donation

Members were informed that Stalmine Village Hall committee is asking the Parish Council to contribute to the cost of new joists and flooring in the entrance hall after dry rot was discovered. They seek a donation of £1500.

**(69)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the Village Hall Committee be asked to provide further information on the costs and Hall's finances before Members consider the level of any donation.

### **Clerk's report**

#### *Stalmine Bus Shelter*

Members were informed that an electricity supply had been connected to the bus shelter outside the Seven Stars and the light is working and that the Parish Council could now formally accept the two shelters from Lancashire County Council and put the shelters on the Council's insurance.

**(70)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the report be noted.

#### *LCC Consultation on draft policy for managing unauthorised encampments*

Members were informed that Lancashire County Council were consulting on their proposed policy and codes of practise for public authorities who may become involved in unauthorised encampments on LCC land. Members felt that support for parishes was minimal and the matter should be raised with the Lancashire Association of Lancashire Councils.

**(71)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the Clerk asks the Secretary of the Wyre Area Committee to put it on the agenda for the next LALC meeting.

### **Finance**

#### *Cheques*

Approval was sought for the following payments by cheque:

		£
923	PW Swarbrick	178.92
924	SL Needham	233.40
925	Bowland Mountain Rescue	100.00

**(72)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the above payments be approved.

### **Harmonisation of remuneration rates for parish lengthsman**

Members were asked to consider exclusion of the press and public because of the confidential nature of the following business.

**(73)(2011/12) Resolved:** Under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of paragraph 12

Members were informed that the rate of pay for the Parish Lengthsman was below that generally paid by other parish councils in the Wyre Area, which had linked their pay rates to that of an Agricultural labourer grade 3. Members were asked if they wished to link the Stalmine lengthsman and extra lengthsman pay to the Agricultural Labourer rate grade 3 and from what date. They were also informed that the hourly increase of £1.07 could be accommodated within the current year's budget because of an under spend on the extra lengthsman's remuneration.

**(74)(2011/12) Resolved:** that the rate of pay for the lengthsman and extra lengthsman be increased from September to the proposed agricultural labourer grade 3 rate.

Date of next meeting, 12 September 2011

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.48 pm.