

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

8 February 2019

CLERK'S REPORT

Sharing lengthsman

Discussions have taken place regarding Hambleton's lengthsman carrying out summer planting work and bed maintenance in Stalmine. The lengthsman has indicated that he would be happy to take on the extra duties and this is included on the agenda for council approval.

Woodsman vacancy

Two applications have been received by the council for the role of woodsman. Interviews will be held on 16 February 2019.

Tree charter

The council has now signed up to the tree charter and in doing so is agreeing to abide by the ten principles of the organisation to: Sustain landscapes rich in wildlife; Plant for the Future; Celebrate the power of trees to inspire; Grow forests of opportunity and innovation; Protect irreplaceable trees and woods; Plan greener local landscapes; Recover health, hope and wellbeing with the help of trees; Make trees accessible to all; Combat the threats to our habitats; Strengthen our landscape with trees. Further information can be found online at treecharter.uk

RBS switching

The countdown has now begun to the launch of the business banking switch-on Monday 25 February when a number of banks will be making offers for the council's business banking. As was reported last year RBS is trying to distance itself from business banking and is therefore encouraging all existing account holders to move their business elsewhere. Limited information is available at the moment and the clerk will provide a verbal update at the meeting if more information is available.

A585

The latest information on the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool scheme is available at - <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a585-windy-harbour-to-skipool/>

NALC - 150 councils

The National Association of Local Councils has published a document highlighting the good work England's 10,000 local (parish and town) councils are doing for their communities. 'Points of Light' is a collection of case studies highlighting the work that local councils are undertaking to support their communities. The 2019 edition contains 150 case studies, which includes summaries, electorate, precept and expenditure. If councillors would like a copy of the document please let the clerk know.

Policing

The local policing model changes have taken place and this has resulted in the officers previously known as neighbourhood officers - PC's Butcher, Cross, Anderson Banks and Rawcliffe - all now being part of the new Immediate response

staff who provide cover 24/7 for Garstang and surrounding areas. The transition is going fairly smoothly and all those mentioned (with the exception of Gary Cross, who has moved to HQ) are keen to maintain the community links and continue to provide a visible deterrent in keeping local community members safe, while also providing a much-needed enhanced visibility.

The Garstang office remains occupied and the local telephone numbers for non-urgent enquiries for either the remaining neighbourhood team PCSOs 7587 Oli Braithwaite, 7988 James Monaghan and 7187 Kirsty Newson (currently on maternity leave) or the response officers remain the same. The local CBM is currently off sick is replaced temporarily by

Pc 3473 Chris Banks.

A Special Constable Sc 9060 Carl Hindley has also been appointed to assist in providing a visible presence and pro-active patrol of the Knott End/Preesall areas, although Carl also assists wherever there is a problem profile.

Pc Kev Berry and PCSO 7315 Chrissie Grimshaw remain as the Poulton NHP team. The PCSOs will be taking a more active part in local meetings and other engagement activities.

Contact for the team remains as

was garstangoverwyreandpoulton.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Crime figures and constabulary content can be found at the In The Know System, which can be accessed via www.StayInTheKnow.co.uk

Update from County Councillor Shedwick

A588 - The patching of the road has now been completed pre the full surface dressing. He is working with the officers to ensure the works are carried out with the minimum of disruption. Cllr Shedwick will be meeting representatives from LCC in the next two weeks to view the danger 'hot spots' on the highway and to discuss what needs to be done to make the road safer.

Speed limits – A request to reduce the speed limit on Moss Side Lane to its junction with Swilkin Lane has been turned down by LCC officers. This road, along with the other roads alongside the A588, will also be discussed at the above meeting in an attempt to reduce the speed limit on all of them at their junction with the A588.

Ongoing:

Handrail on slope off Smithy Lane – quotes for the rail have been requested.

Fencing/groundworks at play area – costs included in 2019 budget.

Naming of play area in the memory of Cllr June Jackson costs included in 2019 budget.

Signage for wood and footpaths – meeting to be arranged.