

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

8 January 2019

CLERK'S REPORT

Liaison with Hambleton Council re sharing lengthsman

An approach has been made to the clerk at Hambleton to see if there is scope to share a lengthsman for summer planting and plant bed maintenance work – discussions are taking place and further information will be provided to council at the meeting.

Woodsman vacancy

An advert has been placed in the Focus magazine for a skilled woodsman to carry out works within Stalmine wood. The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 January 2019.

Handrail off Smithy Lane

Attempts to have a handrail made from wood have not been successful, therefore approaches have been made to metal working companies. One quote has already been received and two other companies have said that they would be interested in providing quotes in the new year.

Road closures

LCC will close Shard Lane, Green Meadow Lane, Broadpool Lane and Carr Lane in Hambleton and Carr Lane and Carr End Lane in Stalmine with Staynall from the junction with Bull Park Lane to the junction with Smithy Lane.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours on Monday 7th January 2019 until 1700 hours on Tuesday 15th January 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic (except HGVs) affected by the closure is via:-
Phase 1: (Southbound) via Marsh Lane – Church Lane – Gants Lane – Mill Lane – Bull Park Lane

Phase 1: (Northbound) via Bull Park Lane – Grange Road – Marsh Lane

Phase 2: Green Meadow Lane & Broadpool Lane via Marsh Lane – Church Lane, Gants Lane and Sower Carr Lane

Phase 3: Carr Lane via Sower Carr Lane – Clay Gap Lane – Back Lane – Union Lane – Lancaster Road – Head Dyke Lane – Burned House Lane – Hall Gate Lane

Phase 4: Carr Head Lane via Smithy Lane – Stricklands Road

An alternative route for HGVs affected by the closure is via:-

Shard Lane – Shard Road – Mains Lane – Garstang New Road – Garstang Road – Blackpool Road – Garstang Road – Tarnacre Lane – The Avenue – Garstang Bypass Road – Cockerham Road – Park Lane – Garstang Road – Main Street – Marsh Lane – Lancaster Road – Head Dyke Lane – Burned House Lane – Hallgate Lane – Stricklands Lane and vice versa.

LALC Workshops for 2019

Feb 7th Finance

March 7th Chairmanship

April 11th Certificate in Local Council Administration (Session 1 of 6)

May 9th Planning

June 13th Effective Meetings

July 6th New Councillors and Clerks – Module 1

July 20th New Councillors and Clerks – Module 2

Sept 5th Community Engagement

Oct 10th Chairmanship

Nov 14th Finance

Tree Charter

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has partnered with the Woodland Trust, the National Union for Students (NUS) and the Tree Council to embed the ten principles of the Charter for Trees, Woods and People (the Tree Charter) within communities across the UK.

The call for a Tree Charter was initiated in 2015 by the Woodland Trust in response to the crisis facing trees and woods in the UK. Before the launch of the charter there was no clear, unifying statement about the rights of people in the UK to the benefits of trees, woods and forests.

The Tree Charter was launched at Lincoln Castle on 6th November 2017. It sets out the principles for a society in which people and trees can stand stronger together.

NALC believes that local (town and parish) councils have a key part to play in protecting trees and woodland and believes they can do this by embedding the ten principles from the Tree Charter into their everyday practice.

NALC is encouraging more local councils to become charter branches. Becoming a local council charter branch means you will join a network dedicated to delivering the principles of the Tree Charter to their communities. There are currently over 240 local councils who have decided to become charter branches and they have formed some of their policies around some of the principles in the Tree Charter. Your council may already be doing this ie through its neighbourhood plan for example. If you are looking to protect trees and woodland within your neighbourhood plan or have done something to actively encourage the planting of trees you are already ticking the boxes to become a charter branch.

Ongoing:

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

Fencing/groundworks at play area – this will be budgeted for in the next financial round as there are insufficient funds available this financial year.

Naming of play area in the memory of Cllr June Jackson – appropriate signage being investigated – costs to be included in 2019 budget.

Signage for wood and footpaths – see agenda item.