

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllr T Williams (Deputy Chairman), K Jenkinson, S Pelham, D Booth.

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the Council.

143(1) Apologies for absence

Cllr A Haydock, Cllr D Forshaw

144(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

None

145(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2019.

146(4) Public participation

No members of the public were present.

147(5) Appointment of internal auditor for year ending 31.3.19 and approval of internal audit terms of reference

Councillors **resolved** that Edwina Parry, the clerk to Garstang Town Council, be appointed as the internal auditor for the year ending 31.3.19 at a fee of £100 and further **resolved** to adopt the terms of reference for the internal audit as presented.

148(6) Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors **resolved** not to take part in this year's competition as no volunteers came forward following requests for help before Christmas and new employees are in the process of being recruited who will assist the existing lengthsman in keeping the village tidy.

149(7) Election

Councillors **resolved** to undertake a recruitment campaign for the local elections in May with an item in the Green Book and details on the council's noticeboard and website.

150(8) Standing Orders

The revised set of Standing Orders provided by NALC has been reviewed to include financial limits contained in Stalmine Council's existing Standing Orders. Councillors **resolved** to adopt the Standing Orders.

151(9) Trees adjacent to Douglas Avenue

Cllr Williams provided photographs of the trees and adjacent driveway. He explained that he had met with residents and informed them of the council's intention to recruit a woodsman. Once the woodsman was in post in the new financial year the Council would be looking at

developing a management plan for the wood and works to be carried out in the 2019/20 financial year.

152(10) Additional dog litter bin

Councillors acknowledged that it would be an additional responsibility for the lengthsman to empty the bin and were also concerned that those who do not pick up after their dog would continue not doing so. It was **resolved** that the council would not install an additional bin on Staynall/Brickhouse Lane.

153(11) Footpath access

A number of paths to the south of the Parish were identified as having limited access and unclear signage. Some issues had already been reported to LCC's public rights of Way team; Cllr Pelham and Cllr Williams will walk some of the paths and Cllr Booth will copy the clerk into correspondence reporting further issues.

154(12) Proposal to reduce the speed limit on part of the A588 and B5377

Councillors **resolved** to support Lancashire County Council's recommendation to reduce the speed limit at the junction of the A588 and B5377 to 30mph. They also raised concerns that the same was not being done for the A588 Stricklands Lane in Stalmine where there had been a number of serious accidents and fatalities.

155(13) Household waste recycling consultation

Paperwork had not been provided by Lancashire County Council, therefore this item was deferred to the March meeting.

156(14) Planning applications

Application Number: 17/00726/FUL

Proposal: Construction of seven detached bungalows with integral garages and access road to the rear of Trevelyan and Rathsheen

Location: Land rear of Trevelyan, 19 Stricklands Lane, Stalmine, Lancashire.

Resolved: that the council still had concerns regarding road safety and that it would like to see the speed limit reduced to 20 mph on the stretch opening on to Stricklands Lane.

Application Number: 18/00075/OUTMAJ

Appeal reference: APP/U2370/W/18/3211691

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to 65 dwellings with link to adjacent land to east and new access applied for off Carr End Lane

Location: Land east of Carr End Lane, Stalmine, Poulton le Fylde Lancashire.

Councillor Pelham said that she would speak on behalf of the council re this application at the planning committee meeting.

Application Number: 18/01218/FUL

Proposal: Construction of six detached dwellings with access road (as outlined in 16/00016/OUT) **Location:** Land Adjacent to Ash Lea Farm, Carr End Lane, Stalmine with Staynall, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Resolved: the council objects to this application on the grounds of increased risk of flooding to neighbouring properties, inadequate drainage and additional pressure on community facilities.

157(15) Finance

Councillors **resolved:**

a) To note receipts – Business reserve account	1.62
Reserve account	0.58

b) To approve the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	1548,1550,1552	876.63
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	1549	18.76
Lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	1551	17.00
Steve Forshaw (beds maintenance)	1553	97.18

c) To note the following payments by direct debit:	
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	39.60

d) To note the statement of accounts for month ending 31 January 2019 at the meeting	
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e) To approve the Q3 budget monitoring statement and to vire: £80 from miscellaneous expenditure to accommodation £1000 from contingency to salaries £250 from contingency to parish maintenance	
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f) To approve the clerk's overtime of 10 hours for GDPR work in 2018 - to be paid with the March salary and for the remaining 15 hours to be taken as leave.	
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158(16) Exclusion of press and public

It was agreed that it wasn't necessary to exclude the press and public.

Resolved: that the clerk be given permission to take on the role of internal auditor for Catterall Parish Council and take part in the election count in May.

Resolved: that the council would employ Hambleton Council's lengthsman to look after the summer planting of the beds and planters.

159(17) Clerk's report (for information)

Councillors **noted** the information contained in the 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.

159(18) Items for next agenda

Councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council either at this meeting or by notifying the clerk at least 10 days prior to the next meeting (**1 March at the latest**). A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided.

160(19) Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 12 March 2019** at 7.00pm.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.