

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs D Forshaw (Chairman), D Booth, A Haydock, K Jenkinson, S Pelham, T Williams.

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the Council, and three members of the public.

108(17-18) Apologies for absence

None

109(17-18) Declaration of interests and dispensations

None

110(17-18) Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2017 be agreed as a true record.

111(17-18) Public participation (including police report)

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to bring matters relating to the agenda to the attention of the council.

Members of the public addressed the council re concerns over:

- traffic parked outside the school at peak times and the danger this poses. The clerk also made councillors aware of a letter from a member of the public detailing problems along the same stretch with bollards having been knocked down and soil from the verge on the pavement from vehicles incorrectly parked.
In response: Councillors advised that this was a matter that was of increasing concern and the volume of traffic was something they flagged up in their responses to planning applications. It is hoped that once the additional parking becomes available at the school, the current problems will be lessened. The possibility of requesting double yellow lines was also raised.
- The path off Smithy Lane, opposite Hillside Avenue, that climbs towards the bungalows can be slippery at times. The possibility of having a hand rail was discussed and whether this was something that the lengthsman could do.

On the conclusion of public participation councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

112(17-18) Budget 2018/19

The revised budget and a paper explaining the changes made and their effect on the precept were discussed. The clerk advised councillors that the installation of the new playzone aerial runway would result in a compulsory increase in the council's insurance of £224 in addition to the general increase in costs. It was **resolved** to approve version 3 of the draft budget and that the precept be set at £25,305.

113(17-18) External audit

As the council's income and expenditure during the financial year 2017/18 will exceed the 'exempt' limit of less than £25,000, the council will have to submit a full annual financial return. Councillors **resolved** for the clerk to contact the Smaller Authority Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) to arrange the appointment of an auditor.

114(17-18) Community Engagement Strategy

Councillors **resolved** that the community engagement strategy should be without change.

115(17-18) Data protection webinar

Resolved to approve the clerk's attendance on the data protection webinar at a cost of £30, £15 of which would be refunded from Preesall Town Council as costs would be split between the two councils.

116(17-18) Planning applications**Application Number: 17/01137/REM**

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the erection of one detached dwelling (following outline application 17/00230/OUT)

Location: High Tor Staynall Lane Hambleton Pouton le Fylde

Resolved: to object to the proposal on the basis that the property is not in keeping with existing properties on the lane; is too large for the size of the plot and would be overbearing and have a negative impact on the privacy of neighbouring properties.

Application Number: 17/01151/FUL

Proposal: Proposed first floor side extension, rear utility room, raising of roof to 8.2m in height and ancillary changes to house type

Location: Tave House Moss Side Lane Stalmine-with-Staynall Poulton le Fylde

Resolved: that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

Application Number: 17/01161/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval application for change of use from existing agricultural building to two dwellings (under class Q of the GPDO)

Location: Barn at Pointer Farm Moss Side Lane Stalmine-with-Staynall Poulton le Fylde.

Resolved: that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

Application Number: 17/01164/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of dwelling house (use class C3) to a children's care home (use class C2) and creation of hard standing within the curtilage of the dwelling to create two additional car parking spaces

Location: Trays Cottage Carr End Lane Stalmine-with-Staynall Poulton le Fylde.

Resolved: to object to the proposal on the basis that the change of use would be inappropriate for the area. There are very limited facilities within the village for young people and these are located more than a mile away from this property. Access is either alongside an extremely busy and dangerous main road or via unlit dark lanes. It is understood that the proposal is that this would be a home for children who need extra supervision. Therefore, they are either going to be 'stranded' in the home environment or will have to be taken out of the village to find suitable recreation.

It is felt that a home of this size is not in keeping with what the village has to offer by way of amenities.

117(17-18) Finance

a) Councillors noted the following receipts:	
Business reserve	1.08
General reserve	4.24

b) Councillors approved the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	01426, 01427,01428,01429	1422.16
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	01426	34.13
Lengthsman's expenses (SLN on behalf of council)	01427	12.50
Extra lengthsman's expenses (BH on behalf of council)	01428	16.75
FH&M Davies & Son	01430	192.00
SLCC 124336	01431	36.00
Wyre Building Supplies	01432	4.00
Playdale (inv 030065)	01433	20594.50

c) Councillors noted the following payments by standing order:	
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	24.00

d) Councillors noted the statement of accounts for month ending 31 December 2017	
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118(17-18) Reports from outside bodies (for information)

None

119(17-18) Clerk's report (for information)

Play zone phase 1

All the paperwork is now complete in order to progress phase 1 and the order has been placed with Playdale, which has kindly agreed to hold the original quoted price despite a rise in its costs structure. The project is being funded with grants from the Big Lottery Fund Awards for All, Lancashire Environmental Fund, the Parish Champion, Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund and RV, E and H Moon Trust. Work on installation is expected to commence in early February, weather permitting.

Pay Award Offer to Local Government Staff

Council staff have been offered a 2% pay increase from April 2018 for staff earning more than £19,430 and a further 2% in April 2019. The National Employers have made the two-year deal to unions, which would also see employees on lower salaries given higher rises of up to 16% over the two years. Trade unions Unison, Unite and GMB are to consult members on the pay offer and will meet in February to decide their next steps. Any agreement reached will apply to all local council staff on National Joint Council terms and conditions and those employed under the SLCC/NALC model contract. The proposals also include a revamp of the NJC pay scales.

Bus shelter

The clerk also made councillors aware that she still hadn't received a response from LCC highways in respect of the licence to erect the proposed bus shelter at the junction of Old Toms Lane and Stricklands Lane, despite having contacted a number of highways staff. The supplier is in a position to erect the shelter with a 50% payment now and 50% in the next financial year.

20(17-18) Items for next agenda

Stile on Occupation Lane – creation of dog gate; handrail on slope off Smithy Lane; invitation to LCC highways to attend a meeting; update on proposed speed limit on A588.

121(17-18) Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be on **Tuesday 13 February 2018** at 7.00pm.

122(17-18) Interim loan agreement with Wyre Borough Council

Councillors **resolved** that they were happy with the content of the draft loan agreement and that they would take out the short term loan in mid February, once the document was available for signature.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm.