

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 July 2012 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs W McCann (Chairman), J Jackson, K Jenkinson, A McCann
Mr M Tucker (member of the public)

55(2012-13) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Anderson and the reason accepted.

56(2012-13) Declaration of Interests

None

57(2012-13) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2012 be agreed as a true record.

58(2012-13) Public Participation (Including Police Report)

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow Mr M Tucker to provide feedback on the last meeting of the Wyre Flood Forum held on 14 June. The key issue for the Parish Council to consider was an update on the issue of the occasional flooding on Porter's Row. United Utilities have extended the project to include works on the foul sewer on Smithy Lane as modelling suggests there could be emissions from two manholes at times of heavy rain. Mr Tucker asked that councillors use their contacts to identify any examples of this happening and let him know in the next two weeks.

There being no Police representative present, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting on the conclusion of Mr Tucker's briefing.

59(2012-13) Appointment of Clerk

Councillors **resolved** to confirm the appointment of Jan Finch as Clerk with effect from 3 July 2012. As a result of the appointment councillors **resolved** that the Authorised Signatories in the current Mandate, for the Accounts detailed in section 2 be changed in accordance with section 5 of the Change of Signing Authority form and, further, that the Council move from three authorised signatures for any amounts to two authorised signatures for ease of administration.

60(2012-13) Code of Conduct

Councillors considered a draft code of conduct to meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and noted the statutory definitions of disclosable pecuniary interests. Councillors further noted the recommendation by the Wyre Area Committee of the Local Association of Local Councils that all town and parish councils agree to abide by the findings of any investigation into a complaint that a councillor has breached the Code and, further, to abide by any recommendations by the Monitoring Officer as a result of that investigation.

Resolved: that the Council adopt the draft Code of Conduct with immediate effect, that councillors agree to abide by the findings of any investigation into a complaint that a councillor has breached the Code and, further, to abide by any recommendations by the Monitoring Officer as a result of that investigation.

61(2012-13) Becoming a Quality Council

Councillors **resolved** to take the necessary steps to move toward Quality Council accreditation and to share the costs of the Clerk pursuing the Certificate in Local Council Administration with Preesall Town Council. The Clerk will provide a position statement for the next meeting.

62(2012-13) Website

Councillors considered 3 quotations for the development of a website for the Council. Councillors asked the Clerk to forward details of other sites developed by one of the providers and to check whether that developer could attend the next meeting if need be.

63(2012-13) Preesall Underground Gas Storage Proposal

Councillors noted that the First Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order will take place on 24 July 2012 at the North Euston Hotel, Fleetwood. Cllr Jackson will be attending.

64(2012-13) Request for Donation – Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team

Councillors considered a request for a donation to enable the Team to provide each volunteer with a thermal jacket at a cost of £150 each.

Resolved: that a donation of £50 be made under s137 powers.

65(2012-13) Letter from a Resident

Councillors noted the content of a letter from a resident concerning attendance by councillors at the Saturday night Jubilee celebration.

66(2012-13) Jubilee Tree

Councillors considered the offer by Wyre Council to provide a tree to celebrate the Jubilee.

Resolved: that Wyre Council be asked to provide a Maple and that the location be considered at a future meeting.

67(2012-13) Planning Applications**12/00423/FUL**

Proposal: Single storey extension, single storey garage and construction of private stable block

Location: Longlands Farm, Staynall Lane, Stalmine-with-Staynall

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

Cllr Jenkinson raised two potential enforcement matters and the Clerk will contact Wyre Council and ask that they contact Cllr Jenkinson to discuss the issues.

68(2012-13) Finance**Payments approved:**

Preesall Auto Discount	£74.75
Wyre Building Supplies	£66.60
Stalmine Village Hall	£155.00
New Clerk's expenditure on behalf of the Council	£606.35
Preesall Town Council	£7.98
Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	£20.00
Stalmine Primary School	£70.00
Staff costs	£727.76
Staff expenditure on behalf of the Council	£ 28.70
Wallings Ltd	£60.72
Cleggs Nurseries	£901.45

69(2012-13) Reports from Outside Bodies (information only)**Wyre Road Safety Committee**

In her absence Anderson had provided a written summary of the last meeting. She has reported the potholes on Highgate Lane as being unfinished and asked for the pothole on Moss Side Lane to be dealt with urgently. She reported the fact that the sign at the bottom of Burrows Lane and Browns Lane had been knocked down and needed repairing and that the sign at the crossroads of Highgate Lane/Staynall Lane and New Road needs either repairing or removing. Cllr Jackson asked that any road safety issues be reported to Cllr Anderson who would compile a list for prioritisation by the Council.

Wyre Area Committee

Cllr Jackson reported that Philippa Davies of Wyre Council had delivered a presentation and question and answer session on local government finance and that there had been an interesting presentation on fracking.

70(2012-13) Clerk's Report (for information)

The Clerk reported that the handover from the retiring Clerk is nearly complete. The new email address for the Parish Council is stalminepc@gmail.com and the mobile phone number is 07880 657761.

71(2012-13) Items for Next Agenda

Cllr McCann asked that the two Lengsthmen be invited to meet councillors and discuss how their contribution could be maximised. Cllr McCann also reported that there is a new Residents' Association being set up who had asked to make a short presentation to the next Council meeting.

By email Cllr Anderson asked that an item on the building of a flower bed at the crossroads of Highgate Lane/Staynall Lane and New Road. She also asked for an item on the cleansing of Wardley's Lane.

Councillors are 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. A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided.

72(2012-13) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 August at 7pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm