

Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of 13 June 2011 at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs M J Jackson (Chairman), Mrs D Anderson, Ms P Andrews, K Jenkinson, W McCann

Also present: PC Stuart Thompson and Miss April McCann.

Before the start of the meeting proper PC Thompson gave his report on crime in the area for the month of May.

Apologies: None

Declarations of Interest: Cllr McCann declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the co-option of a new member by way of familial relationship. Cllr Mrs J Jackson declared a personal interest in planning application 11.00423.ful by way of neighbouring property.

Minutes: To receive and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, the annual meeting of the Parish Council, and the monthly ordinary meeting of the Parish Council, all of the 16 May 2011, as a correct record.

(33)(2011/12) Resolved: with the substitution of Cllr McCann for Jenkinson in resolution (15)(2011/12) McCann for Jackson in resolution (16)(2011/2012) Cllr W McCann proposed the minutes as a correct record.

Before consideration of the next item Cllr W McCann left the room and took no part in the proceedings.

To consider candidates willing to be co-opted for councillor vacancies on Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council.

Members considered that interviewing a candidate for the councillor vacancy might lead to the disclosure of exempt information

(34)(2011/12) Resolved: Under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting during the interview of a candidate on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 7.

Members interviewed the candidate and decided to co-opt Miss April McCann.

(35)(2009/10) Resolved: that Miss April McCann be invited to join Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council.

Miss McCann signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

Observance of Standing Orders (Chairman)

The Chairman wish to make members aware of the Council's Standing Orders and asked members to acquaint themselves with them.

(36)(2011/12) Resolved: that the Chairman's request be noted.

Planning

Applications

Members considered the following applications

11.00416.ful — erection of a rear extension at Carr End Barn, Carr End Lane, Stalmine

11.00393.ful — installation of air source heat pump to side elevation at Wyre View Farm, Wardleys Lane, Stalmine.

Members had no objection to the above two applications.

(37)(2011/12) Resolved:

11.00423.ful — retrospective application for a change of use of land to caravan and camping site at Highgate Barn, Highgate Lane, Stalmine.

Members objected to this application. Members felt the proposed density of the caravans and tents would have a detrimental affect on the visual amenity of the area; that arriving and departing caravans would cause a traffic nuisance with implications for highway safety; and that winter storage of caravans needs regular monitoring.

(38)(2011/12) Resolved: that Wyre Borough Council be informed of the Council's views.

Premier Store, Stalmine, Licensing Appeal (Chairman)

The Chairman wished to draw Members' attention to the circumstances surrounding the current legal proceedings involving the Stalmine Premier Store:

(39)(2011/12) Resolved: that the circumstances be noted.

Highway potholes, hedgerows and verges

Cllr McCann raised the issue of potholes and the state of the roads within the parish. After some discussion Members resolved to try to get residents more involved in reporting potholes and other highway issues to Lancashire County Council, the Highway Authority.

(40)(2011/12) Resolved: that the issue of potholes and highways be publicised locally.

The Hedgerows and Verges.

Cllr McCann raised the issue of overgrown hedges and verges. Members indicated they wished the issue to be raised with Lancashire County Council, the Highway authority.

(41)(2011/12) Resolved: that the Clerk contacts Lancashire County Council to ask for local verges to be mown.

Clerk's report

Correspondence

Letter from Lancashire County Council — Community Transport Review fare increases

Letter from Mrs Anne Errington, Branch Manager of Knott End Library inviting Members to a garden party to be held at the Library on Thursday 7 July from 2 p.m.

Letter from Mr M Tucker updating the Council on progress with drain and sewer improvements in Stalmine

(42)(2011/12) Resolved: that the correspondence be noted.

Two letters from Mr B Ridehalgh: one about the procedure to be used to co-opt a councillor, and the other about the recently erected fence at the playing field.

Members decided to ask the Clerk to write to Mr Ridehalgh to tell him: a, the procedure being used to co-op a new member was that set out in law for the filling of an unfilled vacancy after a poll, as directed by Wyre Borough Council; and, b, that the contented of his letter about the new fence had been noted.

(43)(2011/12) Resolved: that Mr Ridehalgh be replied to in the lines indicated.

Publicity for Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council

Over Wyre Focus

The Chairman requested that the Council try to get further publicity for its work through the Over Wyre Focus (Green Book).

(44)(2011/12) Resolved: that the Clerk seek further publicity for the Council through this medium

Website

The Chairman had asked for information on the progress with a web-site for the Parish Council. Members were reminded that the Council has an existing offer from a website provider. This is dependent on us providing photographs to illustrate the site. Members have been asked on several occasions for either photographs or lists of suggested photographs. In addition, Members with local historical knowledge need to supply the information as soon as possible for the introduction for the site.

(45)(2011/12) Resolved: that the issue of the provision of a website be deferred to a meeting for this purpose.

Finance*Internal audit annual accounts 2010-2011*

Members were asked to consider the report of the internal auditor and approve the accounts for the Parish Council for 2010-2011. They were also asked to consider the annual governance statement and if the cost of fidelity insurance is disproportionate to the level of risk involved.

(46)(2011/12) Resolved: a, that the report of the internal auditor be noted; b, that the annual accounts for 2010-2011 be approved; c, that the statement of governance be approved; and, d, the current level of fidelity insurance is considered adequate for the risk involved.

Cheques

Approval was sought for the following payments by cheque:

		£
915	PW Swarbrick	175.64
916	SL Needham	226.40
917	PAYE Apr May Jun	264.40
918	Fylde Mowercare	525.00
919	P Jackson (internal audit)	35.00

(47)(2011/12) Resolved: that the above payments be approved.

Date of next meeting 11 July 2011