

Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2012 at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs W McCann (Chairman), Mrs M J Jackson, Mrs D Anderson, K Jenkinson, Miss A McCann. Also present Mr T Pederson and Mr M Tucker.

Apologies: None

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Mrs Jackson declared personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 12.00312.ful and having vacated the room took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

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 14 May 2012, as a correct record.

(39)(2011/12) Resolved: Cllr W McCann proposed the minutes of the annual parish meeting as a correct record; Cllr Mrs Jackson proposed the minutes of the annual and ordinary council meetings as a correct record.

To receive the resignation of Cllr Ms Pauline Andrews

Cllr W McCann reported he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Andrews, which the Clerk deemed unacceptable because it was not signed.

(40)(2012-13) Resolved: that the Clerk contact Ms Andrews to ascertain her intentions and if appropriate get her to sign the letter.

7.45 p.m. standing orders suspended so that Members could receive representations from Mr T Pederson, the owner of Wardleys, on the claimed public footpath across Wardleys.
8.03 meeting resumes.

Planning

Applications

12.00176.ful — change of use from tile showroom to annex for ancillary accommodation to Brickhouse Farm, extension to existing barn to form a garage, addition of a private swimming pool to existing garage of main dwelling, change of use and conversion of 5 no industrial units into 5 no specialised holiday accommodation for people with disabilities and their carers and creation of a fishing and leisure lake as private facilities attached to the proposed holiday accommodation, all at Brickhouse Farm, Brick House Lane, Hambleton.

Members were unable to consider the above application because Wyre Borough Council had not supplied details of the amendments and the item was withdrawn.

12.00312.ful — extension to grain store and partial re-roofing at Height O'Th Hill, Highgate Lane, Stalmine.

Members considered the above application and had no objection to it.

(41)(2012-13) Resolved: that Wyre Borough Council be informed of the Council's decision.

12.00341.ful — change of use of an existing animal treatment centre to allow the temporary use as a branch veterinary surgery at Longview Animal Centre, Old Toms Lane, Stalmine.

Members considered the above application and had no objection to it.

(42)(2012-13) Resolved: that Wyre Borough Council be informed of the Council's decision.

Consultation

SHLAA Review and Call for Sites with Potential for Employment, Retail leisure or other Commercial Uses.

Members considered a letter from Wyre Borough Council drawing attention to its review of its Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment published in 2010. Members wished to draw the attention of Wyre Borough Council to the area of land to the south of the school and the Regenda development on Birch Grove, which at one time had been earmarked by the former Garstang RDC for housing development.

(43)(2012-13) Resolved: that Wyre Borough Council be reminded of the previous decision by Garstang RDC with a recommendation from the Parish Council that the land be considered for housing development/

For Information

Halite Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility — Socio Economic Impacts — final report
Members received a report from Halite Ltd relating to the socio economic impacts of their proposed development of gas storage facilities in the Preesall salt field.

(44)(2012-13) Resolved: that the report be noted.

Planning Applications (Appeals by Town and Parish Councils) Bill

Members were informed of a Parliamentary Bill, which, if enacted, would enable parish councils to appeal against planning decisions of Borough and County Councils.

(45)(2012-13) Resolved: that the report be noted.

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Part III claim for definitive map modification order claimed public footpath from Wardleys Lane to the Shore.

Members received letter and map from Lancashire County Council telling them of a claimed public footpath across Wardleys to the shore. Members considered the claim to be spurious in the light of knowledge of two paths leading to the shore to the north and south of Wardleys.

(46)(2012-13) Resolved: that Lancashire County Council be informed that the claimed path is not necessary in view of the existing paths which are marked on the 1965 OS 1:2500 map of the area.

Clerk's report

Halite

Members received a report that Wyre Borough Council has granted dispensations to four members to enable them to vote in relation to the Halite gas storage project. Those members are Councillors Walter McCann, April McCann, June Jackson and Debra Anderson

Parking Area in front of Seven Stars — LCC adopted highway

The Clerk reported that he had met Mr Sim Lane-Dixon from Lancashire County Council highways. Mr Lane-Dixon had agreed that the land in front of the Seven Stars was LCC highway land. LCC would fill in the pot holes at the earliest opportunity and include the area in next year's programme for an all over surface dressing.

Bedding scheme

The Clerk reported that the planting of the Stalmine flowerbeds and urns was underway and being carried out by the extra lengthsman Brian Hutchinson.

Dog Bins at the Heads

The Clerk reported that a request had been made to Wyre Borough Council for a dog litter bin at the Heads.

Wall at Stalmine Hall Park

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Wyre Borough Council about the old boundary wall of Stalmine Hall park fronting the highway area in front of the Seven Stars and that Wyre Borough Council were monitoring the wall regularly.

Free jubilee tree

The Clerk reported that Wyre Borough Council has offered the Parish Council a free jubilee tree (type unspecified) for planting in the autumn on a site to be nominated by the Parish Council.

Website

The Clerk reported on the connectivity problems connected with the possible provision of a website for the Parish Council.

(47)(2012-13) Resolved: that the report be noted.

Finance

Internal audit annual accounts 2011-2012

Members were asked to consider the report of the internal auditor and approve the accounts for the Parish Council for 2011-2012. 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.

(48)(2012-13) Resolved: a, that the report of the internal auditor be noted; b, that the annual accounts for 2011-2012 be approved; c, that the statement of governance be approved; and, d, the current level of fidelity insurance be increased to £31,000.

Audit Commission consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/13 and future years.

Members were asked to consider a note from the Audit Commission on the appointment of an external auditor for the current and future years. The Commission proposed that the current external auditor BDO LLP continue in the position.

(49)(2012-13) Resolved: that no objection be made to the appointment of BDO LLP.

Cheques

Approval was sought for the following payments by cheque:

		£
975	PW Swarbrick (includes some s145)	386.61
976	SL Needham	330.90
977	HMRC PAYE Apr-Jun	323.00
978	A Ralph (s145)	100.00
979	Mellia (s145)	300.00
980	Fordstone Gen Stores (s145)	443.50
981	AEC (s145)	157.22
982	Queen of Cupcakes (s145)	40.00
983	J Coleman (s145)	68.52
984	P Jackson audit	35.00

(50)(2012-13) Resolved: that the above payments be approved.

Jubilee event

Members were presented with an estimate of the final costs of the Jubilee events held on June 2. Some 87 children attended the children's party at Stalmine Primary School and 200 people attended the evening event in the village hall. The expected expenditure is around £2026 (£1864 net after recovery of VAT) from s145 expenditure with some £989.00 in receipts from tickets sales, and fund raising. Other payments from the jubilee celebrations will follow.

(51)(2012-13) Resolved: Members decided to make donations under s137 powers to the following charities: Air Ambulance £450, Brian House £450 and the RSPCA £89

Council internal communications

The Chairman asked members if they could circulate short written report to other members of any meetings they had attended before the next Parish Council meeting.

(52)(2012-13) Resolved: that the request be noted.

Council Website — withdrawn

Parish matters

Area Road Safety Committee

Cllr Anderson reported on her attendance at the last Road Safety Committee meeting.

(53)(2012-13) Resolved: that the report be noted.

To note the retirement of the Clerk

The Chairman reported that he had received notice of the retirement of the Clerk Mr Peter Swarbrick on reaching the age of 65 with his last day of service being 2 July.

(54)(2012-13) Resolved: that Mr Swarbrick be thanked for his nine years service with the Parish Council with all good wishes for a happy retirement.

Date of next meeting 16 July 2012 at 7 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.