

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

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

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the Council, and one member of the public.

104(1) Apologies for absence

Cllr A Haydock.

105(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllrs D Forshaw, S Pelham and T Williams – planning application 18/00939/FUL; Cllr K Jenkinson – planning application 18/01011/OUT.

106(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2018.

107(4) Public participation

Wyre Councillor Julie Robinson updated councillors regarding the meeting of the residents' association she had attended and the objection it had submitted to planning appeal 18/00075/OUTMAJ.

108(5) Recruitment of staff

Councillors discussed whether there was a need to appoint a further lengthsman for general work and planting and the need for further work to be carried out in the wood by a qualified woodsman. They **resolved** to recruit a member of staff who is qualified to manage the trees in the wood and undertake the lower-level pruning/maintenance work. This would be on a zero-hours contract with the individual being called upon as and when necessary and the individual would need to have their own equipment. The clerk was tasked with writing a suitable job description prior to the next meeting of the council. Councillors also **resolved** to appoint someone on a part-time basis to undertake the planting of the beds and tubs and summer maintenance of the plants. The clerk was tasked with liaising with the clerk at Hambleton Council to see if it would be practical for the two councils to share a lengthsman.

109(6) Best Kept Village/In Bloom competitions

Councillors considered whether the council should take part in the Best Kept Village/In Bloom competitions in 2019. It was **resolved** that the council was not resourced to undertake the work and the lack of interest in/response to a request for volunteers from the community to assist with planting and watering meant that this would not be possible in 2019.

110(7) Draft budget for 2019/20

Councillors discussed the first draft of the budget and **resolved** to accept it with additional staff salary costs split between a woodsman and a seasonal lengthsman. A final draft budget is to be presented at the January meeting once additional costs are known and the tax base set.

111(8) Planning applications

Application Number: 18/00890/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for alterations and extension works including link extension between dwelling and outbuilding

Location: Riverside Cottage Browns Lane Stalmine-With-Staynall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: that the council had no objections to the application.

Application Number: 18/00939/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one dwelling

Location: South View Brick House Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Three councillors had declared an interest to this application resulting in the council not being quorate to discuss the proposed development.

Application Number: 18/00981/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side/rear extension, extension to existing garage, roof lift to create first floor living accommodation, new render and timber cladding to all elevations and new roof

Location: Wardleys View Kiln Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

No documentation was available on Wyre planning website; therefore, councillors were unable to consider the application.

Application Number: 18/01011/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for an agricultural worker dwelling (all matters reserved).

Location: Greengates Farm Moss Side Lane Stalmine-With-Staynall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

Resolved: that the council had no objections to the application.

112(9) Finance

Councillors **resolved:**

a) To note receipts at the meeting Current account (refund of website monies)	24.00
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b) To approve the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	1520,1522,1524	990.35
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council) Includes invoice 216-225 from Fox Timber £752.53, Norton Software £14.99	1521	803.72
Lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	1523	27.25
Wyre Building Supplies	1525	106.90
RBL	1526	17.00
Alan Connolly (woodland works)	1527	300.00
Mark Garner (woodland works)	1528	900.00

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 October 2018	
e) To approve the Q2 Budget monitoring statement	

113(10) Clerk's report (for information)

Councillors **noted** the information contained in the clerk's report:

Remembrance gates

New gates have been fitted at the entrance to Stalmine wood. These are to mark the centenary of the end of WW1 and will be fitted with a remembrance plaque. Many thanks to the volunteers who gave their time and expertise to fit the gates.

Garstang and District Heritage Society WW1 poppy trail

The Stalmine Parish Council-sponsored plaque has now been placed at St James's Church in the village. The plaque is one of a number placed in the old Garstang rural district and forms part of a trail that can be accessed via a QR code on the poppy plaque. This can be scanned on a smartphone to take the user direct to that location's information on the website.

Parish wood works

This month has seen extensive works on some of the trees within the wood. Unfortunately, the dry summer and strong winds in late September resulted in cracks appearing in some of the willows. These have now been taken down to ensure safe passage through the wood. Other trees have been pruned/cut back to make them more manageable. The works form part of a managed plan for the wood that will, over coming months/years, ensure that it can be used for generations to come.

NoWcard fare increase

A consultation took place between 26 March and 21 May 2018 on the proposal to increase the fare from 50p to £1 for disabled NoWcard holders who travel before 9.30am.

Lancashire County Council's Cabinet discussed the consultation findings on 9 August. It agreed to accept the proposal to increase the fare to £1. The minutes of this meeting are available at www.lancashire.gov.uk

NoWcard is run in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Council and Blackpool Council. Blackburn with Darwen Council also consulted on this proposal and will increase its fare rate to £1 for travel before 9.30am. Blackpool Council will retain its current concession rate at 50p. For Blackpool Council pass holders who travel before 9.30am on journeys that start within the Blackpool Council boundary the fare will be 50p. Blackpool Council pass holders who travel before 9.30am on journeys that start in Lancashire, outside the Blackpool Council boundary, will be charged the new £1 fare. The fare increase will take effect from Monday 3 December.

Scam mail

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- Writing to it at FREEPOST SCAM MAIL, enclosing any items that are suspected of being scam mail;
- Calling the scam mail helpline on 0800 0113 466; or
- Emailing scam.mail@royalmail.com.

114(11) Items for next agenda

Councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda 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.

115(12) Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 11 December 2018** at 7.00pm.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.