

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15 April 2013 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs D Anderson; J Jackson; K Jenkinson and A McCann

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council; PCSO Terry Molloy and PC Gary Cross (Item 4) and 1 member of the public.

250(2012-13) Apologies for Absence

None

251(2012-13) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None

252(2012-13) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2013 be agreed as a true record.

253(2012-13) Public Participation (Including Police Report)

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

PC Gary Cross introduced himself as the new Community Beat Manager for Over Wyre. PCSO Molloy informed councillors that the very low levels of crime and antisocial behaviour continued but that there had recently been problems with hare coursing. With reference to recent complaints of speeding on Hall Gate Lane the area has been approved for Community Speedwatch.

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

254(2012-13) Cleansing of Wardley's Lane

Councillors noted that LCC are to ask the landowner to cut the hedges further as the current work does not meet their requirements. Councillors further noted that LCC is to place an "Unsuitable for HGV" sign at both ends of Wardley's Lane in an attempt to stop large vehicles using the lane. If this does not have the required effect it will provide an evidence base for a future Traffic Regulation Order. Wyre Council has been asked to cleanse the lane as soon as it is possible for the vehicle to access it.

255(2012-13) Addressing Flooding Issues

Cllr Jackson reported that, despite repeated requests to Wyre Council, there has been no progress in setting up a site specific meeting to discuss the various flooding issues in Stalmine and that Carl Green, Head of Engineering Services at Wyre Council has indicated that these issues should be discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Wyre Flood Forum. Although this is not the preferred option councillors **resolved** to raise the issues at that meeting in June. Cllr Jackson further reported that she had provided detailed information to the Environment Agency as requested at the Flood Forum meeting and would continue to update councillors on progress.

256(2012-13) Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme

Councillors considered LCC's invitation to town and parish councils to express an interest in undertaking public rights of way maintenance work on their behalf. Councillors **resolved** to opt into the scheme this year.

257(2012-13) Review of Property Insurance Cover

Councillors considered the list of property currently covered by the Council's insurance policy and

resolved to reduce the list to cover those items at risk of theft or significant damage. This will be used to acquire quotations for next year's insurance policy due on 1 June.

258(2012-13) Placement of Boat and Cart Features

Cllr Jackson reported that she, the Clerk and the Lengthsman had conducted a site visit to identify the optimum location for the boat and farm cart features. Councillors **resolved** to clear the bed at Bagot's Corner, to place the cart on a bed of bark or similar base and to replant the ends of the current bed. As the bed is located well back from the highway no licence is required.

Councillors further **resolved** to place the boat on the wide verge on Hall Gate Lane at the entrance to the parish subject to the location being agreed by LCC on submission of a licence application.

259(2012-13) Adoption of Flower Bed – Moss Side Lane (Cllr Jackson)

Cllr Jackson reported that Muriel Bradshaw had offered to adopt the flower bed at the top of Moss Side Lane and councillors **resolved** to accept the offer and to thank the donor for her public spirited offer.

260(2012-13) Parish Newsletter

Councillors noted that the Church Council have decided to end the production of the Parish News on the basis of increasing production difficulties and a reduction in the number of volunteers for the printing, compiling and distribution. As one of the requirements of the current Quality Status scheme is for a regular newsletter to be published, councillors **resolved** to produce a quarterly newsletter that will be distributed in locations accessible to the public.

261(2012-13) Wyre Council – Affordable Housing Task Group Report

Councillors noted that Cllrs Jackson and McCann attended a meeting of the Task Group to give evidence and **resolved** to accept their report on the outcomes.

262(2012-13) Timing of Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Meeting of the Council and Ordinary Meeting

Councillors **resolved** that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 20 May at 6.30pm, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow at 6.45pm and the ordinary meeting of the parish council at 7pm.

263(2012-13) Planning Applications

13/00190/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of existing barn to form 1 unit of holiday accommodation (formerly approved for two units as part of application 08/00429)

Location: Carters Farm, Old Toms Lane, Stalmine

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

12/00694/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of buildings A, B and C from B1 (light industrial) to B8 (storage use and distribution) and Building F to be used as B8 (storage and distribution, B1 (light industrial) or B2 (general engineering)

Location: Long Acres Farm Back Lane Stalmine Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Councillors noted that this was an amendment to an application considered at the 20 November 2012 meeting and it was unanimously agreed that the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds that it had identified at that meeting.

264(2012-13) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

Wyre Council (precept and rural grant)	£16,404.00
B Hutchinson	£512.00

b) Accounts for Payment:

Staff costs	£793.54
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£42.19
HMRC	£603.00
Wyre Building Supplies	£16.00
M J Jackson	£350.00
Preesall Auto Discount	£16.15
Preesall Town Council	£25.00

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£36.00
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c) Statement of Accounts – March 2013

The statement of accounts for the month ending March 2013 shows:

Business Current Account	£118.40
Business High Interest Account	£10,808.46
Playing Field Account	£3327.18

d) Budget Outturn 2012/13

Councillors noted the budget outturn for 2012/13.

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order, the statement of accounts and the budget outturn.

265(2012-13) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

266(2012-13) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of

Casual Vacancies

In respect of the vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr W McCann, an advertisement has been placed on the website and an article will appear in the next edition of the Over Wyre Focus and the last edition of the Parish News seeking applicants for co-option. In respect of the vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr Mason, the last date by which an election can be requested is 18 April. If there is no request for an election, an advertisement will be placed in the subsequent edition of the Over Wyre Focus and on the website.

Review of Quality Council Scheme

The Quality Council Scheme is being reviewed to ensure it remains fit for purpose. Consultation is now under way and a new Scheme will be drafted during May/June. Workshops on the new Scheme will take place between July and October and applications will be able to be made under the new Scheme from October. The current freeze on Quality Status will end in December.

Health and Safety Documentation

Gillian Benson (Clerk for Catterall, Pilling, Kirkland and Forton), Edwina Parry (Clerk for Garstang) and the Clerk have agreed to pool our health and safety documentation to identify best practice for us all to adopt a common approach.

Managing the Parish Wood

A site visit with Alan Wallbank (Tree and Woodland Officer) and Greg Robinson (Countryside Ranger) took place on 11 April. The site visit is to identify on the ground what works are required at what time and how the countryside volunteers might assist in regenerating the pond.

Village Hall Holding Trustee

Following an enquiry from Cllr Jenkinson on what progress had been made to put into effect the Parish Council's agreement to become the holding trustee for the Village Hall, it became apparent that the required paperwork had not been submitted to the solicitors. As a result, a number of documents have now been sent to Ingham's Solicitors and a response is awaited.

267(2012-13) Items for Next Agenda

Councillors were 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.

268(2012-13) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 May 2013 at 7pm.

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