

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 August 2013 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs D Anderson (Chairman); S Carrington; J Jackson; K Jenkinson and A Wallace

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council.

066(2013-14) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A McCann and the reason accepted.

067(2013-14) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

068(2013-14) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2013 be agreed as a true record.

069(2013-14) 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. In the absence of a police representative the Clerk gave a short update on crime and antisocial behaviour. On the conclusion of public participation councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

070(2013-14) Golf on Playing Field

Councillors considered a request from a resident that the parish council erect signs prohibiting golf on the playing field. His request followed an incident when a golf ball was hit from the neighbouring Wyre Villa football pitch and landed close to his car. Councillors considered that a sign was unlikely to deter anyone from using the playing field for this purpose and it had no enforcement powers available to it. Councillors therefore **resolved** to take no further action at this time but would ask the resident to notify a councillor if he saw anyone using the field for this purpose.

071(2013-14) Winter Planting

Cllr Jackson asked councillors to consider whether the parish council should plant the various urns, features and beds with winter flowering plants. Councillors **resolved** to replace the urn under the parish sign on Hall Gate Lane with a box to mirror the one at the other end of the village and to plant both boxes, the boat and the beds at the top of Back Lane and Smithy Lane with pansies and to plant the boat with polyanthus and pansies.

072(2013-14) Highgate Lane Potholes

Cllr McCann had raised the matter of the numerous potholes on Highgate Lane and councillors **resolved** to raise the matter with Lancashire Highways. The Chairman agreed to raise the matter at the next Wyre Road Safety meeting.

073(2013-14) Flooding/Flood Prevention Update

Cllr Carrington reported that LCC had now identified an obstruction in the form of a smashed pipe but unfortunately work was halted until the residents concerned arranged for the removal of asbestos. The other problem was that of the inability of the foul water system to take sewerage away in times of heavy rain and she and Cllr Jackson will raise the issue at the next meeting of the Wyre Flood Forum. Cllr Wallace reported that the Environment Agency had put a camera into the dyke on Back Lane and had found that rubbish had caused a blockage. They had power flushed the rubbish out and water was now flowing through. She raised the issue of dykes that had been filled in and those not properly maintained. Councillors **resolved** that a list of dykes that had not been cleaned out should be

maintained and that the parish council would write to the landowners asking them to maintain them properly to prevent flooding.

074(2013-14) Wardley's Lane

Cllr Anderson reported that LCC had now found the owner of the land where the hedges still needed cutting and that the traffic signs appear to be deterring large vehicles from using the lane. Councillors **resolved** to ask Wyre Council to clean the road now that the hedges allowed access.

075(2013-14) Request for Support from Inskip with Sowerby Parish Council

Councillors considered a request from Inskip with Sowerby Parish Council seeking support for their opposition to the removal of the rural grant by Wyre Council by attending a meeting with the Leader. Councillors noted that those parish councils who attended the Wyre Area Committee of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils had made their collective opposition plain to Wyre's Chief Executive and that the parish council had written to the Leader of the Council stating their opposition to the proposal. Councillors therefore **resolved** not to take up the invitation.

076(2013-14) Donation to 1st Stalmine Scouts

Councillors noted that the scout group had delivered the parish plan questionnaires in return for a donation and councillors **resolved** to make a donation of £50 using the powers available to it under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as the scout group is of benefit to young people in the community.

077(2013-14) Provision of Additional Litter Bins

Councillors **resolved** to put money into next year's budget to purchase additional litter bins to place around the village.

078(2013-14) Weedspraying Certification

Councillors noted that, in order to use weedkiller as part of his work, one of the Lengthsmen must have received the proper training and hold a certificate. Councillors **resolved** that he undertake the training at Myerscough College at a cost of £360.

079(2013-14) Change of Meeting Date

Councillors **resolved** to change the dates for the February and September 2014 meetings to Tuesday 11 February and Tuesday 9 September.

080(2013-14) Bollards – Junction of Staynall Lane and A588

Councillors noted that County Councillor Vivien Taylor could not help to find a common sense solution as the bollards were part of a road safety scheme. They accepted that it was unlikely that LCC would take any action in respect of the bollards on Stricklands Lane but remained concerned about the siting of the those to the left of the Staynall Lane junction as they block the view of drivers trying to turn out of the lane. Councillors **resolved** to invite a member of the road safety team to a site meeting to demonstrate the problem.

081(2013-14) Planning Condition – Provision of a Bus Shelter

Councillors noted a response from County Councillor Vivien Taylor regarding a change of location for the proposed bus shelter at the stop at the end of Back Lane, one of the planning conditions for the Longacres Business Pak, and **resolved** to ask Wyre Council whether the planning condition could be changed to allow the bus shelter to be placed elsewhere if the applicant agreed.

082(2013-14) Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2013

The external audit has now been completed and councillors **resolved** to accept and approve the Annual Return noting that no action was required. Councillors noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be displayed on the notice board and the Annual Return uploaded on to the website.

083(2013-14) Halite – Seismic Survey

Cllr Jackson reported that Halite had recently been conducting a series of 2 dimensional seismic surveys in the Preesall, Stalmine and Fleetwood areas in accordance with permitted development rights. The works are being undertaken on a seven-day week basis between dawn and dusk, working hours being dictated by tide times affecting the Wyre Estuary. According to the Halite leaflet distributed to some but not all local residents, during the survey between 30-40 members of the Tesla team will be on site. Halite security personnel have been in place during the past two weeks at all road, footpath and bridleway junctions. Some residents on both sides of the estuary have been alarmed by the loud explosions and subsequent vibrations. A previous similar geophysical investigation was undertaken by Canatxx in the summer of 1997. Despite Canatxx claims that the area was eminently suitable for gas storage, the results from the Barnaby Sands/Arm Hill area were found to be inconclusive.

084(2013-14) Planning Applications

13/00500/FUL

Proposal: Two storey rear extension, roof lift to create a front gable and side dormers and replacement garage

Location: Taye House, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

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

13/00504/FUL

Proposal: Application to replace extant application 10/00454 for conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and erection of new double garage

Location: Crookdale House, Mill Lane, Stalmine

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

13/00492/FUL

Proposal: Two 11kw 24.8m high wind turbines 918.3m to hub, 13m diameter blades)

Location: Yew Tree Farm, Old Tom's Lane, Stalmine

It was unanimously agreed that the Council objects on the grounds of impact on wildlife and impact on visual amenity.

13/00530/FULMAJ

Proposal: Extension to existing kennels, construction of cattery, construction of a dog isolation unit, construction of a cat isolation unit, outside dog pens, erection of a small animal unit, alterations to vehicular access and creation of an earth mound

Location: Longview Animal Centre, Old Tom's Lane, Stalmine

It was unanimously agreed that the Council objects to the proposal for outside dog pens on the grounds of the noise impact on local residents.

13/00584/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side extension

Location: 1 Carr End Barn, Carr End Lane, Stalmine

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

085(2013-14) Finance

a) Receipts this month	
AON insurance (refund)	£7.46
b) Payments to be approved:	
Staff costs	£1062.15
Staff expenditure on behalf of the Council	£ 64.27
Stalmine Village Hall	£500.00
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 12.38
Preesall Town Council	£14.35
P G Whitside	£45.00
Payments by Standing Order for Noting:	
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£36.00
c) Statement of Accounts – July 2013	
The statement of accounts for the month ending July 2013 shows:	
Business Current Account	£1071.40
Business High Interest Account	£17,815.46
Playing Field Account	£3331.37

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

086(2013-14) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

087(2013-14) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report is respect of:

Planting

One of the Lengthsmen has spent a considerable number of hours transporting water and watering the various beds, features and urns, although some members of the public have been kind enough to water those near their homes. Unfortunately a number of plants were stolen from the urns at Wardley's and this has been reported to the police.

Parish Champion – Grant Application

The grant application for £500 towards the cost of the new notice board has been successful.

Data Protection Registration

The Government has announced that it is looking at removing the requirement for parish and town) councils to pay the fee for data registration and to possibly exempt local councils from data registration altogether.

Sustainable Communities Act

The Government has extended this Act to town and parish councils. This means that local councils can now identify solutions or ideas to reverse community decline, whether that is social, economic, democratic or environmental. Councils should consult proactively and try to reach agreement with local people on proposals to be put forward to government for action.

National Association Consultation

The structure and strategy of NALC is currently under review. Any comments on the new draft strategy should be made to LALC by 30 August.

Quality Town and Parish Council Scheme

A report detailing the results of consultation on the scheme has recently been published and recommendations on a revised scheme are currently being prepared. There will be an opportunity for feedback on the proposals prior to them being finalised.

WW1 Commemoration

The Heritage Lottery Fund is offering groups, including parish and community councils, grants of £3,000 to £10,000 to help them mark the Centenary of the First World War. HLF also provide grants of more than £10,000 for First World War projects. Grants are provided to help people understand the war and its impact better and each project must achieve a minimum of one outcome from the following list - people will have: learnt about heritage; developed skills; changed their or heritage will be: in better condition; better interpreted and explained; identified/recorded. Applications can be made at any time as it is a rolling programme.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service – Performance Report and Action Plan 2013 (Incorporating Emergency Cover Review)

The Fire and Rescue Service is consulting on the above (www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/campaign/) and is particularly interested in views on the emergency cover review. The consultation exercise runs from 29th July to the 20th October and any comments should be made to Risk Management Planning Team, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Garstang Road, Fulwood, Preston PR2 3LH. Tel 01772 862545, Fax 01772 865144 or Email rmp@lancsfirerescue.org.uk

Rural Housing in Wyre

Regenda and Wyre Council have jointly developed a newsletter to try to promote housing in the rural area and to ensure that local people know how to apply and bid for housing. A copy has been provided for councillors.

2013/14 National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has reached agreement on a salary award of 1% effective from 1 April 2013 for those employees under its remit. As this includes the Clerk the pay award and arrears have been actioned in the August payroll.

Dong Energy Walney Extension Offshore Windfarm

On Friday 28 June 2013, DONG Energy submitted an Application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate. The Application was accepted for progression to Examination on 22 July 2013.

Halite Seismic Survey and the Wyre Way

According to LCC Halite has not sought a closure order for the parts of the footpath where the survey is being conducted. LCC advise that, if any part of the footpath is restricted, a request should be made for a copy of the closure order and, if this is not produced, a report made to LCC.

088(2013-14) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 September 2013 at 7pm.

088(2013-14) Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, councillors **resolved** to exclude the press and public to discuss items relating to the employment of staff.

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