

## STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 December 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 and two members of the public.

#### 135(2013-14) Apologies for Absence

None.

#### 136(2013-14) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

#### 137(2013-14) Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

#### 138(2013-14) Public Participation (Including Police Report)

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to bring matters relating to the agenda to the attention of the council. In the absence of a police representative the Clerk provided an update on the small amount of crime and anti-social behaviour in the parish. A member of the public gave a brief report on the recent meeting of the Wyre Flood Forum in respect of Porters Row/Smithy Lane and the surface water sewer on Carr End Lane to the bottom of Lynwood Drive and on to the village hall car park. The outstanding pipework should be finished by April. A member of the public stated that he had wanted to raise issues but was precluded from doing so because they were not on the agenda and pointed out that information on the website was in conflict with what he had been told. The Clerk confirmed that the Council's Standing Orders provide for members of the public to speak on items on the agenda and items not on the agenda should be raised initially with a councillor or with the Clerk. On the conclusion of public participation councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

#### 139(2013-14) Draft Budget for 2014/15

Councillors are asked noted that, as the revised council tax base was not known at the time the agenda was published and the local government finance settlement (which may contain limits on the percentage increase town and parish councils may propose) will not be published until later in December, the draft budget will be considered at the January meeting.

#### 140(2013-14) Meeting with United Utilities

Councillors noted that UU has offered a series of dates in January for a day time meeting and **resolved** to seek a meeting on either 15, 22 or 29 January. The meeting will be open to the public and the date will be advertised once confirmed.

#### 141(2013-14) Planning Applications

##### **13/00851/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension to existing barn conversion

**Location:** Lavender Barn, Smithy Lane, Stalmine

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

**142(2013-14) Finance****a) Receipts this month**

None

**b) Payments to be approved:**

Staff Costs	£867.35
Staff expenditure on behalf of the Council	£54.38
FH & M Davies & Son	£196.00
Fleetwood High School	£58.10
Over Wyre Brass Band (S137)	£100.00
Mr K Jenkinson	£37.33
Wyre Council	£15.00
Wyre Building Supplies	£90.54

**Payments by Standing Order for Noting:**

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

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

Business Current Account	£429.27
Business High Interest Account	£10,217.81
Playing Field Account	£3335.57

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment (including the sum of £100 using the powers conferred by S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being satisfied that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section) and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order and the statement of accounts.

**143(2013-14) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)**

Cllr Anderson reported that she had attended the Wyre Road Safety Committee meeting and had raised the potholes on Lynwood Drive (LCC has inspected but found no potholes need repairing), a blocked gully on Staynall Lane (LCC will replace it) and the state of Highgate Lane (LCC has confirmed that the potholes will be filled).

**144(2013-14) Clerk's Report (for information)**

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Electoral Review of Wyre

The Boundary Commission has now published its final recommendations for Wyre. None of the recommendations affects the Parish Council area.

Future of Local Audit: Draft Regulations Consultation

The Government is currently consulting on secondary legislation which is required to give effect to the new local audit arrangements set out in the Local Audit and Accountability Bill. The main proposals affecting town and parish councils are the creation of a sector led body to appoint auditors and the exemption from audit of most bodies with a turnover under £25,000. The Clerk will respond to those sections of the consultation relating to town and parish councils.

Casual Vacancy

Wyre Council has confirmed that the date by which a request for an election to be held to fill the casual vacancy has now passed without a request being received. The Parish Council may now fill

the vacancy through co-option and the vacancy will be advertised on the notice board and website and in the Over Wyre Focus magazine.

Notice Board and Bus Shelter

These have been added to the insurance policy at no additional cost for the remainder of the year. There will be a slight increase in cost next year.

S137 Maximum Expenditure

The maximum expenditure a parish council can make under this power is £7.26 per elector in 2014/15.

30mph Sign – Carr Lane

The sign was blown down in the storm of 5 December and the Extra Lengthsman took it for safe keeping. LCC is now in the process of collecting and re-erecting it.

Council Tax Benefit Support Grant

The Chairman of NALC met with the Communities and Local Government Minister in late November to set out sector concerns and pressing for statutory guidance to ensure billing authorities pass on the grant to town and parish councils. The Minister stressed his support to ensure the grant is passed on but gave no commitment that there would be a statutory requirement but agreed to consider it and to provide a response before Christmas. Wyre Council has stated its intention that the grant would not be passed on this year.

LCC – Consultation on Withdrawal of Bus Subsidy

LCC is consulting on the withdrawal of the subsidy for the 2C bus which will mean no bus running after 7pm or on Sundays. As the deadline for responses is before the next meeting an extraordinary meeting will be called on Monday 6 January at 7pm and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

**145(2013-14) Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 20 January 2014 at 7pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.