

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 December 2012 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs W McCann (Chairman), D Anderson and K Jenkinson

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council and PCSO Natalie Johnstone (Item 4).

A G E N D A

163(2012-13) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Jackson, G Mason and A McCann and the reasons accepted.

164(2012-13) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations on matters to be considered at the meeting.

165(2012-13) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2012 be agreed as a true record.

166(2012-13) Public Participation (Including Police Report)

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow PCSO Johnstone to report on the continuing very low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in the parish during November and on her resignation as a PCSO to join Lancashire Constabulary as a Police Constable. Members thanked her for her work on behalf of the parish and wished her well in her new role. On the conclusion of public participation councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

167(2012-13) Draft Budget for 2013/14

Councillors noted that the Government is in the process of changing the rules on council tax benefit and this may have a knock on effect on how the Council calculates its precept. Councillors further noted that the Council may therefore need to reconsider its budget and precept after the implications become clear early in the New Year. Councillors considered the draft budget which had been the subject of detailed scrutiny at the Budget Workshop held on 5 December and **resolved** to provisionally precept £14,224 in 2013/14. Councillors further **resolved** to ask Wyre Council to provide the full amount of rural grant for the coming financial year.

168(2012-13) Cleansing of Wardley's Lane

Councillors noted that attempts to contact the remaining landowner by telephone had not been successful and a letter had therefore been sent outlining the impact of the hedges not being cut and asking for a swift resolution. Cllr Anderson reported that the hedges had still not been cut and councillors **resolved** to ask the Clerk to write again to the landowner and to contact the County Council if no action had been taken by the next meeting. Councillors noted the excessive amounts of water which regularly run down the lane and **resolved** to ask the County Council if they could take action to improve the situation.

169(2012-13) Dog Control Orders

Councillors considered a letter from Wyre Council seeking the Council's approval to install new signage relating to dog control orders (and to subsequently enforce the new orders) on the playing field and **resolved** to agree to Wyre Council's request.

170(2012-13) Halite CCTV Cameras

Councillors noted that officers from Wyre Council had visited the location of some of the cameras and had asked Halite to submit a planning application for all the cameras. Wyre Council expects the application to be submitted shortly after Christmas.

171(2012-13) Allotments (Cllr Mason)

In the absence of Cllr Mason councillors **resolved** to defer this item until the next meeting.

172(2012-13) Addressing Flooding Issues

Councillors noted that, in a letter dated 22 November 2012, Natural England had stated that they would consider sending a representative to the next meeting of the Wyre Flood Forum and had confirmed that there is no overall policy in relation to clearing watercourses in Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). Instead they have site specific policies. The Clerk confirmed that she had responded on 6 December asking for the policies relating to the Grange Pool watercourse which flows into the Wyre through Barnaby Sands SSSI and Burrows Pool which flows into the Wyre through Burrows Marsh SSSI. Councillors noted that no response had yet been received.

Councillors also noted that, as a result of the Council's letter to him, Ben Wallace MP had written to the Chief Executive of Natural England asking him to facilitate the attendance of an officer at future meetings of the Wyre Flood Forum.

Councillors **resolved** to defer discussion on how landowner responsibilities for keeping ditches and dykes clear and the knock on effects of not doing so could best be publicised until the next meeting.

173(2012-13) Best Kept Village Competition – Judges' Report

Councillors noted the content of the report and resolved to publicise the results in the Parish News, on the website and on the notice board to draw attention both the positive comments and the areas for improvement.

174(2012-13) Relocation of Planters (Cllr Jackson)

In the absence of Cllr Jackson councillors **resolved** to defer this item until the next meeting.

175(2012-13) Planning Applications**12/00730FUL(amended application)**

Proposal: Erection of two-storey rear extension

Location: 1 Moor End Cottage, Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

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

12/00782/FUL

Proposal: Creation of a private leisure lake and engineering operations to farm landscaped mound

Location: Brick House, 10 Brick House Lane, Hambleton

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

176(2012-13) Managing the Parish Wood

Councillors noted that some concerns had been raised by a resident of Douglas Avenue about the height of some of the trees and the potential for damage to property should a tree come down. Councillors noted that the Extra Lengthsman had done some pruning but required a chain saw competence certificate in order to do further work.

Councillors **resolved** that the Council pay 50% of the costs of the training and that the costs be clawed back if the Extra Lengthsman were to leave within two years. Councillors further **resolved** that the Clerk approach the Tree and Woodland Officer at Wyre Council to discuss the longer term management of the wood.

177(2012-13) Finance

a) Receipts this month:

Reimbursement of 50% of CiLCA costs from Preesall TC	£100.00
NALC bursary (CiLCA)	£100.00

b) Accounts for payments:

Staff costs	£844.68
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£98.40
B Hutchinson (dinghy)	£150.00
FH & M Davies & Son (plants/xmas tree)	£429.60
Fleetwood High School (printing)	£10.01
Preesall Auto Discount	£27.20
Ken Jenkinson (xmas lights catering)	£23.00
David Murphy (hedge cutting)	£90.00

Payments by Standing Order for Noting

Easy Websites monthly hosting fee	£36.00
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c) Statement of Accounts – November 2012

The statement of accounts for the month ending November 2012 shows:

Business Current Account	£403.71
Business High Interest Account	£16404.68
Playing Field Account	£3318.95

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment (other than a payment to HMRC which is due in January and therefore deferred) and noted the payment by standing order and the statement of accounts.

178(2012-13) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

Councillors noted a written report on the Wyre Flood Forum of 6 December provided by Cllr Jackson and a similar note from Cllr Anderson in relation to the Wyre Road Safety Committee.

179(2012-13) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Parish Plan Refresh

As a result of work on the budget this item has been deferred to the next meeting.

Verge Cutting on Behalf of LCC

There has been no further progress on the issue since the last meeting. I am awaiting information from Sim Lane-Dixon about the areas cut by LCC.

Community Right to Bid Powers

These powers are now in force. Communities can apply to get a range of local assets registered as "assets of community value" and, if a registered asset goes up for sale, communities will have 6 weeks to express an interest in taking on the asset. If approved they will have a total of 6 months during

which the asset cannot be sold to develop plans and raise finance. At the end of the 6 month period the asset owner can sell. The powers do not mean that communities can force a sale. For more information see www.mycommunityrights.org.

Winter Planting

All the urns have now been planted with polyanthus.

Feature Beds

Brian Hutchinson has sourced a dinghy for one of the feature beds. This is currently being stored at locally and he will sand and paint it over the winter for placing in the spring.

HMRC – Real Time Information

From 1 April the Parish Council will need to make a submission to HMRC when the payroll is run each month. Whilst this is a small amount of extra work, time will be saved at the year end when the end of year submission will no longer be required. As the Council uses the HMRC PAYE Tool there is action required by the Council to prepare for the change.

180(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.

181(2012-13) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 January 2013 at 7pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.