

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21 January 2013 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

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

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council and 8 members of the public.

182(2012-13) Election of Chairman

The Clerk reported that Cllr W McCann had resigned as a parish councillor with effect from 19 January 2013 and councillors resolved to elect Cllr D Anderson as Chairman for the remainder of the municipal year. Cllr Anderson signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Councillors further resolved to notify Wyre Council of the casual vacancy in order to begin the process of filling it.

183(2012-13) Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

184(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.

185(2012-13) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2012 be agreed as a true record.

186(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. A number of members of the public expressed their concerns about the wind turbine planning application on the agenda. These include noise nuisance, adverse health effects, the proximity to dwellings, particularly to residents of the park homes on the nearby site, the effect on TV reception, road access to the site and the impact on wildlife in the nearby wood and the environment more generally.

A member of the public raised concerns about the condition of the play area, the fact that the footpath on Church View is non-existent and the fact that the location of the Speed Information device had not been changed for a significant length of time.

A member of the public raised concerns about non-compliance with planning conditions at the Business Park.

The Clerk had received crime and anti-social behaviour figures from the Police and would circulate them by email.

On the conclusion of public participation councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting and the Chairman indicated that the council would look into the matters raised.

187(2012-13) Budget for 2013/14

Councillors noted that the Government announced final decisions on changes to council tax benefit which will affect the council tax base and therefore the amount each Band D property will pay in terms of precept after the Council had set its budget and precept for 2013/14 at the December meeting. In addition Wyre Council has decided to passport to parishes a proportion of the local council tax support grant to help offset any precept rise with this parish council receiving grant of £1299.

As a result of the impact of the changes, councillors resolved to reduce the budget by £200 and to set the precept for 2013/14 at £12, 725 or £23.75 (46p per week) for a Band D property.

188(2012-13) Cleansing of Wardley's Lane

Councillors noted that a further letter had been sent to the remaining landowner asking him to cut the hedge before the Council passes the issue to Lancashire County Council. Councillors further noted that the landowner had taken no action in response to the letter nor to the previous letter or telephone request. As a result councillors resolved to pass the matter to LCC for them to carry out the work and recharge the landowner.

Councillors noted that the response from LCC in relation to run-off from adjoining fields is that the road drainage systems are designed to cope with the water which falls onto the highway surface but that the exceptional rainfall last year has caused significant problems. Councillors further noted that, owing to resource limitations, it is unlikely that any remedial work will be able to be done but LCC has confirmed that it will be referred for future investigation.

189(2012-13) Allotments (Cllr Mason)

Cllr Mason asked that Council consider whether there is a requirement for a small number of allotment plots and, if so, where potential sites might be. Councillors resolved that this be included in the questionnaire that would be used to update the parish plan.

190(2012-13) Addressing Flooding Issues

The Clerk reported that, as a result of the letter sent by the Council, Natural England had confirmed that a representative would attend the next meeting of the Wyre Flood Forum. Councillors resolved to defer this item to the next agenda as a result of the adverse weather and the need to keep the meeting short.

191(2012-13) Relocation of Planters (Cllr Jackson)

At the request of Cllr Jackson councillors resolved to move the two planters from Stricklands Lane to either side of the bus shelter at the end of Moss House Lane so that they could be enjoyed by a greater number of residents.

192(2012-13) Lancashire and Merseyside County Training Partnership

Councillors noted that there would be a Finance workshop on 20 February 2013 and a Chairmanship workshop on 6 March 2013.

193(2012-13) Parish Plan Refresh

Councillors resolved to defer this item to the next agenda as a result of the adverse weather and the need to keep the meeting short.

194(2012-13) An Annual Event for Stalmine

Councillors resolved to defer this item to the next agenda as a result of the adverse weather and the need to keep the meeting short.

195(2012-13) Planning Applications

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Proposal: Erection of a wind turbine, 14.97m high to the hub and 17.77m to blade tip

Location: Moor End Farm, Back Lane, Stalmine

Councillors resolved to object to the application on the grounds of Proximity to local residents, particularly in the nearby park homes; noise nuisance and the possible effects on health; impact on wildlife and road access for the development.

196(2012-13) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

Nil

b) Accounts for Payments:

Staff costs	£641.53
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£ 23.58
HMRC (Q3)	£522.80
Wyre Building Supplies	£ 8.71
Preesall Town Council (printing)	£ 13.86

Payments by Standing Order for Noting

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

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

Business Current Account	£855.03
Business High Interest Account	£14404.68
Playing Field Account	£3323.13

d) Quarterly Budget Monitoring

Councillors noted the Q3 budget monitoring.

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the payment by standing order, the statement of accounts and the Q3 budget monitoring.

197(2012-13) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

The Clerk reported that the Wyre Area Committee of LALC had met on 15 January where Philipp Davies, Director of Resources for Wyre Council had made a presentation on the changes to the council tax base and the impact on parish councils.

198(2012-13) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of

Changes to Dementia Services

The NHS is consulting on proposed changes to the provision of dementia services across Lancashire. The consultation document is available on the Council's website or can be obtained from the Lancashire Mental Health Network Team on 01254 282128, by email at lmht@lancashirecare.nhs.uk or on the website at www.lancashirementalhealth.co.uk. The consultation document includes a survey form on which to submit a response which must be made by Monday 25th February 2013. There are a number of public events taking place across the county, the nearest being at Wyre Civic Centre on 17 January 2013 from 1-3pm.

Lancashire and Merseyside County Training Partnership – Workshops for 2013

June 20 th	Quality Council Workshop
July 6 th	New Councillors and Clerks – Module 1
July 20 th	New Councillors and Clerks – Module 2
August	Freedom of Information/Data Protection
September 18 th	Employment
October 16 th	Community Engagement/Case Studies
November	Risk Assessment

Managing the Parish Wood

Alan Wallbank, Tree and Woodland Officer at Wyre Council, has confirmed that he will inspect the wood and offer some recommendations for its management. Arrangements have been made for Brian Hutchinson to attend the Chainsaw certificate course at Myerscough and he will hopefully be booked onto a course in early February if it is not full.

Church Roof

Work on the church roof begins on 14 January and is expected to take 7-8 weeks. Services will be held in the village hall during the works.

Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm

Newsletter No 4 has now been published and can be found on Dong Energy's website (www.dongenergry.com/walneyextension).

Grant Application

A grant application has been made to the LCC Parish Champion for a grant towards the new notice board from his next year's allocation.

199(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.

200(2012-13) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 February 2013 at 7pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.