

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 July 2015 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs J Jackson (Chairman), S Carrington, K Jenkinson, S Pelham, A Wallace and D Walmsley

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council, Cllr Julie Robinson (Wyre Council) and three members of the public.

021(2015-16) Apologies for Absence

None.

022(2015-16) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

023(2015-16) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12 May 2015 be agreed as a true record.

024(2015-16) 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.

A member of the public raised the issue of the play area and asked the parish council to liaise with the Residents' Association. The Association had been in touch with Wyre Council in relation to the possible relocation and Wyre Council had asked whether the parish council was behind such a move.

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

025(2015-16) Change to Bank Mandate

Councillors **resolved** to remove former councillor Debbie Anderson from the bank mandate and to add Cllr Sue Pelham.

026(2015-16) Internal Audit Report

Councillors noted the internal audit report and considered the response to the recommendations prepared by the Clerk. Councillors **resolved** to accept the responses and to not introduce the initaling of invoices and bills for payment on the basis that they were satisfied with the audit trail already in place.

027(2015-16) Campaign to Protect Rural England

Councillors considered a letter from the CPRE asking the parish council whether it wishes to take up membership. Councillors **resolved** not to take up membership on the basis of poor past experience with the organisation.

028(2015-16) Play Area

Councillors noted a request made at the Annual Parish Meeting in May that the parish council consider relocating the play area to the playing field next to the Bowling Club and support a new play area which would give more space for families and is close to the car park. Councillors further noted that such a move would require a change to the lease and the possible costs associated with such a change that would likely fall to the parish council. Prior to considering the request councillors **resolved** to consult the Bowling Club whose members would be most affected and residents by means of an article in the parish council's submission in the Green Book.

029(2015-16) Electoral Review of Lancashire

Councillors noted that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England has begun an electoral review of Lancashire County Council and is seeking views on future electoral division boundaries for the council. Councillors further noted that the Wyreside division has a significantly higher electorate than the average and agreed that a change was required to balance the division. Councillors **resolved** that the Clerk investigate how the boundary might be changed and to consider a draft response at the next meeting.

030(2015-16) Local Plan

Councillors considered the Issues and Options document prepared by Wyre Council as part of the process of developing the Local Plan. Councillors discussed the impact of future development on the parish and, in particular, the traffic and drainage infrastructure problems that would be further exacerbated by additional development. Councillors acknowledged that there was a need for some growth, particularly to help keep young people in the area, but the infrastructure would need to match development. Councillors noted that there would be a meeting of Over Wyre parishes on 28 July to discuss the document and **resolved** to delegate the formal response to the Clerk in consultation with the councillors attending that meeting.

031(2015-16) Planning Applications**15/00422/OUT**

Proposal: Outline application for erection of one dwelling with associated access

Location: South View, Brick House Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

15/00531/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval to change the use of an agricultural building to a dwellinghouse

Location: Carters Farm, Old Toms Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council objects to the proposal on the grounds that it is a single track road and not suitable for further development.

15/00479/FUL

Proposal: Outline application for residential development following demolition of existing stable building with all matters reserved

Location: Rathsheen, Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

Notice of Appeal

Location: River Cottage, Wardleys Lane

Proposal: Two storey extension and pitched roof to front with dormers on both side elevations, single storey side extension and first floor balconies to front and rear

It was agreed that the response put forward by the parish council to the original planning application stand.

032(2015-16) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

LCC PROW opting in payment	£200.00
High Interest Account interest (May)	£0.81

High Interest Account interest (June)	£0.87
General Reserve Account interest	£4.19
Moon Trust grant	£300.00

b) Payments to be approved:

1244/5/6	Staff costs	£847.72
1244/5	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£35.49
1247	HMRC	£652.20
1248	Wyre Building Supplies	£117.39
1249	F H & M Davies	£1008.60
1250	DFX Systems	£40.00
1251	Preesall Town Council	£40.38
1252	Preesall Auto Discount	£6.50
1253	BDO LLP	£120.00

c) Payments from last meeting for noting:

1240/1/2	Staff costs	£959.52
1240/1	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£33.14

d) Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£24.00
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e) Statement of Accounts – May and June 2015

The statement of accounts for the month ending May 2015 shows

Business Current Account	£133.71
Business High Interest Account	£19,468.82
General Reserve Account	£3,360.73

The statement of accounts for the month ending June 2015 shows

Business Current Account	£617.05
Business High Interest Account	£20,467.14
General Reserve Account	£3,364.92

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order, the statement of accounts and the payments made following the cancellation of the June meeting under para 6.4 of the Council's Financial Regulations.

033(2015-16) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

Cllr Jackson reported that she had not been able to attend the last meeting but had the minutes. She reported that the Wyre Flood Plan revisions had now been completed. In the Stalmine action plan there was one outstanding item, that of a storage facility for sandbags and road signs to use in flood events but this should be resolved in the near future given the successful Shaping Your Neighbourhood grant application.

034(2015-16) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Shared Lives Service – Recruiting Shared Lives Carers

Lancashire County Council is promoting its Shared Lives Service. Shared Lives involves caring for an adult in your family home, because they cannot live with their own family or live on their own. It is family-based care provided by individuals or families, enabling adults to share in family and

community life, as well as supporting them to develop their strengths, abilities and independence. People who require Shared Lives support come from a variety of backgrounds and may be an adult with a learning disability or an older adult. An extensive matching process is put in place between the carer and the person to be placed. Carers come from many different backgrounds and no formal qualifications are required. What really matters are personal qualities – you need to be patient, positive, flexible and have a person-centred approach. Carers receive a generous financial allowance and a dedicated support team.

Further information can be obtained from the team on 01257 516036 or by email at sharedlives@lancashire.gov.uk

Wyre Council Rural Affordable Housing Survey

Wyre Council has commissioned North Star Consulting & Research to carry out an important survey to understand the need for Affordable Housing in rural areas. It is important to get information on the housing circumstances of as many residents as possible whether they are in need of affordable housing or not. The more feedback we receive the more accurately we will be able to plan for future housing need in the area. North Star has recently sent a survey to each household in eight rural ward areas. The survey collects basic information about the household and its future housing needs. They have provided a FREEPOST envelope for households to submit their responses and the survey can also be completed online. Large print versions of the survey are also available on request via FREEPHONE 0800 689 0220. There is a series of community drop in events to inform local residents about the study and gather views on affordable housing. The nearest one is in Stalmine Village Hall on Wednesday 17 June between 3pm and 7pm. For further information telephone 07917468312 or FREEPHONE 0800 689 0220 or via Freya.lees@northstarcr.com

Lancashire Green Leaf Grants

Green Leaf Grants has replaced the Green Partnership Awards and will be run by the Lancashire Environmental Fund rather than the County Council and its partners. The Green Leaf Grants are to support and encourage communities to improve the local environment. Details are available from the Lancashire Environmental Fund website www.lancsenvfund.org.uk or by contacting Jennifer Tidy at jennifertidy@lancsenvfund.org.uk.

End of Public Subsidies for Onshore Wind Farms

The Government has announced that new onshore wind farms will be excluded from Government subsidy from 1st April 2016, a year earlier than expected. There will be a grace period for projects which already have planning permission. The Government also said that it may look at options to continue support for community energy projects. The Government has already announced measures in the Queen's speech to change the law to give local communities the final say on onshore windfarm applications.

Guides on Neighbourhood Planning

Planning Aid England has produced a suite of resources to assist those developing a Neighbourhood Plan. The resources provide practical tips and advice on various stages of the Neighbourhood Plan process from designating the neighbourhood area to submitting the plan for examination. They are designed for parish councils and community groups to use. They include a series of how to guides, templates and videos. Topics include project planning, resourcing your Neighbourhood Plan, engaging with landowners and developers, developing a vision and objectives and writing planning policies.

Pedestrian Crossing

There has been no information from LCC who committed to reconsider their refusal to install a pedestrian crossing near the Seven Stars after Ben Wallace MP had become involved. An email was sent to Ben Wallace in June indicating that there had been no response and he has written again to Phil Barrett, Director of Highway Services, to ask for an update.

Lancashire County Training Partnership

The Partnership will run a Community Engagement workshop on 10 September from 7-9pm at a cost of £25. There will also be a Chairmanship workshop on 19 November from 7-9pm at a cost of £25. If any councillor wishes to attend either workshop please contact the Clerk.

035(2015-16) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 11 August 2015** at 7.00pm.

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