

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 March 2013 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs D Anderson; J Jackson and K Jenkinson

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council; PCSO Terry Molloy (Item 4) and 1 member of the public.

230(2012-13) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr A McCann and the reason accepted. Councillors noted that Cllr G Mason had resigned from the Parish Council and that Wyre Council would be notified of the vacancy.

231(2012-13) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None

232(2012-13) Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

233(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.

PCSO Molloy reported that the new PC for the area would be PC Gary Cross who starts at the beginning of April but the net effect was the loss of one PCSO. Cllr Jackson reported that she had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner about the situation and, was awaiting a full response. PCSO Molloy reported on the very small number of crimes and anti-social behaviour in the parish. On behalf of a member of the public the Clerk outlined concerns at the speed of traffic through the village and PCSO Molloy indicated that he had passed the concerns to the road policing unit. He also reported on the community roadwatch scheme where volunteers use equipment to record speeds.

The Clerk reported that the Residents' Association were happy to work with the Parish Council on the litter pick. They had also asked that the verges where the daffodils grow not be mown for a period after flowering to allow the bulbs to regenerate for next year. The Clerk will contact the contractor.

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

234(2012-13) Annual Governance Review

Councillors considered Standing Orders 2013, Annual Parish Meeting Standing Orders 2013, Financial Regulations 2013, Risk Management Plan 2013, Risk Management Register 2013, Schedule of Assets 2013, Model publication scheme 2013, Information security policy 2013 and Complaints Procedure 2013 and, with the addition of 8 bench seats to the Schedule of Assets, **resolved** to adopt them.

235 (2012-13) Appointment of Internal Auditor for Year Ending 31.3.13 and Approval of Internal Audit Terms of Reference

Councillors **resolved** to appoint Gillian Benson as the Council's Internal Auditor for year ending 31.3.13 at a fee of £100 and further **resolved** to agree the terms of reference for the internal audit.

236(2012/13) Confirmation of Precept for 2013/14

Following confirmation by Wyre Council that it would deduct the local council tax support grant from the precept rather than provide the grant to the parish council, councillors **resolved** to confirm the original precept of £14,224 less £200 which was deducted from planned expenditure giving a precept of £14,024.

237(2012-13) Improving the Website and Using Social Media

Councillors agreed that it would be best to discuss this item when more councillors are present and **resolved** to defer the item to a future meeting. Councillors asked the Clerk to pass on their thanks to the resident concerned.

238(2012-13) Cleansing of Wardley's Lane

Councillors noted that LCC had written to the landowner concerned requiring him to take action. Cllr Anderson reported that the landowner had cut the hedges to a height of about 5 feet but that the tops of the hedges had not been cut. Councillors **resolved** that, if the road sweeper could access the lane without the tops of the hedges being cut, there would be no requirement for further action. Councillors further **resolved** to ask LCC to prioritise the placement of width restriction signs in an effort to prevent vehicles that are too wide for the land continually depositing mud from the bank onto the road.

239(2012-13) LCC – 50mph Consultation

Councillors noted that, as a result of a challenge over the inflexible timescale for consultation on this matter which required the agenda to be reissued, LCC had offered to reimburse the costs incurred. However, rather than coming from the legal department budget it would come from the highways budget and, on that basis, councillors **resolved** not to pursue a recharge.

240(2012-13) Addressing Flooding Issues

Cllr Jackson reported that she had attended the recent meeting of the Wyre Flood Forum and her report can be seen at minute 246(2012-13).

241(2012-13) Electoral Review of Wyre

Councillors noted that the Local Government Boundary Commission has adopted a council size of 50 councillors for Wyre Council and is now consulting on warding arrangements to accommodate the reduced number. As no proposals affect the parish councillors **resolved** not to make a response.

242(2012-13) Replacement Mower

At the request of the Lengthsman councillors **resolved** to trade in the current mower purchased in 2011 for a powered drive mower.

243(2012-13) Use of Playing Field

Councillors considered a request from Wyre Juniors to use the playing field for regular football matches in addition to the matches played on Preesall Playing Field. Councillors **resolved** to agree to the request as long as the Club makes arrangements for and meets the costs of pitch marking and any other upkeep required.

244(2012-13) Planning Applications**13/00127/FUL**

Proposal: Replacement agricultural livestock building

Location: Hankinsons Farm, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal but asked that representations be made to Wyre Council to ensure that any access over the drainage ditch be sufficiently robust not to cause any blockage of the ditch in future.

245(2012-13) Finance

a) Receipts this month

None

b) Accounts for Payment:

Staff costs	£1044.18
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£30.82
Stalmine Village Hall (room hire)	£80.00
Myerscough College	£735.00
Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£264.80
Wyre Building Supplies	£35.40
Preesall Town Council (printing)	£15.82

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

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

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

Business Current Account	£60.42
Business High Interest Account	£13106.86
Playing Field Account	£3323.13

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

246(2012-13) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

Wyre Flood Forum

Cllr Jackson reported that she had attended the recent meeting on 14 March at which Wyre's engineers gave a presentation on the Rossall Coastal Defence Scheme. The EA and LCC confirmed that they do have the powers to force landowners to maintain main watercourses and that WBC has similar powers in the case of minor watercourses where significant flooding occurs. United Utilities reported that the Porters Row flood alleviation scheme is due to commence in May/June 2013.

Nicola Evans, Natural England attended, following a request from the Parish Council, and confirmed that they do not prohibit the EA from cleaning out the gullies across the SSSI's which accommodate the outflow from the main watercourses to the River Wyre. However, Natural England would advise on any works which might impact on the estuary.

Cllr Jackson reiterated the request from the Parish Council that a multi-agency meeting take place in Stalmine with Staynall to discuss flooding events in the parish, similar to those recently held in Preesall and Hambleton. Two local residents from Stricklands Lane addressed the meeting in regard to the flooding of their home in September 2012. LCC confirmed that they have a duty to investigate significant flooding and produce a report and agreed to investigate the incident thoroughly.

There currently does not seem to be any co-ordinated response in regards to a single contact number in the case of flooding. To report flooding incidents to WBC during office hours, the number is 891000, the duty officers out of hours service is 895116, the out of hours service re-directs everything to the police, not just flooding but fly tipping and other issues. As LCC are the lead authority, Forum members have requested that there should be one well publicized emergency contact number. The date of the next meeting is June 13 2013.

Road Safety Committee

Cllr Anderson reported that she had attended the recent meeting but there had been no progress on any of the actions she had previously reported.

247(2012-13) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of

Casual Vacancy

Councillors noted that the date by which a request for an election to be held to fill the vacancy has now passed without such a request being received. The Council is now required to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Electoral Review of Wyre

Following consultation on warding arrangements the Local Government Boundary Commission will publish draft recommendations in June 2013.

Wyre Together Information Event

Wyre Together is holding an Information Event on 24th April, 9.30 - 1pm at Thornton Methodist Church. The subjects at this event are changes to Welfare and an update from the new Clinical Commissioning Group. The event is free to attend and open to both groups and local residents. To book contact Jane Williams 01253 887437 or 07932 335268.

Shared Lives Service – Recruiting Shared Lives Carers

Lancashire County Council is promoting its Shared Lives Service. Shared Lives is adult fostering for people with learning and physical difficulties or for older people who are struggling to manage on their own and the County Council is now trying to recruit more Shared Lives carers. Further information can be obtained from the team on 01257 516036 or by email at sharedlives@lancashire.gov.uk

Moon Trust Grant Application

An application for £350 has been made to the Moon Trust to fund the purchase of the boat and cart features at the entrances to the village. The closing date for applications is 1 May 2013.

Planting

Plants for the urns, flower boxes, the boat and three beds have now been ordered. The urns and boxes will be planted with non-stop begonias, the boat with geraniums and the beds with red salvias and an edging of either blue ageratum or lemon marigolds.

Consultation of Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Two minor changes are proposed and are available for comment from 11 March 2013 until 22 April 2013 and can be viewed at www.lancashire.gov.uk/lmwf, in libraries and Council offices. Comments should be submitted to LCC in writing to Room D33, Environment Directorate, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD or by email to LMWF@lancashire.gov.uk.

248(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.

249(2012-13) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15 April 2013

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.