

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 May 2013 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs D Anderson; J Jackson; K Jenkinson, A McCann and, after her co-option, S Carrington

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council and 6 members of the public.

007(2013-14) Apologies for Absence

None

008(2013-14) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None

009(2013-14) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2013 be agreed as a true record.

010(2013-14) 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.

Members of the public raised concerns in relation to retrospective planning application 12/00694/FUL making particular reference to the highways issues and to what they believe is a failure on the part of the applicant to meet required conditions. In the absence of a police representative the Clerk gave a short update on crime and antisocial behaviour. The Clerk reported that a member of the public had asked if anything could be done about the hedges at The Larches which, although trimmed, are significantly wider than the wall and therefore causing an obstruction to road users. The Clerk will write to the owners.

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

011(2013-14) Co-option of Parish Councillor

Following an informal interview councillors **resolved** to co-opt Sue Carrington to one of the casual vacancies. Councillors further **resolved** that Cllr Carrington be the second representative of the council at the Wyre Flood Forum.

012(2013-14) Draft Annual Report for 2012/13

Councillors **resolved** to approve the draft Annual Report for publication and agreed that it be uploaded to the website and that 50 copies be printed and placed in places with public access.

013(2013-14) Insurance Cover 2013/14

Councillors considered three quotations for insurance cover and **resolved** to take out insurance with Zurich for 2013/14 at a cost of £347.95. This represents a significant saving on last year.

014(2013-14) 2012/13 Budget Outturn an Annual Return

Councillors had discussed the detailed budget outturn and analysis of expenditure for 2012/13 at the April meeting and there were no further questions on the detail. The Clerk referred to Box 9 in Section One (Accounting Statements) of the Annual Return and explained that the figure for total fixed assets had had to be restated following completion of the revised Schedule of Assets approved by the Council in March 2013. The previous Schedule of Assets had listed some items no longer owned by the council and had missed off other assets and the Clerk had been advised by the External Auditor

that the 2011/12 figure should be restated to reflect what the value of assets should have been at 31 March 2012.

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit work had been completed and the report of the Internal Auditor would be presented to the June meeting of the Council. Councillors considered Section 1 (Accounting Statements) and Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement) of the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2012 and **resolved** that the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

015(2013-14) Purchase of New Notice Board

Councillors considered options for a new notice board and **resolved** to purchase a black aluminium notice board with gold lettering and double doors from Village and Urban.

016(2013-14) Village Litter Pick

Cllr Jackson reported that the first litter pick on 27 April had been a success with 12 bags of rubbish collected. The next litter pick will take place on Wednesday 22 May at 7pm and a further one on Wednesday 26 June at the same time. Councillors **resolved** to thank the volunteers for their contribution to keeping the parish neat and tidy.

017(2013-14) Purchase of Litter Picking Sticks

As the litter picks will now take place on a monthly basis through the summer months, councillors **resolved** to buy 6 litter picking sticks and 2 Recycle Packs which will extend the life of the sticks.

018(2013-14) Parish Action Plan – Draft Questionnaire

Councillors considered a simple questionnaire designed to find out what is important to local people. Councillors **resolved** to approve the questionnaire and to ask the local scout group if they would be prepared to deliver it to every household in return for a donation. Collection boxes will be placed in places with public access..

019(2013-14) Wardley's Lane

Councillors noted that LCC has discussed the further hedge cutting work required with the landowner and a site visit has ensured that the landowner understands what is required for LCC to judge the work as acceptable. There is a further hedge that requires cutting on land currently for sale and LCC is trying to identify the owners in order to require them to carry out the work. Councillors further noted that the erection of a "Single Track Road with No Passing places for ?? miles" sign by LCC is awaited. Councillors **resolved** to continue to monitor the situation.

020(2013-14) Improving the Website and Using Social Media

Councillors considered an offer by a local resident to provide the Council with a range of historical photos of the parish and **resolved** to accept the offer, thank the resident and purchase the facility to upload an unlimited number of photos from the website provider. Councillors **resolved** not to pursue the resident's offer to set up and manage Twitter and Facebook accounts at this time.

021(2013-14) Request for Footpath on Carr End Lane

Cllr Jackson reported that she had been approached by a resident to ask if a footpath can be built on Carr End Lane. Councillors **resolved** to ask LCC if a footpath could be provided in the interests of road safety.

022(2013-14) Halite

Cllr Jackson reported that Halite had now removed all the CCTV cameras. Halite has sent a pre-legal action letter to the Minister for Energy and Climate Change objecting to his rejection of the application. This sets out the prospective grounds of their legal challenge and Ben Wallace MP is to ask for a copy of the letter. Cllr Jackson is monitoring an application to Anglesey County Council by Halite's sister

company as that application was reliant on gas being piped to Preesall for storage.

023(2013-14) Planning Applications

13/00270/FUL

Proposal: First floor side extension

Location: 1 Pennine Way, Stalmine

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

13/00275/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of barn into one dwelling

Location: The Granary Trees Farm, Neds Lane, Stalmine

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

13/00327/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of an existing games room into a self-contained annexe to be used as ancillary accommodation

Location: Grange Farm Barn, Grange Lane, Stalmine

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

12/00694/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective planning application for the use of buildings A, B and C from B1 (light industrial) to B8 (storage use and distribution) and Building F to be used as B8 (storage and distribution), B1 (light industrial) or B2 (general engineering)

Location: Long Acres Farm, Back Lane, Stalmine Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Councillors **resolved** to object to the proposal, primarily on the grounds of highway safety. Councillors further **resolved** to ask for a site meeting with the Highways Officer and to ask for the decision to be deferred until that meeting had taken place.

024(2013-14) Finance

a) Receipts this month

VAT Reclaim	£985.91
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b) Payments to be approved:

Staff costs	£879.84
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£16.08
Preesall Town Council	£98.71
P G Whiteside	£30.00
Fleetwood High School	£20.32
Wyre Building Supplies	£41.50
The Information Commissioner	£35.00
Preesall Auto Discount	£10.25
Society of Local Council Clerks	£70.00

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

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

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

Business Current Account	£1864.43
Business High Interest Account	£25012.46
Playing Field Account	£3327.18

025(2013-14) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None

026(2013-14) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of

My Community Rights Advice

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LCC – Consultation on Proposed Changes to the County Council's Planning Application Checklist, Associated Guidance and Application Form Relating to Minerals and Waste Developments and Associated Guidance.

The County Council is reviewing its planning application validation check list and associated guidance, in view of changes and developments in the minerals industry that have occurred since they were first prepared and is now consulting on the proposed amendments. The consultation ends on 12 June 2013. Documents can be found at:

http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/atoz/a_to_z/service.asp?u_id=537&tab=1 or obtained from the Development Management Team on **01772 531929/01772 534181**. Details of how to make comments can be found on the website.

Casual Vacancies

There has been one expression of interest in the one remaining casual vacancy (assuming one place is filled at the May meeting). He has been invited to meet councillors informally at 6.30pm prior to the next meeting on Tuesday 11 June.

Verge Cutting on Behalf of LCC

LCC is not accepting any further parish councils in this area to carry out verge cutting this year. Indications from other parishes are that LCC has reduced the rates yet again and it appears that the whole scheme is up for review.

Addressing Flooding Issues

An article will be placed in the next Over Wyre Focus encouraging anyone who has suffered flooding problems to attend the next Flood Forum or if they are unable to attend to contact the Council with details, so that we can present the difficulties they have experienced on their behalf.

027(2013-14) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 June 2013 at 7pm.

028(2013-14) Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, councillors **resolved** to exclude the press and public to discuss employment matters.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.