

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council and one member of the public.

106(2013-14) Apologies for Absence

None.

107(2013-14) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

108(2013-14) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2013 be agreed as a true record.

109(2013-14) 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. In the absence of a police representative the Clerk provided a short update on the continuing low level of crime and antisocial behaviour in the parish. The Clerk informed councillors that representatives of United Utilities had turned up to give a presentation to the meeting but that, as she had been unaware of their intention to attend, the matter was not listed on the agenda and a separate meeting would therefore be arranged. On the conclusion of public participation councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

110(2013-14) Resignation of Cllr MCann

Councillors noted the resignation of Cllr MCann and **resolved** to notify Wyre Council and begin the process of filling the casual vacancy.

111(2013-14) New Floral Features for 2014

Cllr Jackson proposed the development of a new floral feature using the plough and councillors **resolved** to place it on the verge on Carr End Lane near the junction with Carr Lane.

112(2013-14) Projects for 2014/15

Cllr Jackson reported that Wyre Council were to provide three new waste bins (one near the Moss Side Lane bus stop, one at Moss House Lane and one at the bottom of the village) and one further bin at the Heads. On that basis there would be no need to make budget provision for new bins next year. Councillors asked the Clerk to put the cost of a path through the parish wood into the draft budget.

113(2013-14) Provision of a Bus Shelter

Councillors welcomed the offer by Euroshel that enabled the provision of the bus shelter this autumn rather than in the next financial year and noted that a site meeting between Euroshel, LCC Highways and representatives of the Council had resolved all the issues relating to siting and installation. Councillors therefore **resolved** to purchase a new bus shelter to be installed at the junction of Ned's Lane with Carr Lane.

114(2013-14) Christmas Tree Lighting

Councillors noted that arrangements have been made for the lighting of the Christmas Tree to take place on Monday 2nd December at 6pm. In the absence of providing a donation to the Over Wyre Brass Band last year councillors **resolved** to make a donation of £100 this year.

115(2013-14) Parish Survey Results

Councillors considered an analysis of the responses and **resolved** that the issues raised be categorised by those within the remit of the Parish Council for inclusion in the action plan and those outside the Council's remit which should be referred to the appropriate organisation.

116(2013-14) Horse Warning Signs

Cllr Jackson reported that she had been approached by riders using Staynall Lane after incidents where drivers had not slowed down for horses. Councillors **resolved** to ask LCC to provide a horse warning sign for Staynall Lane.

117(2013-14) Autumn Newsletter

Councillors noted that the autumn newsletter is due for publication and **resolved** to include articles on the parish survey, the new floral feature, the casual vacancy, the provision of new litter bins and the new bus shelter.

118(2013-14) Planning Applications**13/00674/FUL**

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage into living accommodation and single-storey side and rear extensions

Location: 30 Lynwood Drive, Stalmine

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal. Councillors asked, however, that sufficient off-street parking be included in the development.

119(2013-14) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

Playing Field Account interest	£4.20
High Interest Account interest	£2.35

b) Payments to be approved:

Staff Costs	£880.18
Staff expenditure on behalf of the Council	£63.38
HMRC	£682.60
Myerscough College	£360.00
Stalmine Village Hall	£120.00
Wyre Building Supplies	£192.89
Preesall Auto Discount	£15.00
Fylde Mowercare	£85.13

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

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

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

Business Current Account	£290.05
Business High Interest Account	£16,217.81
Playing Field Account	£3335.57

d) Budget Monitoring – Quarter 2

Councillor noted the Q2 Budget Monitoring statement.

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order, the statement of accounts and the Q2 budget monitoring statement.

120(2013-14) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

The Clerk had attended the Wyre Area Committee of LALC and provided a written report.

There was a presentation on Superfast Lancashire, a project bringing superfast broadband to the whole of Lancashire by the end of 2015. To find out more (including whether this is available to you yet) visit www.superfastlancashire.com. They are offering free workshops to eligible businesses and are keen to attract more rural businesses to take up the workshops and will advertise in the Green Book.

Sim Lane-Dixon reported that projects for next year have been prioritised but, until next year's budget is known, he will not be able to say what will be in the programme. For parishes that cut verges on behalf of LCC the fee will be reduced by a further 10% next year. There will be no change to the winter maintenance programme this year.

Garry Payne and Cllr Murphy reported that the Fylde Coast choice based letting scheme had thrown up a couple of problems in the rural areas so that local people had not obtained housing. Vacant properties will be advertised in the local press and both parishes and neighbouring parishes will be consulted when there are vacant properties within their area. They also reported on their new campaign "Gimme 5" encouraging people to volunteer and to report what they had done on Wyre's Facebook page. The old benefits mobile advice centre will be refurbished to become a mobile volunteer bureau.

Sgt Freaney reported that the area would be reorganised. The Immediate Response Officers will transfer to Fleetwood but the Neighbourhood Policing Team will continue. As there will only be 4 Community Beat Managers and 2 PCSOs for the whole Garstang and Over Wyre area it is unlikely that an officer will be able to attend parish council meetings as they had been doing. She will produce, on a monthly basis, not only the crime and antisocial behaviour figures but also a commentary on what has been happening so that councillors are kept informed.

A councillor from Bilsborough raised the issue of the decline of wildflowers on verges which he attributed to the grass cutting regime. Leaving cut grass increases fertility and that that results in less wildflowers. He is hoping to encourage parishes to cut the grass in spring and then remove it to allow wildflowers to come back.

121(2013-14) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Lancashire Boys and Girls Clubs

Lancashire Boys and Girls Clubs has a number of activities available to groups/communities that work with young people aged 11 - 18 in the Lancaster, Fylde and Wyre Districts. Activities range from fun and sporting activities and a mobile youth club that can come to your venue to a day of outdoor adventure, mountain biking or Quad biking. They have a limited number of activity sessions and, owing to LCC's Local Initiative fund, are all available for just a £10 booking fee per activity (not per person). For more information contact Becky Hedgcock on 01524 65106.

New Code of Practice on Use of Surveillance Cameras

This new code sets out guidelines for CCTV and Automated Number Plate Recognition systems to ensure their use is open and proportionate and that they are able to capture quality images that give police a better chance to catch criminals and cut crime. The Surveillance Camera Code of Practice is available on GOV.UK.

Heritage Help Advice Portal

This free service provides information on saving and caring for historic assets. Visit www.heritagehelp.org.uk.

Adoption of Lancashire's Minerals and Waste Site Allocation and Development Management Policies Local Plan

This was adopted by Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council on 26 September 2013. The adopted Plan includes the main modifications recommended by the Inspector and additional modifications made by the Joint Authorities. The Local Plan, adoption statement, statement regarding the sustainability of the plan, sustainability appraisal report and Inspector's report are available for inspection during normal office hours at the principal office of the County Council, and District and Borough councils in Lancashire (including Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council); main libraries across Lancashire and the County Council's website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/mwdf. Any person who is aggrieved by the Local Plan may apply to the High Court, under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate power or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application must be made not later than six weeks from the date of adoption, that is by 7 November 2013.

Northern Festival of Remembrance

The Mayor and Mayoress of Wyre will host this event at the Marine Hall, Fleetwood, on Friday 8 November at 7.30. Tickets cost £8.50 and are available from Andrea Mullin at Wyre Council (telephone 01253 887257).

Remembrance Sunday/Armistice Day Service

The Remembrance Sunday service will be held on 10 November. The procession will assemble in the PYCC car park at 1.45pm followed by a service in St Oswald's at 2.30pm. The Deputy Mayor of Wyre, Cllr Julia Anderson, will attend the service and lay the wreath on behalf of the Mayor of Wyre. Wyre Council will also hold an Armistice Day Service on Monday 11 November at the Marine Hall, Fleetwood at 10.40. A two minutes' silence will be held at 11am and refreshments will be served after the service. Councillors are asked to inform the Clerk if they wish to attend so that the numbers can be confirmed with Wyre Council.

Our Place! Programme

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the DCLG has written to all local councils about the programme. Over the past year, twelve pilot neighbourhoods have been working closely with public services and others at a very local level to tackle local issues and DCLG is able to offer support – both advisory and financial – to help. Government is now encouraging take up of this approach and is urging councils to explore how the approach could help to better engage and empower communities and deliver improved services for less (OurPlace@communities.gsi.gov.uk.) DCLG has also published 'You've got the power' a quick and simple step by step summary to the full range of community rights which includes Neighbourhood Planning, Community Right to Build, Community Right to Bid, Community Shares, Our Place!, Community Right to Challenge, Town and Parish Councils, Right to Manage & Community Cashback and Right to Reclaim land. The guide can be downloaded at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/youve-got-the-power-a-quick-and-simple-guide-to-community-rights>

122(2013-14) Date and Time of Next Meeting

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.