

## **STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 September 2012 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine**

**Present:** Cllrs W McCann (Chairman), D Anderson, J Jackson, K Jenkinson, A McCann

**In Attendance:** Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council, Mr M Tucker and Mr P Anderson (members of the public), County Councillor Mike and Mrs Carol Otter.

#### **96(2012-13) Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **97(2012-13) Declaration of Interests**

None

#### **98(2012-13) Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2012 be agreed as a true record.

#### **99(2012-13) Public Participation (Including Police Report)**

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow Mr M Tucker to provide an update on surface water flooding and the recent meeting of Wyre Flood Forum. Having circulated a written report to councillors, he reported, on the subject of Smithy Lane, that the proposed new surface water sewer from Smithy Lane via Douglas Avenue to Grange Pool watercourse had been put back to May 2013 to allow greater crested newts to be trapped and relocated. UU still believes that works are also required to the foul system and, despite no councillor being aware of any incidents of emissions from manholes during periods of heavy rain, such emissions had been photographed by a resident on 21 August. In relation to Carr End Lane/Linwood Avenue LCC is likely to undertake further camera survey work to determine what action was needed in respect of root penetration and that LCC has a number of other projects in hand. In relation to the Flood Forum the proposal to build a waste water treatment plant at Skippool has been dropped and mussel bed pollution at Knott End was reported.

In the absence of a Police representative the Clerk gave a short update provided by PCSO Natalie Johnstone on crime and antisocial behaviour in the parish during August.

#### **100(2012-13) Cheque Presentation by County Councillor Mike Otter, Parish Champion**

County Cllr Mike Otter gave a short presentation on his role as Lancashire County Council's Parish Champion and explained that he had an annual fund of £10,000 to provide grants to town and parish councils. He presented the Chairman with a cheque for £400 as a contribution to the cost of the website, for which councillors expressed their thanks.

At the request of the Chairman, councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting at the end of the presentation.

#### **101(2012-13) LCC Capital Programme 2013/14**

Councillors considered the proposed programme of highways works and resolved to remind the Public Realm Manager of the further work required on Highgate Lane following earlier resurfacing that had not been properly completed. Cllr Anderson confirmed that she had raised this at the Wyre Road Safety Committee. Councillors noted a project relating to access to Stalmine Primary School and awaited details of the proposed route.

#### **102(2012-13) LCC – Speed Limit Changes**

Councillors considered proposals by LCC to introduce a 20mph speed limit on a number of residential roads in the parish and a 30mph speed limit on Carr End Lane Carr End Lane from south of the

junction with Lynwood Drive to the junction with Stricklands Lane. Councillors **resolved** that there were no objections to the proposals. However, they did feel that the 20mph limit should be introduced outside Stalmine Primary School in school times but councillors believed that this was being dealt with separately. Cllr Jackson reported that Bradshaw Close was included in the plan but this was a privately owned road and the owner will respond to the consultation separately.

### **103(2012-13) Lancashire County Council's Parish & Town Council Conference**

The Conference will be held on the morning of Saturday 10th November, 2012 and noted that the Clerk will be attending on behalf of Preesall Town Council.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk attends on behalf of Stalmine with Staynall Parish Council

### **103(2012-13) Fax machine**

Councillors noted that a fax machine had been handed over by the former Clerk which had been on the asset register since at least 2003. Councillors **resolved** to write off the fax machine on the basis that it had not been used for some time, there was some doubt over whether it is still in good working order and it is no longer required.

### **103(2012-13) New Flower Bed**

Councillors, having viewed the location after the last meeting, resolved to make a new flower bed at the crossroads of New Road and Highgate Lane/Staynall Lane in the spring. Cllr Anderson reported that she had asked for the sign to be either replaced or removed and that she had reported to the Wyre Road Safety Committee that the hedges and verges needed cutting and the white lines on the road needed repainting.

### **104(2012-13) Cleansing of Wardley's Lane**

Cllr Anderson reported that she and Cllr Jackson were in the process of researching the landowners along the lane so that they could be approached and asked to cut the hedges to improve access as there had been a number of complaints. Once the hedges had been cut councillors resolved to ask Mr Whiteside to scrape the lane.

### **105(2012-13) Parish Councillor Vacancy**

Councillors noted that articles advertising the vacancy have been sent to the Parish News and the Over Wyre Focus and that there had been one expression of interest. The candidate will be invited to the next meeting.

### **106(2012-13) Fracking**

Councillors noted that Mike Hill had been invited to give a presentation to the Over Wyre town and parish councillors but he had proposed instead that he organises a presentation for Lancashire County Council, Wyre, Fylde and Lancaster Councils, Kirkham Town Council and the Over Wyre parishes so that he can make one presentation and answer everyone's questions. Councillors noted that the presentation is likely to take place in St Georges URC in St Annes in the second week of October.

### **107(2012-13) Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility**

Councillors noted that two issue specific hearings will take place, the first on 18 September 2012 on drafting aspects of the draft Development Consent Order, the draft deemed Marine Licence and the proposed s106 agreement and the second on 19 September 2012 on the relationship between the provisions proposed to be granted by the Order and the subsequent detailed approvals to be obtained from the competent authority (HSE and the Environment Agency) within the COMAH Regulations. Compulsory acquisition hearings are on 9 and 10 October at the request of anyone whose interest in land or rights over land are proposed to be compulsorily acquired. Open floor hearings will take place on 17/18 October at the North Euston Hotel and Stalmine Village Hall for any person or organisation who is an interested party to give oral evidence on any covered in their relevant or written representation. Councillor Jackson will represent LALC and councillors **resolved** that either Cllr W

McCann or, if he not available to attend, Cllr Jackson will speak at the hearing on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **108(2012-13) Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition**

Councillors noted that Stalmine came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 19 entries in the medium village category and Stalmine Primary School was awarded Highly Commended in the School category. Councillors considered projects to improve the placing next year, including feature beds at either end of the village, a feature in the centre of the village and renovating the flower bed at Bagot's Corner. Councillors asked that the Lengthsmen be asked to put forward any ideas they may have.

### **109(2012-13) Planning Applications**

None received this month.

### **110(2012-13) Finance**

#### **a) Receipts this month**

VAT reclaim	£402.92
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#### **b) Accounts for Payment:**

Staff costs	£470.08
Staff expenditure on behalf of the Council	£ 44.41
HMRC (Q2)	£421.00
Preesall Town Council (printing)	£8.40
Preesall Auto Discount July/Aug	£137.75
B Hutchinson (cheque reissue)	£56.48
SLCC (CiLCA registration)	£150
Lancs County Training Partnership (CiLCA)	£150

Councillors noted that, of the £300 costs, £100 bursary grant had been applied for and the remaining cost would be split between the Parish Council and Preesall Town Council

#### **c) Statement of Accounts – August 2012**

The statement of accounts for the month ending August 2012 shows

Business Current Account	£1234.60
Business High Interest Account	£19802.08
Playing Field Account	£3314.82

### **111(2012-13) Reports from Outside Bodies (information only)**

#### **Wyre Road Safety Committee**

Cllr Anderson reported the following.

#### **Matters Raised last Meeting:**

- There was a width restriction request for Wardley's Lane, Staynall. The request was referred to the traffic team who have agreed to erect blue signs stating that the road is not suitable for HGV's. This is less than the parish council had wanted but a step forward
- The dropped kerbs outside Stalmine School were not installed to the right depth. This work was to have been completed by the end of June but is still outstanding. The Public Realm Manager will chase progress
- Pot holes on Wardleys Lane. Now completed.
- Back Lane Stalmine is subsiding and the tarmac edgings are falling away. This has now been inspected and it is deemed repairable. Work will be carried out shortly.

**New Matters Raised:**

- The White Lines at the junction of Staynall Lane and New Road have worn away and need re-instating
- The Signpost at the junction of Staynall Lane and New Road either needs removing or repairing (3rd Request)
- The Road Sign at the junction of Burrows Lane and Brown Lane needs replacing as it has fallen down (2nd Request)
- The verges around most of Staynall need urgently cutting and are now overdue - (6th request) Cllr Anderson to contact the Public Realm Manager as there is no progress and some of the single track lanes have now become dangerous
- A request for a part re-surface of Highgate Lane from Highgate Farm to the Willows – this was reported to the Public Realm Manager earlier in the year but there has been no action and the remedial work is not listed in the Capital Programme Report for 2013-2014.

**112(2012-13) Clerk's Report (for information)****Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm**

Dong Energy is publicising its intention to make an application to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate for a development consent order for the project.

**Website**

The skeleton of the website is in place and content is being added. Old photos of the village are being sourced through the Fylde and Wyre Archaeology Forum as there are none on the Lancashire Lanterns website. The Links page can be used to display links to the various community and voluntary groups as well as key organisations and individuals and councillors are asked to mention this to any contacts they might have. The news page can also be used to advertise events organised by local voluntary and community groups but information must be received in good time.

**Projects for 2013/14**

Councillors are reminded that any projects required to be funded in the 2013/14 budget need to be identified by the end of October for consideration of the draft budget in November. This will form an item for the next agenda.

**Independent Living Community Roadshow and Information Day**

This will be held on Saturday 29 September from 9.30am to 1.30pm in the Methodist Hall, Knott End and is free. There will be a variety of organisations who offer advice or services to older people and all councillors are invited.

**Bank Mandate**

The bank mandate has now been changed and only two signatures are required in future.

**113(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.

**114(2012-13) Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15 October at 7pm

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