

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 September 2013 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs D Anderson (Chairman), K Jenkinson and A Wallace

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

091(2013-14) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Carrington, J Jackson and A McCann and the reasons accepted.

092(2013-14) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

093(2013-14) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2013 be agreed as a true record.

094(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. The police representatives provided a short update on crime and antisocial behaviour and confirmed that the new mobile speed gun was being used in the village. The member of the public gave a short update on the issues raised at the recent Flood Forum meeting. On the conclusion of public participation councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

095(2013-14) New Floral Features for 2014

As Cllr Jackson had asked for this item to be included on the agenda and, in her absence, councillors **resolved** to defer the item to the next meeting.

096(2013-14) Projects for 2014/15

Councillors considered a request for any projects to be funded from the 2014/15 budget and **resolved** to let the Clerk have their ideas in time for them to be costed by the end of October.

097(2013-14) Provision of a Bus Shelter

Councillors learned that a planning application would have to be made to seek a change to a planning condition at a cost of £250 and there was no guarantee that the applicant would agree. Instead councillors **resolved** to identify the cost of the Parish Council providing a bus shelter for consideration alongside other projects for funding in next year's budget.

098(2013-14) Wyre School Keep Clear Marking Proposal – Stalmine Primary School

Councillors considered a proposal by LCC to introduce measures to stop parking (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm) on school keep clear markings. Councillors **resolved** to support the proposal.

099(2013-14) Tree Preservation Order No.9 of 2013: Land South of Birch Grove, Stalmine

Councillors considered a provisional tree preservation order made by Wyre Council and councillors **resolved** not to make any representations on the order to Wyre Council.

100(2013-14) Bollards – Junction of Staynall Lane and A588

Cllr Anderson reported that she and Cllr Jackson had attended a site meeting on Wednesday 11 September with a member of LCC's road safety team. Although initially reluctant to make any

changes LCC had subsequently proposed to remove the fourth bollard which they accept may affect the sight line of drivers turning out of the Lane and councillors **resolved** to welcome the proposal.

101(2013-14) Planning Applications

13/00619/FUL

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling, including demolition of existing agricultural buildings and associated hard standing (resubmission of 13/00389/FUL)

Location: Cosy Cats Cattery, Wyre View Farm, Wardley's Lane, Hambleton

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

102(2013-14) Finance

a) Receipts this month

LCC (parish champion grant)	£500.00
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b) Payments to be approved:

Staff Costs	£896.93
Staff expenditure on behalf of the Council	£63.06
Preesall Auto Discount	£13.75
Wyre Building Supplies	£94.92

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

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

The statement of accounts for the month ending August 2013

Business Current Account	£694.71
Business High Interest Account	£16,915.46
Playing Field Account	£3331.37

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

103(2013-14) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

Wyre Flood Forum

Cllr Jackson had provided a written report of the Flood Forum meeting on 12 September 2013

Fylde Peninsular Management Group Report - A "Love My Beach" website is being set up to give information

There were no United Utilities (UU) representatives present and Stalmine with Staynall was not mentioned in their written report. Cllr Jackson raised the matter of UU's failure to arrange to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to explain the Porter's Row scheme decision, despite a commitment to do so. Carl Green and Paul Long of Wyre Council agreed to ensure that UU do attend a meeting as they feel that the Parish Council is owed an explanation of their decision.

The Environment Agency (EA) is undertaking a structural survey of the river embankments from Saint Michaels-on Wyre downstream. Cllr Jackson reported to them that Grange Pool water course is choked by an alien weed infestation from the trap door behind the river bank inland for a distance of

40ft which is restricting water flow and has provided them with a map identifying the area. She also drew attention to the road subsiding into the dyke on Back Lane, Stalmine (previously reported to LCC Highways). As no remedial action has been taken and the subsidence is on-going she fears that the subsidence will eventually block the dyke and result in flooding. She reported that she had also received a phone call from a resident who is concerned that if the subsidence continues, it will eventually lead to a road closure.

LCC had not provided an update on current actions being taken to remedy the drainage system in relation to flooding events on Stricklands Lane. Cllr Jackson asked that remedial action be expedited to remove the blockage to the drainage system which had been identified. LCC clear all gullies annually. High risk gullies are put on a list to be done more regularly. Cllr Jackson feels that the gullies on Stricklands Lane should be put on the high risk list. The collapsed drain damaged by the poplar trees roots on Carr End Lane has been replaced.

The next meeting is on 12 December at 2.00pm.

104(2013-14) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Winter Planting

The plants have been ordered and the pansies will need to be planted later in September when the bedding plants are removed. The polyanthus will not be ready until October/November.

Donation of Plough

An old agricultural plough has been donated by Wynn Hull to be used as part of a floral feature and a letter of thanks has been sent.

Parish Questionnaire Update

The closing date for receipt of questionnaires is 15 September and, at the time of writing, 34 completed questionnaires have been received which is disappointing. A full analysis will be provided to the October meeting.

Visit by United Utilities

United Utilities has confirmed that representatives will attend a future parish council meeting to explain their decision to drop plans to install a new surface water system for Sarah's Fold/Smithy Lane.

Weedspraying Training

The Extra Lengthsman has been booked onto the course at Myerscough College on September 24/25.

Lancashire County Council

A letter has been received from Jo Turton, who is currently Interim Chief Executive at LCC, to say that her interim replacement as Executive Director of the Environment is Steve Brown whose background is waste management.

Quality Council Scheme

The draft revised scheme has now been published and is markedly different to the current scheme. A full report will be provided when the new Scheme and criteria are approved.

105(2013-14) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 October 2013 at 7pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.