

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall Stalmine

Present: Cllr Phil Orme (Chair), Cllr John Bell-Fairclough (Vice Chair), Cllr Paul Franks (planning Ambassador) Cllr Craig Finch, Cllr Rob Drobny

In attendance: Debbie Smith Clerk, and three members of the public.

86 Apologies for absence

Nil

87 Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr John Bell-Fairclough, has abstained from planning application 23/00918/FUL as he is a close neighbour of the application.

88 Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting, held on 12th September 2023. Cllr Rob Drobny abstained due to not being present at the September meeting.

89 Public participation

A member of the public discussed their concerns on the flooding at the junction of Moss Side Lane junction at Old Toms Lane, due to drains being blocked as they are full of roots. It is causing flooding up to the member of the public's gated front entrance of their home, and deteriorating the infrastructure of the road. The member of the public also commented that the road sweeper they had witnessed had not completed their work down Old Tom's Lane, and commented it is rare that they clean the road. The council explained to the member of the public that the LCC would be looking into the drain issue and the road, but it is down to budget reasons why it has not taken place as of yet. The council **resolved** to have the clerk write a letter to Cllr John Shedwick updating him of the drains and road issues, and have Wyre Borough informed of the lack of road sweeping.

A member of the public discussed their concerns of planning application number 23/00850/COUQ, the council listened to the concerns, and made their own comments within the planning section of the meeting.

The public session was closed and the meeting was re-open by the Chair.

90 Planning

Application Number: 23/00842/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2 dwelling houses (C3) with building operations under Class Q of the GPDO

Location: Gaskells Farm Staynall Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

The council **resolved** to have no objections. The council noted although it was a sympathetic conversion of the building that is not currently in use, it is situated on a road that is not suitable for development, and there are bats roosting in the building. If the application is approved the council would like to see bat boxes installed at the property, and bee bricks be inserted into the exterior of the building, so as to provide a much-needed haven for bees.

Application Number: 23/00850/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling houses (C3) with building operations under Class Q of the GPDO

Location: Bowes Hill Farm Neds Lane Stalmine-with-staynall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

The council **resolved** to object to the application on the following grounds:

The sizes on the Planning Application and the actual size of the area do not correspond. The design is not in keeping with the area, in particular the use of a significant amount of glass and lighting would not blend in with the surrounding rural position, and would over-look neighbouring houses.

The council noted that it is a safety issue with access to the road with traffic as Neds Lane/Bowes Hill is a single path. The council have concerns whether or not it has been previously used as an agricultural building.

A previous planning application for this area was approved with conditions, not all these conditions have been met demonstrating a disregard for the planning process. Many questions are not answered by this application as there are gaps, there has been not tree survey completed. The council noted that they would like Wyre Borough Planning Enforcement to investigate further into the application.

Application Number: 23/00909/FUL

Proposal: Erection of detached domestic garage with storage above

Location: Ash Dene Brick House Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

The council **resolved** to object to the application due to a over intensive and over sized scale and massing which is out of proportion to the initial main building, and the building surrounding the application. The council have issues with the flooding and the drainage of the proposed application.

Application Number: 23/00918/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of 2 no. dwellings with associated access, parking and gardens, following the demolition of existing agricultural buildings

Location: Moss Side Farm Moss Side Lane Stalmine-with-staynall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

The council **resolved** to have no objections to the application, with Cllr John Bell-Fairclough abstained under declaration of interests and dispensations. The council noted that the application is in-keeping with other surrounding houses, and it raised no concerns.

91 Finance

Councillors **resolved**:

a) To note receipts in October

Nil

b) It was **resolved** that the following payments be approved:

September payroll	£1,212.24
Lengths man expenses (expenses & September millage)	£53.78
MS Garden Maintenance Invoice # 0060	£336.00
MS Garden Maintenance expenses for September	£18.51
Special Branch Tree Services	£240.00
Wyre Building Supplies Invoice # SI0391109	£47.75
Wyre Building Supplies Invoice # SI0392804	£8.40
Wyre Building Supplies Invoice # SI0393804	£46.47
Wyre Building Supplies Invoice # SI0393805	£46.75
Homecare & DIY	£22.48
Reimbursement to Debbie Smith for office supplies	£31.34

c) To note the following payments by direct debit:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee) £39.60

d) The Statement of Account was provided; Bank Statements were available at the meeting. It was **resolved** to accept the documents as a true reflection of the Council position and were signed by the Chairman. The statement of account for September showed a balance of £64,655.53

e) **To discuss and resolve Virgin Online Banking.**

The clerk informed the council that a form was required to be completed by council members named on the Virgin mandate. It was **resolved** that Cllr Phil Orme, Cllr John Bell-Fairclough, Cllr Paul Franks, and the Clerk would complete the Virgin online application at the meeting and the Clerk would forward it to Virgin Bank to be processed. It was **resolved** the clerk would remove any current out-going direct debits from the Virgin Bank to then be paid from the council's current account with Unity Bank.

92 Tree Preservation Order: 011/2023/TPO

The council **resolved** to agree with the tree preservation order, and have no further comments.

93 Projects for 2024/25

It was **resolved** the councillors would email the clerk with the cost of their projects ten days before the next meeting. The council members discussed budget headers and costs to provide the clerk with information for the first draft budget to be produced for November's meeting.

94 Christmas lights switch-on

Cllr John Bell-Fairclough informed the council that last year's Christmas tree provider is no longer serving the Over Wyre area. Cllr John Bell-Fairclough informed the council he has asked the company P R S Electrical if they would be able to provide a tree and lights and he is awaiting their response, and he will report back via email. Cllr John Bell-Fairclough put forward to the council if a tree could be planted at the church as an eco-friendly alternative Christmas Tree. The council agreed it was a good idea. It was **resolved** Cllr John Bell-Fairclough would speak to the church and report back any information.

It was **resolved** the council would provide a donation of £100.00 for the food of the community event Christmas switch on, and a £75.00 donation to Wyre Brass who will be attending the event.

95 To discuss donation for Remembrance Sunday

It was **resolved** that the council would provide a wreath which would be given to the church, and a donation of £35.00 would be given to the Royal British Legion.

96 Car Park Barrier and Signage

The clerk informed the council that works to have the barrier installed would take place at the end of November. It was **resolved** that the clerk would place information of the developments in the Green Book, and would write a courtesy letter to Stalmine Bowling Club. The council **resolved** to purchase two master pro series locks to secure the barrier. The council **resolved** the measurements of the signage and to purchase three information display signs for the carpark.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

97 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Rob Drobyny reported he will be attending the LCC conference on the 4th November on behalf of Preesall Town Council.

**98 Clerks Report
Stalmine Wood Signs**

The Woodland sign have now been installed at both woodland entrances. Photos have been taken, and have been up-loaded to the council's website in the galley section.

Bus Shelter on Strickland Lane by the top of Back Lane

A concerned resident has asked me, when the bus shelter will be replaced. I have chased this up with the LCC, as they are responsible, and I am still awaiting a response.

Stalmine Play Ground Area

Inspections are all up to date for September, no issues to report.

PROW and Biodiversity grants

I can confirm that I have now opted into the scheme on behalf of the council as requested, both the Plantsman and the Lengths man have been asked to record any PROW works.

Tree surgeon

Has now felled the tree which was on the woodland survey report, and the invoice for the work has now been received.

Woodland Maintenance

The Plants Man, looked into the pathway that floods during the wet seasons, and informed me that the path was impacted with hardcore. It was decided to place additional stone in the section of pathway held in place by wood barriers. This is more cost effective, and if it doesn't solve the issue of flooding the council will look into digging up the pathway with machinery and having raised sleepers in place as previously discussed.

Councillor Vacancy

I have now placed a re-vamped advert in both notice boards with in the Parish, and have placed information on the website, along with the information going out each month in the Green Book.

99 Wyre councillor report

Nil

100 Questions to councillors

Cllr Paul Frank asked the council about the Facebook comment on the Parish Councils page in regards to the issues with the dyke near Carr Lane. Cllr Paul Frank suggested he would personally go to the area himself and report the issue via the app 'Love Clean Streets'. Cllr Phil Orme informed the council that once construction was complete it would be inspected, as it will need to be signed off.

101 Staffing Matters

Resolved: pursuant to section1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the press and public to discuss items pertaining to members of staff.

Councillors **resolved** to renew the plantsman's contract for a further 12 months.

102 Date and time of next meeting

Second Tuesday in month is 14th November 2023 starting at 7pm

Councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council either at the meeting or by notifying the clerk at least 10 days prior to the next meeting, with a summary of the reason for raising the matter.

The chair closed the meeting