

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall Stalmine

Present: Cllr Phil Orme (Chair), Cllr John Bell-Fairclough (Vice Chair), Cllr Chris Mills (Planning Ambassador)
Cllr Peter Muirhead

In attendance: Debbie Smith Clerk.

104.1 Apologies for absence

No apologies given Cllr Rob Drobny

105.2 Declaration of interests and dispensations

Nil

106.3 Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th October 2024.

107.4 Public participation

Resolved to adjourn the meeting to allow non-council members to speak.

Two members of the public were present in relation to up date the council on further developments at Bowes Hill Farm. The chair informed the public, that Wyre Borough are aware of the situation, and are awaiting on advice before any actions are taken.

Resolved at the conclusion of the public session to reconvene the meeting.

108.5 Planning

Application Number: 24/00828/FUL

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling (self-build) following demolition of existing dwelling

Location: Holmwood Neds Lane Stalmine-with-Staynall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

The council **resolved** to not object to the application, no further comments were made.

Application Number: 24/00547/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey building comprising of visitor's centre, cafe/restaurant, hydrotherapy pool, an on-site laundry facility and an expanded car parking area (variation of condition 2 (floor uses) on planning permission 21/00594/FUL to include use of first-floor as a function room and part of ground-floor as cafe (under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990))

Location: Brick House Farm Cottages Brick House Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

The council **resolved** to object to the application. The council noted that although they agreed to application 21/00594/FUL when it was presented for consultation, this was on the premise of the of first-floor to be used as a function room not part of the ground-floor café. The council would like to again raise their concerns about the access to the site stating the junction onto Brick House Lane is unsafe from the main road A588 as it is not an acceptable route into the development, and the council disagree entirely with the LCC highway report.

109.6 Finance

a) The council **resolved to note** the following receipts in August

Receipt Name	Details	Date of Receipt	Amount
VAT	VAT QRT 2	14/10/2024	£233.02

b) The council **resolved to approve** the following payments

Payment Name	Details	Cash Book BAC's/card Ref	Amount
Payroll	October 2024 payroll paid in November	82	£1,733.48
Les Needham	Lengths man expenses (October millage/petrol)	83	£43.98
MS Garden Maintenance	Invoice # 0139 (Plants Man)	84	£474.00
MS Garden Maintenance	Expenses for October (Plants Man)	84	£13.30
Debbie Smith	Clerk's homeworking October 2024	85	£18.00
Debbie Smith	Reimbursement for 2 x poppy wreaths	86	£44.48
Towers + Gornall	Payroll company Inv:19342 July-Sept	87	£97.20

Viking	Stamps/print paper/stationary-office supplies	88	£96.38
Special Branch	Woodland work + tree felling	89	£2,500.00
Amazon Business	Inv GB46QPCSABE1 A4 Green paper	90	£9.26
Homecare& DIY	Nuts/bolts/washers/padlock/WD40	91	£32.49
Wyre Builders InvSI0436761	4 x concrete flags	92	£17.20
Wyre Builders Inv SI0438617	Pack of 10 cutting disc	93	£10.80

Please note the below invoices were received after November's agenda was published. The invoice due date is before December's meeting, under clerk's delegations this invoice has been paid to avoid late payment.

Payment Name	Details	Cash Book BAC's/card Ref	Amount
C. & C. Supplies	Inv SIN0160776 Safety Wellington Boots	94	£28.14
Webrandit	Sales Order#505731 flat pack bird boxes	95	£523.26

c) **To note** the following payments by direct debit:

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Company Name	Details	Payment Date	Amount
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	31 October	£5.40
Easy Websites	Monthly hosting fee	1 November	£54.12

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 £60,045.87

110.7 2025/26 Budget (1st Draft)

The council **resolved** to have the 'Live Christmas Tree' Project added to the budget, and to purchase a 9ft tree from Carbeth Plants costing £179.99. The council **resolved** for the clerk to research further costings for the budget, and for a 2nd draft to be presented at Decembers meeting.

111.08 Biodiversity Grant

The council **resolved** to purchase 100 flat packed bird boxes for the children of Stalmine Primary School purchased using the biodiversity grant, and council funds.

112.09 Gambling Act 2005 Draft Statement of Gambling Policy 2025-2028 Consultation

The council **resolved** to make no comments.

113.10 Public consultations to enable remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings.

The council **resolved** to place their own individual comments within the consultation, and not as a collective council.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

114.11 Reports from outside bodies

The chair reported that he attended the Over Wyre Working Group meeting, and informed the council that the local clerks have agreed to set up a Wats App group to support each other within their roles. He also reported that it was agreed the clerks would share appropriate information supporting the local communities using the council Facebook pages. The chair reported that he has attended the annual LALC conference to which highways were present which was helpful to the attendees. He reported at the LALC AGM there was a vote taken and now currently it is without a president. He also informed the council that NALC would be increasing their fees by 5% next year. The chair informed the council that the Wyre Area LALC meeting is on 29th January at 7pm in Garstang and they are hoping to have representation from the Wyre Standards Regime, and a representative from The Best Kept Village Competition, and then the meeting after that a representative from planning regarding the new local plan. He also informed the council that the Wyre Flood Forum meeting will be on 12th December at the Civic Centre.

Cllr Bell-Fairclough reported that he has attended a PTFA meeting at Saint Aidens, and reported the PTFA will be applying for a grant from the council in March 2025.

115.12 Clerks Report

Stalmine Play Ground Area

Playground inspections for October 2024 have shown issues with leaves and moss. The leaves have been blown and the moss has been treated with 50/50 malgicide by Wyre Borough Council.

Bus Stops

I have spoken to the Plants Man and the Lengths Man in regards to washing the bus stops in the area, they have been given a list of the ones the council are responsible for, the Plants Man has now cleaned the bus stops.

Christmas Switch on Donations

I have confirmed with Saint James's church that the council will be donating £125.00 for food and drink for the community event. I have also emailed John Evans from Over Wyre Brass informing him a donation from the council will be given to the sum of £75.00. Payment of the donations will be given after the event has taken place.

Remembrance Sunday

I have purchased two wreaths they have been given to Cllr John Bell-Fairclough to be taken to the service held at Saint James's Church, and one to be placed at Hall Gate Lane. Sylvia the local contact for the Royal British Legion has been informed of the council's wreath donations.

Woodland work

The public have been informed via the council's social media outlets of the closure of the woodland. It has been closed off by myself and the contractor with signage put in place. The woodland worked commenced on the 15th October and was completed on Friday 18th.

Stalmine Primary School carpark

Cllr John Shedwick has been investigating the proceedings on the LCC side, so the carpark can be used for the school. I am happy to report that the car park is now open and in use for the school.

Advertising for Co-Option Council Member

I have revised the poster to advertise the position so it is clearer for the public to read. I have placed a A4 poster at the SPAR in Hambelton, one in each notice board (which have been fully cleaned). There is one attached to Stalmine Primary School's newsletter, and there has been a push within the council's media sources.

Mill Lane Water on the Footpaths

I have received concerns from local residents in regards to water flowing onto the footpath down Mill Lane. I have spoken to the contractors erecting the wall. They have confirmed that it is not the construction of the wall causing the water to leak, but a leak with the properties swimming pool. This has now been fixed.

Virgin Bank Card

The Virgin bank card has arrived and has now been used to purchase office supplies via the council's Amazon Business account.

115.13 Wyre councillor report

Wyre Cllr Julie Robinson was present at the meeting, and informed the council that she is currently taking a children's home planning application to the planning committee. Cllr Julie Robinson advised the council, should they have any applications they strongly object to with good reason, that she is happy to support them.

116.14 Questions to councillors

Cllr Mills remarked to council members that on bonfire night he was unable to close the barrier as a car was parked across it. When he spoke to the driver of the car, he was informed that the landlord of the Seven Stars said it was ok to park there as he had spoken to the warden of the barrier. Cllr Mill's politely requested that if there are any agreements for the barrier to remain open that a note of communication is sent out to members concerned.

Cllr Bell-Fairclough informed the council that the barrier does not meet quite central in the middle, and the wooden fence had been lifted up out of its post.

117.15 Staff 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 review staff salaries for the civic year 2025/26.

118.16 Date and time of next meeting

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 (**Friday 29 November at the latest**), with a summary of the reason for raising the matter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is proposed for **Tuesday 10 December 2024** at 7.00pm.

The chair closed the meeting.