

## STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall Stalmine

**Present:** Cllr Phil Orme (Chair), Cllr Chris Mills (Planning Ambassador), Cllr Rob Drobny, Cllr Peter Muirhead

**In attendance:** Debbie Smith Clerk.

#### 132.1 Apologies for absence

Nil. The chair remarked that Cllr John Bell-Fairclough had recently stepped down from his seat.

#### 133.2 Declaration of interests and dispensations

Nil

#### 134.3 Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

#### 135.4 Public participation

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

There was one-member present, Sergeant Elliot Jones. He informed the council of the latest crime rates recorded in the area and confirmed he had no issues with these numbers. He informed the council that the community road watch is still on-going within the area, and that he will be getting another PC on his team who is currently on a Drink and Drugs course with the intention of utilising this qualified PC to crack down on these issues when he starts work at the end of January. The council asked PC Elliot if he had any information on when the speed cameras would be in effect Over Wyre. PC Elliot responded with he is not privy to that information, but would investigate within the sector for any information and report back to the council. The council asked for additional information on the recent request for two new E-bikes funding from local councils. PC Elliot explained his ideas for the E-Bikes, and how they would be used within the area.

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

#### 136.5 Planning

**Application Number:** 24/01006/FUL

**Proposal:** Change of use and proposed first floor extension of existing stable block to provide holiday let accommodation (Use Class C3)

**Location:** Cobblestone Barn Staynall Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

The council **resolved** to not object to the application. The council agreed they are in favour of increased tourism and its effect on the local economy. The council noted although the report states locals manage to walk their dogs in relative safety due to low traffic volumes, they agree that the on-going concern for road safety is still apparent as Staynall Lane is a narrow road with a lack of pavements. They also noted that access to the site, is via an unlit road that has national speed limits applied, which would potentially increase the risk to additional pedestrians this development will bring, which has not been addressed.

**Application Number:** 25/00008/FUL

**Proposal:** Proposed stable block following demolition of outbuildings and erection of boundary walls to form gated entrance.

**Location:** Glen Dene Carr Lane Stalmine Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

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

**Application Number:** LCC/2023/0030

**Proposal:** The extraction and processing of sand and gravel including the construction of new site access roads, landscaping and screening bunds, mineral washing plant and other associated infrastructure with restoration to leisure end-uses, agricultural land and biodiversity enhancement, using imported inert fill.

**Location:** Land off Bourbles Lane, Preesall

Council members **resolved** to note the application below has not been requested for consultee comments by Lancashire County.

The council discussed their concerns over the application and **resolved** for Cllr Chris Mills to write a response as the councils planning ambassador. Cllr Chris Mills will email his draft response to all council members, and the clerk to ensure all points made have been noted.

### 137.6 Finance

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

Receipt Name	Details	Date of Receipt	Amount
Cashback	Virgin Card	02/12/2024	£00.03

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

Payment Name	Details	Cash Book BAC's/card Ref	Amount
Payroll	December 2024 payroll paid in January 2025	105	£1,217.72
Les Needham	Lengths man expenses (December millage/petrol)	106	£31.50
Debbie Smith	Clerk's homeworking December 2024	107	£18.00
Amazon Business	2 x Padlocks for the swing barrier	108	£35.75
Amazon Business	Name cards for meeting	109	£15.95
Amazon Business	Black arm bands (sovereigns' death)	110	£15.98
Towers & Gornall	Payroll Company	111	£97.20

c) The Council **resolved to note** the following payments by direct debit:

Company Name	Details	Payment Date	Amount
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	31 December	£6.00
Easy Websites	Monthly hosting fee	2 January	£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 December 2024 showed a balance of £52,397.19

e) The council reviewed expenditure for October, November and December 2024. The clerk informed the council that all headers are on track entering the last financial quarter of the year. The clerk reminded the council that header CFS is minus £6,750.90 due to delays with the spids 23/24 project paid in civic year 24/25 costing £10,504.76. The header PM only has £115.73 left to spend due to delays with the barrier 23/24 project paid in civic year 24/25 costing £4,809.60, and training header is minus £16 due to unforeseen costs with the clerks training in relation to her CILCA qualification (portfolio course) costing £300.00 which was not budgeted for. The council **resolved** that it was in order and accepted the clerk's explanations and approved the Q3 budget monitoring statement as being a true representative of the expenditure within the cash book.

f) The council **resolved** to sign the updated mandate at the meeting, requested by Virgin bank, and for the clerk to post the mandate and update the council accordingly.

### 138.7 Stalmine Woodland Health and Safety

Councillors **resolved** to **approve** and **adopt** the Stalmine with Staynall Parish Council Woodland & Tree Management Policy and risk assessment.

### 139.8 Internal Audit

The council **resolved** to appoint Jan Finch to conduct the internal audit for the 2024/25 civic year for the fee of £175.00.

### 140.9 Defibrillator Sited at the Village Hall, The Seven Stars and Woodside Park-Home

The council discussed the matter and **resolved** for the clerk to investigate further with the council's additional queries. It will be placed on February's agenda to resolve.

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

#### **141.10 Reports from outside bodies**

The chair reported to members that he had attended the Wyre Flood Forum in December. He confirmed that all the issues within the parish have been reported at the meeting. The Wyre officer went straight out and investigated the mud on the road, and spoke to the site manager, but has not looked into the pond on Linley Grange yet.

Council members discussed the flooding issue on Strickland Lane near the entrance to Linley Grange, and the chair confirmed that the sewer pipe is not connected to the new estate, which confirms it is not contributing to the flooding issues, and the LCC would be investing the combined sewer pipe to see if it is blocked or damaged in January.

#### **142.11 Clerks Report**

##### **Stalmine Play Ground Area**

Playground inspections for December 2024 have shown no issues

##### **Car park barrier**

I can confirm that the damage to the barrier has been reported to the police and an incident number has been issued LANC SPE – 1800-13. The damage has also been reported via Wyre Boroughs Anti-Social Behaviour portal with a reference issued 275347. I have been in contact with the company that installed the barrier, and they will be visiting the site after the Christmas period to investigate the damage. I will update the council accordingly.

##### **Precept**

I can confirm that a letter was sent to Wyre Borough Council demanding the precept on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024, and they have confirmed receipt of the precept demand.

##### **Woodland**

I have spoken to the Lengths man and he has checked over the woodland to access any damage after the storm in December and has reported the woodland is safe to use. I have asked him in future in the event of any high winds would he continue to check that the woodland is safe to access for the public.

##### **Signage for Mill Lane**

I can confirm that the Lengths Man has now trimmed back the vegetation around the signage so it is visible to the public.

#### **143.12 Wyre councillor report**

Nil

#### **144.13 Questions to councillors**

Cllr Rob Drobny asked members about the Deputy Chair position, as Cllr John Bell-Fairclough had stepped down. The council discussed the matter and voted for Cllr Peter Muirhead to take the position until the Annual May Meeting. Cllr Chris Mills asked the council about the lock codes on the barriers, and if they should be changed. The council agreed that when the barrier is up and running in March the lock codes will be updated.

#### **145.14 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 (**Monday 27th January at the latest**), with a summary of the reason for raising the matter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is proposed for **Tuesday 11 February 2025** at 7.00pm.

The chair closed the meeting.