

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 April 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom video conference.

Present: Cllrs T Williams (Chairman), D Booth, F Cardwell, A Morton, S Pelham, J Wilson.

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the council, and one member of the public.

154(1) Apologies for absence

None.

155(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Pelham and Cllr Williams – planning application 21/00276/FUL as both councillors live on the lane.

156(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2021.

157(4) Public participation

Resolved: to move to item 5 as the member of the public did not wish to speak.

158(5) Planning

Application Number: 21/00276/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a self-build dwelling using existing access with supporting section 106 planning obligation relinquishing the lawful development use of land adjacent to the site for stationing of caravan for residential purposes

Location: Torbant Lodge Brickhouse Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that the proposed development is outside the settlement boundary, it reduces the open space in the countryside and is not fully accessible.

Application Number: 21/00296/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 6 detached dwellings with associated access road, landscaping and parking

Location: Land to the rear of Ash Lea Farm Carr End Lane Stalmine-With-Staynall Poulton-Le-Fylde

Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that the proposed properties are too large for the plot, are overbearing on neighbouring properties and amount to over-intensive development. Concerns regarding flood risk and loss of amenity for existing residents were also flagged up.

Application Number: 21/00333/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling (following demolition of an existing dwelling)

Location: Rosy Nook Staynall Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that further information is required in the form of a heritage report and statement detailing the possible historical value of this property. In addition, councillors were of the opinion that the design of the proposed replacement property is not in keeping with adjacent properties. Any new property would need to be sympathetic to the locality.

159(6) Finance

Councillors **resolved:**

a) To note receipts in March		Amount
Virgin Money (previously Yorkshire Bank) current account		£104.00
b) To approve the following payments:		
Via Zoom conference – April		
	Chqs	
March Payroll	00090,00091,00092	£1024.95
Clerk's March expenses (on behalf of council)	00093	£54.52
Lengthsman's March expenses (SLN on behalf of council)	00094	£36.27
Plantsman (MS) March	00095	£184.50
C & C (Inv. 637308)	00096	£27.24
Wyre Building Supplies (Inv. S10276988)	00097	£3.00
LALC (Inv. 2327)	00098	£321.11
c) To note the following payments by direct debit:		
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee) April		£42.00
ID Mobile (inv. 64197458)		£6.00

d) To note the statement of accounts for month ending 31 March 2021 was £36,854.84

160(7) Volunteers policy

Resolved: to approve the readoption of the policy without change.

161(8) Future meeting arrangements

Resolved: To extend the clerk's existing delegations to cover all aspects of the council's work not expressly excluded from delegation by statute. Any decisions to be taken following a consultation with members using remote meeting methods i.e Zoom. The delegations to be reviewed by council from time to time.

The clerk is to compile a list of items that will be consulted upon with members to inform the decision and provide this in advance. The consultation will then take place during a remote event chaired by the mayor or deputy mayor. In the interests of transparency members of the public will be permitted to view the event and raise issues in a limited time slot. From time to time four councillors (the quorum), willing to risk meeting physically, will hold a full meeting of the council, but with a very limited agenda. This will include considering councillor absence (with unwillingness to put themselves at the risk of attending a physical meeting being fully acceptable), noting all the actions taken by the clerk on behalf of the council since the last council meeting, and agreeing that the 'minutes' of the monthly meetings of councillors would be attached to the council meeting minutes as appendices, purely for information purposes. The public would be able to

attend this council meeting as usual, but there would be no opportunity for them to speak (not legally essential at a council meeting).

162(9) Consultation on remote meetings

Resolved: to respond to the consultation exercise and to provide a written response to the clerk by 26 April for her to prepare a collated response.

163(10) Footpath signage

Resolved: to give approval to the clerk to approach LCC's signmaker direct, with a view to Stalmine Council purchasing a number of signs. Also, for the clerk to write a letter of complaint to LCC public rights of way regarding the failure to provide signage.

164(11) Woodland signage

Cllr Wilson reported that the signage work was still to be completed and she would continue to pursue the person responsible for the creation of the artwork.

165(12) Woodland survey

Resolved: for the clerk to approach the woodland management companies again in case staff had previously been furloughed. Cllr Wilson reported that a small mammal survey was to be completed during the first two weeks in May.

166(13) Pond survey

Resolved: to instruct Mr Bentley to conduct a survey of the pond in the wood at Stalmine and to provide a budget allocation of £600.

167(14) Queen's 70th jubilee 2022

Resolved: to give permission to Cllr Morton to approach Stalmine with Staynall Residents Association. This would be to discuss the council's disappointment that it hadn't been approached in advance of contact being made with the school and the village hall regarding the staging of events for the jubilee when funding for such events was yet to be secured. Before the council could consider providing this funding it would need to see a full preliminary budget. Given the potential sum of money involved, which would need to be raised from the residents of Stalmine via the precept, it would also wish to see discussions taking place and actions being agreed with the council prior to any public announcements.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

168(15) Reports from outside bodies/councils

None

169(16) Clerk's report

Lengthsman

The lengthsman has reported that fly tipping remains a problem, as does the use of nitrous oxide cylinders on the bowling green car park.

Plantsman

The plantsman has continued to clear grass that has overgrown on to the pavements.

Wildflower planting

Boxes of wildflower seed have been purchased. Work will commence in the next couple of weeks to prepare the land to the rear of the waterwheel for planting.

Dog fouling

At the March meeting an increase in dog fouling, particularly on the back lanes, was raised along with the possibility of Wyre wardens visiting the area.

Wyre Council has been approached and asked whether wardens could pay one or two visits to the area. The response received is that as these lanes are national speed limit there is no legal requirement for dog fouling to be collected.

Parking on the road near Brown's Lane

At the March meeting an increase in parking on the road, specifically the bend at the corner of the Wyre Way and Brown's Lane was raised, along with the possibility of Lancashire County Council (LCC) erecting 'no parking' signs.

The problem has been reported to LCC and copied to Cty Cllr Shedwick.

Mobile speed cameras

At the March meeting the possibility of the council purchasing two speed cameras was raised, to be used until the average speed cameras are installed by LCC.

The council has no provision in the 2021/22 budget for the purchase of speed cameras, therefore a request was made to LCC for speed monitoring. As a result of an unprecedented number of such requests to LCC they now have to be via a special form on LCC's website so that they can be assessed for priority. Covid restrictions have also meant that site visits by LCC have not been taking place. Details were passed on to those who had requested the monitoring as the forms ask for information specific to localities that would be known only by those affected. An offer of help in completing the forms was made. It is understood that the county councillor has been asked to circumvent the process.

Concerns re works to Wardley's Lane

A letter has been sent to LCC highways, copied to Cllr Shedwick, to raise concerns regarding the provision of passing places on Wardley's Lane when work commences on the sea defences, and to ask whether alternative arrangements can be made. If passing places are the only solution then a request has been made that they are removed once works cease in order to preserve the Wyre Way as a quiet lane, primarily for the use of horses, cyclists and walkers.

Response from Regenda re home allocation

A letter was sent to Regenda expressing the council's concern regarding comments by a Regenda employee, that Stalmine Council is involved in the allocation of homes in Stalmine. A response has been received detailing the process and confirming that confidentiality is maintained at all times and that the council has not been involved in any of the allocation process.

Fencing at the playing field

Councillors were made aware that the chairman had identified vandalism and the theft of trees and hedging plants on the playing field. The lengthsman and plantsman had started installing fencing to protect them.

170(17) Questions for councillors

Cllr Morton asked whether it would be possible for extra waste bins to be placed at the junction of New Lane and Staynall Lane and at Back Lane. It was reported that requests had been made last year to Wyre Council and that they had responded that it wasn't policy to place bins in rural settings. That said, Wyre Council is scheduled to conduct a full review of waste bins over in the summer.

Cllr Morton asked that Mc Colls store be thanked for responding so quickly to the request to remove a broken-down vehicle and rubbish from its car park.

Cllr Wilson asked whether an application for grant funding had been received from Hambleton Tennis Club, a facility used by a number of Stalmine residents. The clerk responded that no approach had been received.

Cllr Williams expressed concern at the lack of response from Wyre Planning Enforcement to requests for them to tackle the increasing number of breaches of planning. He asked that the clerk issue them with a monthly letter on progress.

Cllr Pelham asked whether the clerk had sight of any planning application for the gym on Brickhouse Lane. The clerk responded that she hadn't been informed of any application for the gym.

171(18) Date and time of next meeting

Councillors were 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 (**Thursday 22 April at the latest**), with a summary of the reason for raising the matter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 4 May 2021** at 7.00pm via Zoom.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.04pm.