

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

13 April 2021

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 clearing 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.