

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs J Jackson (Chairman), D Forshaw, K Jenkinson, S Pelham, D Walmsley and T Williams

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council

096(2016-17) Apologies for Absence

None

097(2016-17) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

098(2016-17) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2016 be agreed as a true record.

099(2016-17) Public Participation (Including Police Report)

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to bring matters relating to the agenda to the attention of the council.

Councillors noted the police reports for the month of December and the comparison of crime and antisocial behaviour in 2016 compared with 2015. Councillors also noted that the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership is to install average speed cameras on Head Dyke Lane between Fold House Caravan Park and Bourbles Lane in order to reduce traffic speed and accidents. Councillors believe that the road from Hambleton to Stalmine is equally dangerous and asked the Clerk to write to the Road Safety Partnership to ask that this stretch of road also be considered for average speed cameras.

On the conclusion of public participation councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

100(2016-17) Budget for 2017/18

Councillors considered the draft budget options and **resolved** that the precept for 2017/18 be set at £23,406.

101(2016-17) Oliver King Foundation

Councillors noted that the December meeting of the Society of Local Clerks (SLCC) Lancashire branch had received a presentation from Mark King of the Oliver King Foundation on their campaign to introduce legislation requiring there to be a defibrillator in every school in the same way that a fire extinguisher is required. The Defibrillators (Availability) Bill will receive its second reading in the House of Commons on 27 January 2017 and councillors **resolved** to provide a letter of support to the Foundation and to ask Ben Wallace MP to attend the debate and support the proposal.

102(2016-17) Wyre Area Committee

Councillors considered a letter from the Chair of the Wyre Area Committee seeking a response from the parish council to a number of questions about future meetings of the Area Committee. Councillors noted that the parish council currently has four councillor representatives but none had been able to attend the last two quarterly meetings. Councillors **resolved** that Cllrs Pelham, Forshaw and Williams will be the nominated representatives and that one or more would try to attend each meeting and would provide a short report to the Council. Councillors further **resolved** that they were happy to receive meeting papers via the Clerk rather than directly and had no strong view on the location of the

meetings. Councillors felt that highway issues should form the topic of a future meeting but noted LCC's refusal to send officers to the meeting.

103(2016-17) Community Engagement Strategy

Councillors noted that the community engagement strategy should be reviewed annually and **resolved** to approve the strategy without change.

104(2016-17) Flood Risk Summary Sheet – Stalmine

Councillors considered the flood risk summary sheets for Stalmine and **resolved** to accept the information without change at this time.

105(2016-17) Planning Applications

16/01067/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of one dwelling with access for consideration
Location: Land Adjacent Meadowcroft, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

16/01089/FUL

Proposal: New hipped roof over main dwelling and new front porch
Location: Silver Ridge, Staynall Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

16/01093/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for the change of use of land for the siting of one residential caravan (for the erection of one gypsy traveller family) and two touring caravans for leisure/cultural use
Location: Bowses Hill Stud, Neds Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council objects to the proposal on the basis that access is via a single track unmade road that the parish council feels is not suitable for domestic traffic. In addition, as always, the parish council is concerned that this is a retrospective application. It raises the question as to why the applicant chose to move to live on the site and then apply for change of use rather than apply for it before moving. The parish council respects the family's travelling lifestyle but questions why one family with three children need two touring caravans. Whilst the parish council recognises that future use cannot be taken into account in determining the application, it does raise concerns that the site may be used in future for more gypsy traveller families.

16/01095/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 22 to amend the carpark design for planning application
 16/00465/FUL
Location: Land at Corner of Carr Lane and Brickhouse Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council objects to the proposal on the basis that the line of easement appears to have been moved much closer to the watercourse and this could lead to problems in future. In addition the parish council noted that there appear to be changes to the original design in that dog pens are now shown when the original application assured residents that there would be no noise from dogs barking as they would be indoors.

106(2016-17) Finance

a) Receipts this month

Business Reserve Account interest	£0.14
General Reserve Account interest	£4.22

b) Payments to be approved:

1352/53/54	Staff costs	£923.83
1352/53	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£67.10
1355	HMRC	£324.20
1356	Preesall Auto Discount	£3.25
1357	K Jenkinson (xmas lights reimbursement)	£99.98
1358	Stalmine Gala (donation)	£100.00

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£24.00
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c) Statement of Accounts – December 2016

The statement of accounts for the month ending 31 December shows:

Business Current Account	£1007.91
Business High Interest Account	£14,732.92
General Reserve Account	£3,390.31

d) Budget Monitoring – Quarter 3

Councillors noted the Q3 Budget Monitoring statement and further noted the potential overspends on travel, petrol/oil, parish maintenance and insurance, audit and subscriptions and the reasons for them. Councillors further noted that no invoice for accommodation from the village hall committee had yet been received in this financial year and asked the Clerk to ensure one was received by the end of the year.

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order, the statement of accounts and the Q3 budget monitoring report.

107(2016-17) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

108(2016-17) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

You Can Foster

Lancashire County Council has joined with 22 other local authorities across the north west to help them recruit more foster carers and is asking people to consider whether they could foster a young person and help them achieve their potential. LCC has recently raised their allowances for new foster carers in recognition of their valuable role and rising costs. This means that newly approved foster carers can expect to receive between £241 and £415 to meet the needs of each child they care for. There is also an excellent package of support and training available to support foster carers in their role. For further information go www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering or **0300 123 6723**.

Proposed Temporary Road Closure – Brick House Lane

LCC is proposing to close Brick House Lane from 8am on the 23/01/2017 until 5pm on 03/02/2017 (or until completion of the works within this period) to enable utility works to take place. The diversion is via Brick House Lane, A588 Carr Lane, taynall Lane, New Road, Brick House Lane and vice versa.

Referendum Principles and Parish Councils

The Government has announced that referendum principles will not be applied to town and parish councils in England for 2017/18. However, the Minister has indicated that he might consider applying the principles in future years

Future Audit Arrangements for Smaller Authorities

The Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments body has successfully concluded the procurement process and has awarded contracts for the supply of limited assurance audit reviews for smaller authorities. Three audit firms have been appointed as suppliers for the five-year period commencing 1 April 2017: PKF Littlejohn, Mazars and Moore Stephens. Contracts have been signed ahead of schedule on terms that will enable SAAA to undertake its various tasks including the quality control and monitoring of suppliers without making any further call on public funds.

LCC Parish and Town Council Conference

The Conference will take place on Saturday 25 February 2017 at County Hall, Preston and each council has been allocated two places. This will be a half day event, between 9.30am and 2.00pm and lunch will be provided. Bookings need to be made no later than 6 February.

109(2016-17) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 14 February 2017** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm.