

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllr D Forshaw (Chairman), T Williams, K Jenkinson, S Pelham, D Booth.

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the Council.

127(1) Apologies for absence

Cllr A Haydock

128(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Planning application 18/01217/FUL - Cllr Forshaw, Cllr Williams, Cllr Pelham (live on same road as applicant); Cllr Booth (lives on same road as application)

129(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2018.

130(4) Public participation

No members of the public were present.

131(5) Exclusion of press and public

Pursuant to s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the council excluded the press and public to discuss staff salaries. It was **resolved** that the clerk, the lengthsmen and the plantsman would be employed under National Joint Council for Local Government Services pay recommendations with salaries uprated as per the new 2019 rates.

132(6) Budget 2019/20

The revised budget and a paper explaining the changes made and their effect on the precept were discussed. It was **resolved** to approve version 2 of the draft budget and that the precept be set at £28,629.

133(7) Community Engagement Strategy

The community engagement strategy was reviewed and re-adopted without change.

134(8) Stalmine wood signage

Cllr Booth explained the work she had done with the local school in developing proposals for signage in the wood and how this could fit in to the wider activities of Lancashire County Council and Wyre Borough council in encouraging members of the public to use the wood and local footpaths and take part in the organised walks. Councillors **resolved** to hold a separate meeting to discuss possible grant applications and how the wood and play area could be improved.

135(9) Tree Charter

Councillors discussed the information regarding the tree charter, provided by the Lancashire Association of Local Councils, and resolved to sign up to becoming a charter branch.

136(10) Location of meetings

Councillors resolved for Cllr Jenkinson to make enquiries into the cost of hiring church accommodation and for him to report back to the council.

137(11) Attendance at LALC workshop

No councillors expressed an interest in attending the training.

138(12) Planning applications

Application Number: 18/01217/FUL

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery for the making of haylage (resubmission of 18/00927/FUL).

Location: Field west of Wardley's Lane (adjacent to road Junction with New Road) Wardley's Lane.

As four of the five councillors present at the meeting had declared an interest in the application it wasn't possible for it to be discussed.

139(13) Finance

Councillors **resolved:**

a) To note that there were no receipts in December.	
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b) To approve the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	1541,1543,1545	749.25
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	1542	23.50
Lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	1544	9.00
FH & M Davies and son (inv.	1546	192.00
Preesall Town Council (18/04)	1547	

c) To note the following payments by direct debit:	
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	39.60

d) To note the statement of accounts for month ending 31 December 2018 at the meeting.	
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140(14) Clerk's report (for information)

Councillors **noted** the information contained in the clerk's report:

Liaison with Hambleton Council re sharing lengthsman

An approach has been made to the clerk at Hambleton to see if there is scope to share a lengthsman for summer planting and plant bed maintenance work – discussions are taking place and further information will be provided to council at the meeting.

Woodsman vacancy

An advert has been placed in the Focus magazine for a skilled woodsman to carry out works within Stalmine wood. The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 January 2019.

Handrail off Smithy Lane

Attempts to have a handrail made from wood have not been successful, therefore approaches have been made to metal working companies. One quote has already been received and two other companies have said that they would be interested in providing quotes in the new year.

Road closures

LCC will close Shard Lane, Green Meadow Lane, Broadpool Lane and Carr Lane in Hambleton and Carr Lane and Carr End Lane in Stalmine with Staynall from the junction with Bull Park Lane to the junction with Smithy Lane.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours on Monday 7th January 2019 until 1700 hours on Tuesday 15th January 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic (except HGVs) affected by the closure is via:-

Phase 1: (Southbound) via Marsh Lane – Church Lane – Gants Lane – Mill Lane – Bull Park Lane

Phase 1: (Northbound) via Bull Park Lane – Grange Road – Marsh Lane

Phase 2: Green Meadow Lane & Broadpool Lane via Marsh Lane – Church Lane, Gants Lane and Sower Carr Lane

Phase 3: Carr Lane via Sower Carr Lane – Clay Gap Lane – Back Lane – Union Lane – Lancaster Road – Head Dyke Lane – Burned House Lane – Hall Gate Lane

Phase 4: Carr Head Lane via Smithy Lane – Stricklands Road

An alternative route for HGVs affected by the closure is via:-

Shard Lane – Shard Road – Mains Lane – Garstang New Road – Garstang Road – Blackpool Road – Garstang Road – Tarnacre Lane – The Avenue – Garstang Bypass Road – Cockerham Road – Park Lane – Garstang Road – Main Street – Marsh Lane – Lancaster Road – Head Dyke Lane – Burned House Lane – Hallgate Lane – Stricklands Lane.

LALC Workshops for 2019

Feb 7th Finance

March 7th Chairmanship

April 11th Certificate in Local Council Administration (Session 1 of 6)

May 9th Planning

June 13th Effective Meetings

July 6th New Councillors and Clerks – Module 1

July 20th New Councillors and Clerks – Module 2

Sept 5th Community Engagement

Oct 10th Chairmanship

Nov 14th Finance

Tree Charter

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has partnered with the Woodland Trust, the National Union for Students (NUS) and the Tree Council to embed the ten principles of the Charter for Trees, Woods and People (the Tree Charter) within communities across the UK.

The call for a Tree Charter was initiated in 2015 by the Woodland Trust in response to the crisis facing trees and woods in the UK. Before the launch of the charter there was no clear, unifying statement about the rights of people in the UK to the benefits of trees, woods and forests.

The Tree Charter was launched at Lincoln Castle on 6th November 2017. It sets out the principles for a society in which people and trees can stand stronger together.

NALC believes that local (town and parish) councils have a key part to play in protecting trees and woodland and believes they can do this by embedding the ten principles from the Tree Charter into their everyday practice.

NALC is encouraging more local councils to become charter branches. Becoming a local council charter branch means you will join a network dedicated to delivering the principles of the Tree Charter to their communities. There are currently over 240 local councils who have decided to become charter branches and they have formed some of their policies around some of the principles in the Tree Charter. Your council may already be doing this ie through its neighbourhood plan for example. If you are looking to protect trees and woodland within your neighbourhood plan or have done something to actively encourage the planting of trees you are already ticking the boxes to become a charter branch.

Ongoing:

Handrail on slope off Smithy Lane – quotes for the rail have been requested.

Fencing/groundworks at play area – this will be budgeted for in the next financial round as there are insufficient funds available this financial year.

Naming of play area in the memory of Cllr June Jackson – appropriate signage being investigated – costs to be included in 2019 budget.

Signage for wood and footpaths.

141(15) Items for next agenda

Councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council by notifying the clerk at least 10 days prior to the next meeting (**1 February at the latest**). A summary of the reason for raising the matter to be provided. Cllr Forshaw provided her apologies for the February meeting.

142(16) Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 12 February 2019** at 7.00pm.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.