

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 June 2016 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs K Jenkinson (Vice-Chairman), D Forshaw and S Pelham

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council and one member of the public.

019(2016-17) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jackson and Walmsley and the reasons accepted.

020(2016-17) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

021(2016-17) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10 May 2016 be agreed as a true record.

022(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 report for the month of May.

The Clerk reported that the issue of speeding on Carr End Lane raised by a member of the public at the last meeting had been reported to Lancashire Constabulary and LCC Highways. The Constabulary had carried out a site visit to check sight lines and measure the road but had found that it was unsuitable for any form of speed enforcement. No response had yet been received from Highways.

Cllr Jenkinson raised the issue of an overgrown hedge which a member of the public had raised with the Clerk. The landowner had cut back the hedge following a letter from the Clerk. The Clerk confirmed that the landowner is responsible for cutting back overgrown hedges but, if they took no action when asked, LCC can take enforcement action to the extent that they will cut back the hedge and charge the landowner for doing so.

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

023(2016-17) Internal Audit Report

Councillors noted the internal audit report and considered the response to the recommendations prepared by the Clerk. Councillors **resolved** to accept the responses and to not introduce the initialling of invoices and bills for payment on the basis that they were satisfied with the audit trail already in place.

024(2016-17) Play Facilities for Older Children

Councillors noted that feedback from consultation indicated that the types of equipment older children are looking for are a multi use games area, basketball net, a zipline, climbing frame, skate park, a big slide, trampoline, roundabout, monkey bars, obstacle course, spider web and tree house. The space is relatively small and will not accommodate every item and is too small for a multi use games area.

Councillors **resolved** that play equipment companies be asked to draw up a design that incorporates as many elements as possible for selection of a preferred provider by councillors and that the Clerk attempt to secure funding for the project through grant applications, noting the award of £1,000.00 from the RV, E and H Moon Charitable Trust.

025(2016-17) Paint Claim

Councillors noted a claim from a resident for damage to a pair of jogging bottoms which occurred when the owner sat on a recently painted bench where, the resident alleges, no “wet paint” sign was displayed. Councillors further noted advice from the Council’s insurers and **resolved** to ask the resident to provide a signed statement asking for details of the accident, the provision of a receipt for the jogging bottoms and submission of the jogging bottoms themselves so that councillors can make a decision based on evidence.

026(2016-17) August Meeting

Councillors noted that the village hall is not available for the August meeting as a result of improvement works and, as the August agenda is generally light, councillors **resolved** to cancel the meeting.

027(2016-17) LCC Consultation

Councillors noted that LCC has produced its property strategy which outlines which buildings will be retained following the cuts to services. Amongst other proposals they are proposing to retain Knott End Library and are now consulting on the proposals. Councillors **resolved** to respond to the consultation supporting the proposal to retain the library.

028(2016-17) Planning Applications**16/00456/OUT**

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of one detached dwelling

Location: Land adjacent to Moor End Cottages, Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

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

16/00465/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 22 (approved plans) on planning permission 14/00478 with respect to changing the building roof design.

Location: Land at Corner of Brick House Lane, Stalmine

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

16/00474/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for 2 storey dwelling with access off Carr Lane and all other matters reserved

Location: Land on East Side of Carr Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Parish Council objects to the proposal on the basis that it utilises a greenfield site

16/00493/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey 22m long rabbit unit

Location: Longview Animal Centre, Old Tom’s Lane, Stalmine

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

029(2016-17) Finance**a) Receipts this month:**

LCC PROW Opting in grant

£250.00

The RV, E and H Moon Charitable Trust

£1,000.00

b) Payments to be approved:

1314/15/16	Staff costs	£941.75
1314/16	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£36.93
1317	Wyre Building Supplies	£29.92
1318	Preesall Auto Discount	£12.67
1319	F H & M Davies & Son (plants)	£623.16

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

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

The statement of accounts for the month ending 31 May 2016 shows:

Business Current Account	£167.40
Business High Interest Account	£25,526.73
General Reserve Account	££3,377.62

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order and the statement of accounts. Councillors further noted the NJC for Local Government Services pay award from 1 April 2016 which had been applied with the appropriate backdating to this month's salaries.

030(2016-17) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

031(2016-17) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

The Neighbourhood Planning and Infrastructure Bill

Government intends to strengthen neighbourhood planning by giving more power to local people, making the local government duty to support groups working on Plans more transparent and by improving the process for reviewing and updating plans.

Local Growth and Jobs Bill

The Bill proposes to allow local authorities to retain business rates, NALC has confirmed that it will continue to make the case for town and parish councils to receive a share of business rates.

Make Time for Fostering

With around 20 Lancashire children needing homes each week, Lancashire County Council is asking people to consider becoming a foster carer. The council is currently recruiting new foster carers to support the growing number of children coming into care. Homes are particularly needed for teenagers and groups of siblings, There is an excellent package of support to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, flexible training and dedicated social worker and out of hours support. Foster carers come from all walks of life and all kinds of backgrounds. Anyone interested in finding out more about fostering is encouraged to contact the county council's friendly team on **0300 123 6723** or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering

Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities Grant Application

An application has been made to the Transparency Fund for a new printer with scanner function as the parish council does not have its own printer/scanner.

Lancashire Community Car Scheme

Stalmine and the surrounding areas of Wyre are fast becoming one of the busiest areas for people with restricted mobility who need to use the volunteer community car scheme but the organisers have only one or two volunteer car drivers in the Wyre/Fylde area who are able to assist and they are becoming a little over stretched. The Scheme organisers are now seeking volunteers who must have their own car and spare time to help people in local area with transport. For more information contact Lancashire Community Car Scheme, Preston Community Transport, Preston Mobility Centre, 28 Friargate, Preston PR1 2AU. Tel: 01772 516208 / 204667 or email communitycars@prestonct.org.uk.

032(2016-17) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 12 July 2016** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.