

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs J Jackson (Chairman), K Jenkinson and S Pelham,

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council and four members of the public.

115(2015-16) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Walmsley and the reason accepted. Councillors noted that Cllr A Wallace had resigned from the Parish Council and that the Clerk would begin the process of filling the vacancy.

116(2015-16) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

117(2015-16) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2016 be agreed as a true record.

118(2015-16) 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 and summary of crime and anti social behaviour in the parish.

Two members of the Gala committee attended to support their request for a donation from the parish council.

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

119(2015-16) Stalmine Gala

Councillors considered a letter from the Gala Committee asking for a donation towards the cost of running the Gala and **resolved** to make a donation of £100 once next year's precept had been received in April.

120(2015-16) Annual Governance Review

Having considered the various internal control documents councillors **resolved** to agree the minor changes to the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Risk Management Register as outlined in the paper presented and to readopt the Annual Parish Meeting Standing Orders without change. Councillors further **resolved** to agree the Schedule of Assets as at March 2016 with one amendment.

121(2015-16) Review of Model Publication Scheme, Information Security Policy and Complaints Procedure 2016

Councillors **resolved** to adopt the updated Model Publication Scheme and to readopt the Information Security Policy and the Complaints Procedure without change.

122(2015-16) Pensions Auto Enrolment

Councillors considered a paper outlining the policy decisions required when using the NEST scheme and **resolved** that the parish council would make an employer contribution for any employees falling in the earnings band where the employer has no obligation to make an employer contribution and that the employer contribution rate for all employees would be the minimum set by government.

123(2015-16) Play Facilities for Older Children

Councillors noted that Wyre Council had confirmed that developing play facilities adjacent to the wood on the playing field would not breach any of the restrictive covenants but require that the final development plan be submitted to them before any work commences. Councillors therefore **resolved** to seek support from the local community and, as well as articles in the Green Book, to consult the primary school, the church and any voluntary groups in the village whose activities relate to children.

124(2015-16) Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors noted that application packs for this year's competition have now been received and **resolved** not to enter this year.

125(2015-16) Summer Planting

Councillors **resolved** to purchase the same mix and number of plants as last year and to delegate the final decision to the Clerk in consultation with Cllr Jackson.

126(2015-16) Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council

Councillors **resolved** that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 10 May 2016 at 6.30pm to be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council at 7pm.

127(2015-16) Planning Applications**16/00087/OUT**

Proposal: Outline application for residential development with all matters reserved

Location: Land at Occupation Lane South of Grange Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds that access from Grange Lane is unsuitable for the traffic generated by a residential development and that the area is prone to severe flooding, the latest example being on 1 March.

16/00111/FUL

Proposal: Two storey and single storey rear extension

Location: Northways, 16 Brick House Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

128(2015-16) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

LCC Parish Champion grant	£150.00
Business Reserve Account Interest (Feb)	£0.36

b) Payments to be approved:

1292/93/94	Staff costs	£870.22
1292/94	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£32.49
1295	Wyre Building Supplies	£8.40

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£24.00
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c) Statement of Accounts – January and February 2016

The statement of accounts for the month ending January and February 2016 shows:

January

Business Current Account	£148.30
Business High Interest Account	£9,272.83
General Reserve Account	££3,373.41

February

Business Current Account	£286.79
Business High Interest Account	£8,423.19
General Reserve Account	££3,373.41

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order and the statements of account.

129(2015-16) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

Cllr Jackson gave a short report, as Planning Ambassador, on the Wyre Rural Affordable Housing Needs Survey 2015-20. Wyre Council had commissioned North Start Consulting and Research to undertake a survey into rural affordable housing needs and the report is due to go to Cabinet for approval on 23 March.

130(2015-16) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Tables at Seven Stars

LCC has asked the Council whether the picnic tables and chairs are still causing problems with parking and for pedestrians. LCC has written to the landlord twice in the past 6 months and has received no reply.

Bus Service 89

County Councillor Paul Heyhurst who chaired the bus service group has confirmed that this service will continue. He said 'You will I am sure be aware that the decision of the LCC Cabinet was to stop all subsidised bus services in the County on 1st April. I lobbied hard for this decision to be reversed and after four meetings with the Leader of the Council she relented and asked me to chair a bus committee to which a £2 million budget was allocated. The committee has since met on two occasions and I have some good news for you. At its meeting last Friday the committee agreed to recommend the continuation of the 89 service between Knott End and Lancaster on a 90 minute frequency. A timetable is being prepared for approval at a meeting which is scheduled for week commencing 7th March with a view to getting the service operational by 1st April.'

Fylde and Wyre Directory of Services

Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Council for Voluntary Service and Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group are working to put together a Directory of Services that will be used by GPs and other health professionals to refer patients to not for profit services / community activities. The Directory will help promote community activities, increase attendances and also most importantly help improve health and wellbeing – including addressing loneliness that unfortunately affects many in our rural parishes. Individuals and groups are being urged to register the many and varied community events and activities taking place across the District. Activities can be registered on the CVS website(www.cvsbwf.org) or by contacting Angela Glass angela.glass@cvsbwf.org.uk Telephone 01253 624505.

Pedestrian Crossing

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Ben Wallace MP enclosing a letter from LCC and that this would be on the next agenda.

Natural England Coastal Access

Natural England is considering coastal access from Silverdale to Cleveleys and an invitation had been received to provide information on coastal access in the parish.

Brick House Cottages Open Day

An invitation had been received for the open day on 17 March.

131(2015-16) Date and Time of Next Meeting

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.