

## **STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 November 2014 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine**

**Present:** Cllrs J Jackson (Chairman), D Anderson, S Carrington, K Jenkinson, A Wallace and D Walmsley.

**In Attendance:** Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council, Cllr Julie Robinson (Wyre Council) and one member of the public.

#### **89(2014-15) Apologies for Absence**

None.

#### **90(2014-15) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations**

None.

#### **91(2014-15) Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2014 be agreed as a true record.

#### **92(2014-15) 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.

The Clerk reported that, as Sgt Freaney has only just returned from holiday, the figures for October have not yet been prepared but will be circulated when they are available.

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

#### **93(2014-15) Draft Budget for 2015/16**

Councillors considered the draft budget for next year, noting that it could not be finalised until the council tax base for next year is known. Councillors **resolved** to consider the final budget at the first meeting after the local council tax base is known.

#### **94(2014-15) Wyre Council – Emerging Local Plan**

Councillors considered a draft response prepared following the meeting held on 8 October and resolved to approve the letter with the addition of some further information supplied by councillors.

#### **95(2014-15) LCC – Rights of Way Improvement Plan**

Councillors noted that LCC is starting to work on a revised Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Lancashire and will be sending out a first draft for consultation in due course. Councillors resolved to await the draft before making comment.

#### **96(2014-15) Planning Applications**

##### **14/00811/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of a detached single storey building to form ancillary living accommodation

**Location:** Lynray, Smithy Lane, Stalmine

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council objects to the proposal on the grounds the area is already prone to flooding owing to the lack of a surface water drain.

**14/00796/FUL****Proposal:** Erection of two storey rear extension**Location:** 31 Lynwood Drive, Stalmine

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

**14/00773/OUT****Proposal:** Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of up to 3 dwellings**Location:** Land off Old Toms Lane, Stalmine

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

**14/00816/FUL****Proposal:** Conversion of existing stable building into 2 semi-detached dwellings including single-storey rear extensions**Location:** Stables adjacent West Dene, 3 Carr End Lane, Stalmine

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council objects to the proposal on the grounds the area is already prone to flooding owing to infrastructure problems and the foul water manhole emits sewerage in times of heavy rain.

**97(2014-15) Finance****a) Receipts this month**

None

**b) Payments to be approved:**

Staff costs	£889.00
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£30.55
Over Wyre Brass	£50.00*
Wyre Building Supplies	£88.22
St James Church, Stalmine (Christmas tree)	£50.00*
Preesall Town Council	£22.61

**Payments by Standing Order for Noting:**

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£36.00
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**c) Statement of Accounts – October 2014**

The statement of accounts for the month ending October 2014 shows

Business Current Account	£117.45
Business High Interest Account	£10,155.58
General Reserve Account	£3352.37

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment (including two sums of £50\* using the powers conferred by S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being satisfied that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section) and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order and the statement of accounts.

**98(2014-15) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)**

Cllr Jenkinson reported that he had attended the LALC Wyre Area Committee on 30 October. There had been a short presentation from the LCC Parish Champion, CCllr Dereli, and a presentation on

Wyre Council's budget situation from the Director of Resources.

### **99(2014-15) Clerk's Report (for information)**

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

#### Temporary Road Closure – Cemetery Lane

LCC is proposing to close the road from its junction with the A588 Hall Gate Lane to Back Lane from 16-23 2015 between the hours of 8am and 6pm to enable essential highway maintenance to take place. An alternative route from Park Lane to Back Lane and vice versa will be posted.

#### Proposed Underground Gas Storage Facility

The Department of Energy and Climate Change has written to Halite, in the light of the Senergy Independent Geological Report) asking for clarification on some key design parameters for the proposed plant ie the planned daily injection rate and withdrawal rate; the planned number of annual cycles; the anticipated static working volume and the anticipated annual volumes; and, if different from that applied for, the size of the above ground infrastructure that would be required for a range of working volumes under the planned operating conditions (eg 600, 300, 200, 150, 100Mcm).

#### Environment Agency National Flood Action Campaign – 3<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November

The main aim of the campaign is to sign people up in flood warning areas to Floodline Warnings Direct, encouraging people to prepare for flooding through developing personal and community flood plans and to be aware of the dangers of walking and driving through flood water. In order to raise awareness of these key themes the EA will be undertaking a range of awareness activities including local engagement, doordrops and social and digital media. There is a designated campaign webpage which provides an overview of the campaign as well as a link to templates and materials which other organisations can use to support the campaign - [www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy](http://www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy)

#### Pay Award 2014

Both sides of the NJC for Local Government Services are consulting on a proposed pay award for local government staff covering 2014/15 and 2015/16. The proposal is for a 2.2% pay award to cover the period 1 January 2015 to 31 March 2016. In addition there would be a £100 (pro rata) non-consolidated payment for those on scp 11-25 to be paid in December 2014 pay and for those on scp26-49 0.45% of the proposed new salaries from January 2015 with £100 to be paid in December 2014 pay and the remainder in April 2015 pay. The consultation ends on 14 November.

#### Pedestrian Crossing

A letter has been sent to Ben Wallace MP in the light of LCC's statement that the road layout will not accommodate a pedestrian crossing in the centre of the village. The two proposals for a pedestrian crossing put by LCC to the parish council in 2005 have been provided to LCC for information and their response is awaited. He had responded to say he will discuss the situation with the Interim Executive Director for Environment at LCC.

#### Archiving Parish Council Records

Minutes and accounts books have now been archived at the Lancashire Records Office and a receipt obtained. Electronic versions of the documents have been retained.

#### Lancashire Constabulary – In the Know

In the Know is a messaging service provided by the Constabulary which enables residents to receive crime updates, community safety information, resilience and community information messages about their area by either email, SMS text or voice message. Registration is free and quick and easy to do at [www.stayintheknow.co.uk](http://www.stayintheknow.co.uk)

Temporary Road Closure – Brick House Lane

LCC is proposing to close Brick House Lane from “South View” to its junction with New Road from 8 to 12 December 2014 between the hours of 8am and 5pm in order to excavate a road crossing for a new electrical connection to property. An alternative route via Carr Lane and Staynall Lane will be signposted.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The lights switch on will take place on Monday 1 December at the slightly later time of 6.15pm.

**100(2014-15) Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 9 December 2014** at 7.00pm.

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