

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs T Williams (Chairman), S Pelham, J Wilson.

In attendance: Louise Rowland, clerk, Alison May, retiring clerk, four members of the public.

122(1) Apologies for absence

Cllr D Booth, Cllr F Cardwell

123(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Planning application 21/01414/Ful – Cllr Williams and Cllr Pelham declared an interest as councillors living on Brickhouse Lane.

124(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 11 January 2022.

125(4) Public participation

Four members of the public attended February's council meeting.

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-councillors to speak.

A member of the public spoke regarding the issues she was experiencing at Bowses Hill farm. The council explained that it was waiting for the planning application relating to this area to be validated.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic on the A588. In response, they were informed that average speed cameras are to be installed by LCC and LCC is expected to commence a tendering exercise for the purchase of the cameras in mid-February.

Two members of the public expressed their dismay with Wyre Borough Council's planning department and emphasised their resistance to future large-scale developments within the Stalmine area.

Councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting on the conclusion of public participation

126(5) Planning

Application Number: 21/01414/FUL

Proposal: First floor extension at rear of visitors' centre to form expanded offices.

Location: Brick House Farm Cottages, Brick House Lane, Hambleton, Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

The application could not be discussed as two councillors had declared an interest and the remaining councillor was unable to consider the application.

Application Number: 21/01486/FUL

Proposal: First floor extension, single-storey side and rear extension to provide garage and granny annexe.

Location: Stackfield Farm, Old Tom's Lane, Stalmine-With-Staynall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire

Resolved: the council was unanimous in raising no objections to the application.

Application Number: 21/01472/FUL

Proposal: Two-storey side extension with single-storey rear link to existing garage, alterations to external elevations and creation of new vehicular access form Wardley's Lane

Location: Hill Top Barn (former Robinsons Farm Barn) Staynall Lane/Wardleys Lane, Hambleton, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire

Resolved: the council was unanimous in raising no objections to the application . The councillors noted that the access had originally been turned down by Highways and new plans had been submitted with a walk way access through to the garage that from the council's perspective would raise no issues.

Cllr Wilson suggested it would be useful if a data projector was purchased which could link to the laptop and accentuate the planning applications. The clerk is to look into the cost.

127(6) Finance

Councillors resolved:

a) To note the following receipts:

NIL

b) To approve the following payments:

	Chqs	
January Payroll	00187,00188,00190	£1150.60
Clerk's January expenses (on behalf of council)	00189	£52.97
Lengthsman's January expenses (SLN on behalf of council)	00191	£16.20
Preesall Auto Discount Centre LTD (Inv.1070 £6.99, Inv.1079 £6.05)	00192	£13.04
Lucy Brookfield (Woodland signage)	00193	£474.24

c) To note the following payments by direct debit:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee) January	£42.00
ID Mobile (inv.74912286)	£6.00

d) To note the statement of accounts for month ending 31 January 2022 was £48,816.09.

e) Resolved: Councillors reviewed the expenditure for October, November and December 2021 and approved the Qtr 3 budget monitoring statement. Councillors agreed to vire funds from the contingency reserve to cover additional payments for the retiring clerk's hours to cover untaken leave and extra hours worked plus additional hours completed by the lengthsman.

f) **Resolved:** that the clerk will contact Unity with a view to opening a bank account to enable future payments to be made by bank transfer rather than by cheque.

g) **To review:** The retiring clerk proposed that the council will need to employ an external company to audit the council's accounts and suggested the clerk contacts an independent provider for a quote and to make the necessary arrangements.

128(7) Wyre planning response to Freedom of information request

Cllr Williams expressed his dismay in reference to the response received from Wyre Council about planning enforcement actions within the parish of Stalmine.

Resolved: The request following the October response was to find out how many of the 908 breaches on which no action was taken fitted into each of the four categories below and thereby ascertain what had happened to them. The problem now is that the numbers supplied in each of the four categories do not add up to 908, so what has happened to the other 470.

1. No breach found or insufficient evidence of any breach; 42
2. Retrospective planning permission granted; 101
3. The breach ceases or is remediated/works modified or removed; 79
4. Not expedient – breach is minor/is acceptable; 216

The clerk will write to the Planning department to request further information.

129(8) Woodland signage

To review: Councillors agreed on the vertical layout of the woodland walk signage. The clerk will contact Shelley's Signs to establish the cost of printing.

130(9) Parish Councillor casual vacancy

The period during which electors could ask for an election ended on 3 February 2022 and the council **resolved** to seek to co-opt another councillor through advertising in the Over Wyre Focus, the notice board and the website. The timeframe for responses is to be finalised.

131(10) Lancashire County Council's proposed budget for 2022/23

Resolved: Councillors had no comments to raise.

132(11) Wyre planning public consultation

Wyre Council is commencing a full review of the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) and undertaking a call for a sites exercise for six weeks from 27 January to 10 March 2022.

Resolved: The clerk will write to Wyre Council voicing the concerns raised by a member of the public at the meeting.

133(12) Best Kept Village Competition

The council has not entered the competition since 2012 due to a lack of volunteers. A decision to enter the competition has been postponed and an advert will be placed in the Over Wyre Focus book to appeal for assistance.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

134(13) Reports from outside bodies/councils

Cllr Booth was absent and unable to provide a verbal report on her attendance at the Wyre Area LALC. No further information was provided.

135(14) Questions for councillors

None.

136(15) Date and time of next meeting

Councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council either at the meeting or by notifying the clerk at least 10 days prior to the next meeting (**Friday 25 February at the latest**), with a summary of the reason for raising the matter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is **to be confirmed**.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm.