

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom video conference.

Present: Cllrs T Williams (Chairman), D Booth, F Cardwell, A Morton, S Pelham, J Wilson.

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the council.

135(1) Apologies for absence

None.

136(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

137(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2021.

138(4) Public participation

Resolved: to move to item 5 as no members of the public were present.

139(5) Planning

Application Number: 21/00126/FUL

Proposal: Replacement roof to existing garage (resubmission of 20/00848/FUL)

Location: West Dene 3 Carr End Lane Stalmine-With-Staynall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: The council resolved to object to this application on the grounds that the descriptor used for the application does not match the proposed development. This is more than the replacement of an existing roof as it provides for attic roof space complete with Velux windows and is therefore a full first floor development. Based on the information provided by the applicant the council would suggest the development be limited to a new roof without Velux windows. If the applicant's intention is to create an attic room then they should submit a suitable application.

Application Number: 21/00143/FUL

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building

Location: Land north and west of New Road Stalmine Poulton-Le-Fylde FY6 9DX

Resolved: to object to this application

Impact on Natural environment

Councillors are of the opinion that this land is an important feeding ground for pink footed geese which congregate there in large numbers. In addition, there are regular sightings of brown hares, a species that is in sharp decline. It was noted that there had been no site survey or ecological report carried out on the land, something that councillors would like to ask be provided. It is believed that the proposed building for this site and farming of this land would have a severe detrimental impact on both species.

Viability of proposed use

Councillors believe the building proposed for this site is an industrial-type building rather than an agricultural building and they could see no evidence of need for this type of building given the proposed use of the land. The size of this type of structure in this elevated position was also of concern and was thought to be visually not in keeping with its surroundings.

It is stated that half the land, currently 13 acres, would be cropped (haylage) and the other half would be used to grow potatoes. Haylage does not need a full barn and could be stored in an open sided structure. In addition, the costs involved for the machinery needed to plant and harvest such a small quantity of potatoes caused councillors to question the economic viability of the proposal and the council would like to ask that a financial viability report be requested. Also, concerns were also raised regarding access arrangements to the site given the narrowness of the surrounding lanes and their capacity to cope with the machinery needed.

140(6) Finance

Councillors **resolved**:

a) To approve the following payments:

Via Zoom conference – March

	Chqs	
February Payroll.....	00083,00084,00085	£916.71
Clerk's February expenses (on behalf of council).....	00086	£29.16
Lengthsman's February expenses (SLN on behalf of council)	00087	£16.20
Plantsman (MS) February	00088	£178.95
The clerk's renewal membership of SLCC on 1 April 2021 at a total cost of £234 for 2021/22, with the cost being shared 50/50 with Preesall Town Council as a recharge (£117 each).		
SLCC April renewal.....	00089	£234

b) To note the following payments by direct debit:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee) March	£42.00
ID Mobile (inv. 63041303)	£6.00

c) To note the statement of accounts for month ending 28 February 2021 is £38,173.86**141(7) Annual governance review**

Councillors discussed the various internal control documents:

- i) Standing Orders – minor amendments have been made to the tendering information to reflect post-Brexit guidance.
- ii) Financial Regulations – no changes have been made.
- iii) Schedule of Assets – updated to reflect all assets held as at 3 March 2021 (a full survey of the assets had been conducted by the clerk).
- iv) Risk Management Plan – updated to reflect insurance uprating.
- v) Risk Register – updated to clarify mitigations and controls.
- vi) Annual Town Meeting Standing Orders – these are unchanged.

Resolved: to approve the amendments and readopt the documents.

142(8) Review of Model Publication Scheme and Complaints Procedure 2021

Resolved: to readopt the Model Publication Scheme and the Complaints Procedure.

143(9) Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council

Resolved: To cancel this year's Annual Parish meeting as a result of continuing Covid restrictions. The Annual Meeting of Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council to be brought forward to Tuesday 4 May 2021.

144(10) Woodland signage

Resolved: to move this item to the April agenda as further information needed to be added to complete the map.

145(11) Woodland survey

Councillors **resolved** to note that contact has been made with the woodland management company recommended to the clerk at the February meeting. Further possible contacts will be provided by Cllr Wilson.

146(12) Grass cutting

Resolved: The verge linking with Hambleton near Moy Vets to be promoted as a trial verge with Wyre Council if Hambleton Parish Council is also in agreement. The area to the rear of the waterwheel to be prepared by the lengthsman. The clerk to purchase suitable seed.

147(13) Plaque for wheel

Resolved: that the council have a designation plaque placed on the waterwheel to show why it was donated with the wording : 'Kindly donated by Mr J Gardner in memory of his father Peter'. The clerk to be given a budget of up to £80.

148(14) Preservation of the Wyre Way

Concerns were raised at the February meeting regarding the possible impact of proposed flood defence works in the vicinity of Wardley's Lane, the removal of hedgerows and the creation of vehicle passing places. Cllr Wilson would like to ask councillors **to consider** what action can be taken by the council to limit the damage caused by these works to the ecology and social enjoyment of this rural area.

Resolved: that the clerk write a letter to LCC highways, copied to Cllr Shedwick, to raise concerns regarding the provision of passing places on Wardley's Lane when work commences on the sea defences, and to ask whether alternative arrangements could be made. If passing places are the only solution then it be requested that they are returned to their natural state once works cease in order to preserve the Wyre Way as a quiet lane, primarily for the use of horses, cyclists and walkers.

149(15) Items of concern raised by members of the public

i) increase in dog fouling in the vicinity of the Heads and the possibility of Wyre wardens visiting the area.

Resolved: for the clerk to approach Wyre Council and ask whether the wardens could pay one or two visits to the area.

ii) increase in parking on the road, specifically the bend at the corner of the Wyre Way and Browns Lane, and the possibility of Lancashire County Council (LCC) erecting 'no parking' signs.

Resolved: report the problem to LCC and copy in Cty Cllr Shedwick.

iii) possibility of the council purchasing two speed cameras to be used until the average speed cameras are installed by LCC, one direction north before the sharp bends before A588/Carr End Lane and one south at start of the hill into Stalmine.

Resolved: for the clerk to write to LCC requesting speed monitoring. The council has made no provision in the 2021/22 budget for the purchase of speed cameras, therefore

this would not be possible until 2022/23, by which time average speed cameras should be operational.

iv) safety of road surface at the bottom of Lynwood Drive at the junction with Carr End Lane and possible requirement of works by LCC.

Resolved: After visiting the location there were no visible problems at the junction. Parts of Carr End Lane are showing signs of wear and tear. The clerk to put an item in the Over Wyre Focus with details of how the public can report highways and fly-tipping issues. Councillors to continue reporting items they observe.

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150(16) Reports from outside bodies/councils

None

151(17) Clerk's report

Road closure notification

Lancashire County Council has made an order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on Union Lane, Out Rawcliffe from its junction with Lancaster Road to its junction with Moss Side Lane. A temporary footbridge will be in place for pedestrians and cycles for the duration of the works.

The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 1 February 2021 until 1800 hours on Sunday 14 March 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.

Woodland management

A further company recommended by Wyre Rivers Trust – Longbow Forestry – has been contacted regarding the possibility of producing a woodland management plan.

Hambleton's pond survey was carried out by Dave Bentley, an expert in ponds and amphibious life.

Lengthsman

The lengthsman has reported that there has been an increase in the amount of rubbish he is collecting, with the Heads particularly bad. Rubbish has been left near an empty bin.

Plantsman

The plantsman has been able to recommence his duties in March and is currently working on clearing grass that has overgrown on to the pavements.

Grass cutting

A joint meeting took place on Monday 1 March with a Wyre Council representative and the clerk at Hambleton to discuss wild flower planting on the verges. See agenda.

Mobile phone number

Councillors are reminded that a new mobile phone and number are now in operation. The phone number for Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council is now 07859 908573. The old phone will be kept 'active' for the next three months with a message directing calls to the new number.

152(18) Questions for councillors

Cllr Williams reported that following the request at the February meeting he had made contact with head office at Mc Coll's regarding the disused vehicle on its car park. A representative from the head office at Mc Coll's was investigating further.

153(19) Date and time of next meeting

Councillors were 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 (**Thursday 1 April at the latest**), with a summary of the reason for raising the matter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 13 April 2021** at 7.00pm via Zoom

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.