

## STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 April 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, Wyre Councillor Julie Robinson and one member of the public.

#### 132(2015-16) Apologies for Absence

None.

#### 133(2015-16) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

#### 134(2015-16) Minutes of the Last Meeting

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016 be agreed as a true record.

#### 135(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 that no police report had yet been received as Sgt Freaney was on leave until 13 April.

Cllr Robinson informed councillors that there is less money in the Shaping Your Neighbourhood fund this year but grants will be available through the Walney windfarm extension community fund administered by Grantscape.

Cllr Jackson informed councillors of a sheep worrying incident and urged everyone to be vigilant.

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

#### 136(2015-16) Zebra Crossing

Councillors noted a response from LCC and covering letter from Ben Wallace MP received in February 2016 to say that LCC had considered the parish council's request for a pedestrian crossing at Mill Lane, Stalmine and, following discussion with the road safety team, they advise that there would be significant technical difficulties to accommodate a zebra crossing at this location without carrying out alteration works to the highway layout and thus incurring additional costs. They add that the location has a good accident record and therefore cannot be considered favourably as a potential scheme. Councillors **resolved** to invite Mr Wallace to a site meeting with local people so that he can see the problems experienced by those trying to cross the road and listen to the strength of feeling on the matter held by residents.

#### 137(2015-16) Casual Vacancy

Councillors noted that, following the resignation of Cllr Wallace, the last date for receipt of a request for an election is Monday 18 April. Councillors **resolved** that, should there be no such request made, the vacancy should be advertised in the usual manner.

## 138(2015-16) Planning Applications

### 16/00016/OUT

**Proposal:** Outline application for a residential development of up to 6 units with access off Carr End Lane (all other matters reserved)

**Location:** Land adjacent Ash Lea Farm, Carr End Lane, Stalmine

Councillors noted that they had considered the original application in February and that the amendments did not change their view. Accordingly it was agreed that the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds that the area has been prone to both surface and foul water flooding for some time and, although somewhat improved by recent works, the problem is still present and any further development will have a significant negative impact on the drainage infrastructure. Councillors also questioned whether the proposed development was outside the settlement area and whether the presence of bats had been taken into account.

### 16/00249/FUL

**Proposal:** Construction of a fenced all weather sand area/ménage for personal use

**Location:** Torbant Lodge, Brick House Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Council objects to this proposal as the stables have been expanded on a number of occasions and are run as a commercial enterprise. Councillors therefore did not feel the application could be for personal use.

### 16/00266/FUL

**Proposal:** Erection of rear porch and detached garage/hobby room

**Location:** Moor End Cottage, Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

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

### 16/00272/FUL

**Proposal:** Construction of stables and creation of a sand paddock for private use

**Location:** Cobblestone Barn, Staynall Lane, Stalmine

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

### 16/00293/REM

**Proposal:** Reserved matters application for one dwelling following planning permission 14/00532/OUTMAJ

**Location:** Land at Mill Lane, Stalmine

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

## 139(2015-16) Finance

### a) Receipts this month

Business Reserve Account Interest (March)	£0.33
General Reserve Account Interest	£4.21
Precept (less 2015 election expenses of £107.70)	£20,902.30

### b) Payments to be approved:

1296/97/98	Staff costs	£906.67
1296/98	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£28.70
1299	HMRC	£616.20

1300	Stalmine Gala	£100.00
1301	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	£264.89
1302	SLCC	£118.00
1303	Wyre Building Supplies	£8.40
1304	Preesall Auto Discount Centre	£2.98
1305	Mrs E Parry (internal audit)	£100.00

**Payments by Standing Order for Noting:**

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

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

Business Current Account	£251.68
Business High Interest Account	£7,523.52
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 statements of account.

**140(2015-16) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)**

None.

**141(2015-16) Clerk's Report (for information)**

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Additional Support for the Preparation of Neighbourhood Plans

The Department for Communities and Local Government has agreed to increase the level of funding available to local councils and other groups preparing a neighbourhood plan from £8,000 to £9,000 from 1 April 2016. All groups writing a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order are eligible to apply for up to £9,000 in grant. Groups facing a range of complex issues are able to apply for further support from the programme. DCLG hopes that some groups will use this funding to obtain more information on their evidence base, but this is not mandatory.

Government Rules Out Introduction of Fee-Charging for FOI Requests

Ministers have ruled out the introduction of up-front fees for freedom of information requests after receiving a report from Independent Commission. The Report says public interest extension to time limit should be replaced, and expresses the provisional view that legislation should be extended to those who are providing public services under contract.

Early Diagnosis Dementia Campaign

On Monday 14 March, Lancashire County Council launched a new county-wide campaign to raise awareness about the early signs of dementia. The campaign is supported by the Alzheimer's Society and will encourage people to visit their GP at the earliest signs and get properly diagnosed so that they can receive the right treatments and support to help them live well with the condition. There are currently over 10,000 people in Lancashire who have been diagnosed with dementia, but it is estimated that the actual figure of people with the condition is much higher. This means that thousands of people who could have dementia are not accessing treatments and support to help them live well with the condition. For more information [www.lancashire.gov.uk/dementia](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/dementia)

Changes to RBS Banking Conditions

From 29 July 2016 RBS will only offer free banking to charities and community organisations with an annual turnover of £100,000 or less. They will monitor turnover from this date and if it goes above

£100,000 in any 12 month period they will contact the Town Council before starting to impose charges.

**142(2015-16) Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting on **Tuesday 10 May 2016** at 7.00pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 6.30pm. Prospective councillor Debra Forshaw will be interviewed at 6.15pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.