

## STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 August 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 (from Item 9)

**In Attendance:** Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council, and 1 member of the public.

#### 49(2014-15) Apologies for Absence

None.

#### 50(2014-15) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

All councillors reported a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application 14/00033/OUT as they serve with Cllr Anderson (the applicant) on the Parish Council. Cllr Anderson declared a pecuniary interest in the same application as the applicant.

#### 51(2014-15) Minutes of the Last Meeting

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2014 be agreed as a true record.

#### 52(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.

In the absence of a police representative the Clerk reported on the small amount of crime and anti-social behaviour in the parish.

A member of the public confirmed that the 9" piped watercourse from the dyke on Carr End Lane had been replaced with an 18" pipe and thanked Robert Webster of LCC for his help with this. He had not had a response to his letter to Mr Mogford of UU. It appears that UU were under the impression that the issue had been resolved at the January meeting when they confirmed that the project could not go ahead as funds were not available. In relation to Porters Row/Smithy Lane the surface water sewer running under an orchard had been replaced with a plastic pipe at the expense of the householder but there is still a problem with foul water emissions from manholes on Smithy Lane/Carr End Lane in heavy rain.

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

#### 53(2014-15) Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2014

The external audit has now been completed and councillors **resolved** to accept and approve the Annual Return and the Issues Arising report. Councillors noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been displayed on the notice board and the Annual Return uploaded on to the website.

#### 54(2014-15) Summer Newsletter

Councillors noted that the next edition of the newsletter is due in early September and councillors resolved to include articles on the increase in crime in the area and reporting crime and anti-social behaviour; the importance of clearing out the dykes in preparation for autumn/winter; the completion of the path through the parish wood and the opening by Ben Wallace MP; the installation of the plough feature and the litter problem.

#### 55(2014-15) Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility

Councillors noted that DECC had invited interested parties to make representations on an independent geological report and on the representations received during the first consultation round.

Cllr Jackson reported that the geological report proved that the site will not accommodate the volume of gas that Halite have said it would take and that the recent seismic survey will not show where faults lie. Councillors resolved to write to DECC in support of these points.

#### **56(2014-15) Three Tier Forum**

Councillors resolved not to put forward any items for the agenda.

#### **57(2014-15) Flood Working Group**

Councillors noted the list of flooding events put together by Cllr Jackson in advance of the next meeting of the Working Group. Cllr Jackson confirmed that a representative of Natural England would meet with her and the Clerk on 29 August to look at the gully across the marsh so that we can have a definitive policy on what maintenance work can be carried out.

#### **58(2014-15) Planning Applications**

##### **14/00477/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single storey side extension and conversion of garage to ancillary living accommodation

**Location:** Brick House, 10 Brick House Lane, Stalmine

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

##### **14/00532/OUTMAJ**

**Proposal:** Outline application for up to 9 dwelling including access

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

It was unanimously agreed that the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds that access is onto the already busy main road and the current flooding in the area owing to the inadequate infrastructure.

##### **14/00521/FUL**

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 10 on application 10/00242 to allow occupation of all units prior to the completion of development

**Location:** Longview Animal Centre, Old Toms Lane, Stalmine

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

##### **14/00520/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of granny annex

**Location:** Carters Farm, Burrows Lane, Stalmine

Cllr Anderson left the room while this application was discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

#### **59(2014-15) Finance**

##### **a) Receipts this month**

None	£nil
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##### **b) Payments to be approved:**

Staff costs	£878.00
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£44.78
Wyre Building Supplies	£450.59
BDO LLP	£120.00
Preesall Town Council	£20.09

**Payments by Standing Order for Noting:**

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

The statement of accounts for the month ending July 2014 shows

Business Current Account	£578.40
Business High Interest Account	£14,053.86
General Reserve Account	£3348.06

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

**60(2014-15) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)**

Cllr Jenkinson and the Clerk had attended the LALC Wyre Area Committee meeting at which Garry Payne, Chief Executive of Wyre Council was present. Members emphasised their anger at Wyre's refusal to passport the localised council tax support money provided by government for town and parish councils and made comment on the draft parish charter. A number of town and parish councils had indicated that they would not sign up to the charter. Town and parish councils in the Greater Garstang area expressed their anger at the fact that Wyre had not got its Local Plan in place which was allowing large scale planning applications to be approved.

**61(2014-15) Clerk's Report (for information)**

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Parish Charter – Revised Procedures for Major Planning Applications

Following representations at the LALC Wyre Area Committee Wyre Council has amended procedures in respect of major planning applications to give town and parish councils earlier and more detailed information. As part of the major planning application verification process relevant ward members will be identified and notified as is the case with neighbours so there will be no repeat of residents being informed of major planning applications before elected members. Following pre-application meetings Wyre writes to the developer and or their representative and will include a paragraph stating that engagement with Borough and Town or Parish Members is a critical part of the engagement and decision making process and they will, on the developer's behalf, inform the relevant Ward Members and or Town or Parish Council Clerk that pre-application discussions have commenced and outline the proposal. Ward Members and or Town or Parish Council Clerks will be informed that the information should be treated as private and confidential. However, if the developer and or their agent do not agree to this disclosure they must give us written notice within 14 days of receipt of our letter. Wyre Council believes that these changes will help to improve the relationship with town and parish councils and build trust.

Localised Council Tax Support

The Lancashire Association of Local Councils is not aware of any other billing authorities in Lancashire who have withheld the money from town and parish councils.

Volunteer Community Health Champions

Volunteer 'Community Health Champions' are being sought by NHS Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to help to improve health and healthcare in their areas. They will make a substantial impact on the future of health services in Fylde and Wyre by sharing their own feedback and the experiences of the wider community, and saying what is working well and what services need to be improved. The CCG is working in partnership with UR Potential – a non-profit organisation which supports community development – to recruit volunteers. The Community Health Champions will act as a direct link between local communities and the NHS, helping to shape future services and improve existing ones. UR Potential will provide extensive training in volunteering, peer mentoring and role-

specific training for those who wish to take part. People who become a Community Health Champion will benefit from free training in local venues, learning more about health issues and local support services, meeting new people in their community, providing a voice for their local community to better ensure health and care services meet the needs of those who need them. Anyone living in the Fylde and Wyre area can apply for one of these roles. An already existing interest in health services is not necessarily essential. To find out more about these volunteer roles please contact Christine Carty on 07460 131188, 01253 344398 or email [ccg@urpotential.co.uk](mailto:ccg@urpotential.co.uk)

#### Path Through Parish Wood

The works have now been completed and a date for an opening ceremony is being arranged with Ben Wallace MP. The project completion paperwork will be sent to the Big Lottery in due course.

#### **62(2014-15) Date and Time of Next Meeting**

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm.