

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 August 2017 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs D Forshaw (Chairman), K Jenkinson, S Pelham and, after his co-option, A Haydock

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council and five members of the public.

033(2017-18) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Williams and the reason accepted.

034(2017-18) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr Jenkinson declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 17/00660/FUL as the property is owned by a distant relative.

035(2017-18) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2017 be agreed as a true record.

036(2017-18) 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 the police reports for the months of June and July 2017 and commented on the rising level of anti-social behaviour being experienced. Members of the public also expressed their concerns and provided anecdotal information. The Chairman and the Clerk agreed to look into the issues and discuss concerns with the relevant authorities.

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

037(2017-18) Co-option to Casual Vacancies

Following informal interviews councillors **resolved** to co-opt Dianne Booth and Andrew Haydock to fill the casual vacancies. Cllr Haydock signed the declaration of acceptance of office and councillors noted that other arrangements had been made for Cllr Booth to sign hers. Councillors accepted Cllr Booth's apologies for absence from the meeting owing to a pre-arranged commitment.

038(2017-18) Playing Field Hedge

Councillors considered whether to replant the hedge with semi mature alders or with whips, noting that the cost of the former was significantly higher. Councillors **resolved** to plant whips with the Lengthsman doing the work. Councillors further **resolved** to ask Wyre Villa if it would make a contribution to the cost of the work.

039(2017-18) LALC – 73rd Annual General Meeting 2017

Councillors noted that the AGM will be held on Saturday 18 November at 10am at County Hall in Preston and **resolved** not to send a representative on this occasion. Councillors further **resolved** not to submit any resolution for discussion at the meeting.

040(2017-18) Planning Applications

17/00612/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (Materials) for planning application 16/01095/FUL

Location: Moy Veterinary, Carr Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

17/00660/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective change of use from two previously approved holiday cottages to two permanent residential dwellings

Location: Carters Farm, Old Toms Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal but does object, as always, to the retrospective nature of the application.

17/00688/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: 5 Hillside Drive, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

17/00695/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and new package treatment plant

Location: Bowses Hill Cottage, Neds Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

Town and Country Planning (Appeals)

Location: Greygates, 11 Back Lane, Stalmine

Proposal: Erection of one detached bungalow

Application Number: 16/00904/FUL

Appeal Reference: APP/U2370/W/17/3177796

Appeal Start Date: 14.07.2017

Appellant's Name: Mr Morton

It was agreed that the parish council did not wish to make comment or modify or withdraw its previous comments.

041(2017-18) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

None

b) Payments from last meeting for noting:

1389/90/91	Staff costs	£1097.29
1389/90	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£86.74
1392	HMRC	£377.00
1393	Preesall Auto Discount	£2.79
1394	F H & M Davies & Son	£937.80
1395	Wyre Building Supplies	£101.81

Councillors noted that these payments could not be approved at the July meeting and were therefore paid under para 5.5 of the Council's Financial Regulations.

c) Payments to be approved:

1398/99/1400	Staff costs	£1062.57
1398/99	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£68.70

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee) (June)	£24.00
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d) Statement of Accounts – June and July 2017

The statement of accounts for the month ending 30 June shows

Business Current Account	£4,027.68
Business High Interest Account	£37,440.17
General Reserve Account	£3,398.77

The statement of accounts for the month ending 31 July shows

Business Current Account	£1,400.25
Business High Interest Account	£37,440.17
General Reserve Account	£3,398.77

e) Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 1

The Q1 budget monitoring report shows that the post/printing etc budget appears to be overspent at this point in the year as a result of the new laptop and software being coded to this budget head and councillors resolved to vire £550 from the miscellaneous/contingencies budget head to the postage/printing etc budget head to bring it back into balance. Councillors noted that the community facilities and services budget head shows that only 0.4% of the budget has been spent at this point in the year but that this is normal as the first bill is generally for plants and this was paid in the second quarter. The insurance/audit etc budget head appears overspent but this is because the majority of spending against this budget head is committed in the early part of the year.

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the receipts, the payments by standing order, the statement of accounts for June and July and the Q1 budget monitoring report.

042(2017-18) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

The Clerk reported that the recent Wyre Area Committee had received a useful presentation from Tom Myerscough from the Wyre Rivers Trust on the work of the Trust and that Sgt Freaney had reported on a joint initiative between the police, fire and ambulance services on rural safety.

043(2017-18) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Pensions Auto Enrolment

The Council has now complied with all its duties under pensions auto enrolment and has submitted its declaration of compliance which was required by 30 June.

Verge Cutting

A resident complained about the length of the grass on the verge on Smithy Lane/Douglas Avenue. This is cut by Wyre Council on behalf of LCC 5 times per annum.

Luxury Lodge Signs

The Lengthsman has continued to experience problems with small "Luxury Lodge" signs being placed on grass verges. These were reported to Wyre Council who have visited and written formally to those responsible. Nevertheless a small number did reappear and each occasion will be reported to Wyre Council.

Play Area for Older Children - Grant Application

An application for grant funding has been made to the Lancashire Environment Fund in time for the 14 July deadline. As a result of the amount of funding available from the LEF the project has been split into two phases with the team swing, zipwire, cone climber and climbing wall in the first phase. The outcome will not be known until mid-October.

Pedestrian Crossing

A letter has been received from Ben Wallace MP saying that he has still not had a response from Phil Durnell, Head of Highways at LCC, regarding the parish council's campaign for a pedestrian crossing. He has written yet again expressing his disappointment and asking for a response without further delay.

Emergency Cover Review 2017 Consultation

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service is consulting on a review of Emergency Cover to ensure that emergency response provision is proportionate with fire risk in Lancashire and is both efficient and effective. The consultation documents can be seen on:

<http://www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/sites/lancs/Pages/ContentDocuments/ECR-2017-Draft.pdf>

The twelve week consultation exercise runs from 19th July 2017 to the 10th October 2017. Anyone wishing to comment, requires any additional information or would like to discuss any aspect, please contact the Risk Management Planning team on 01772 866955, by email rmp@lancsfireandrescue.org.uk, on Twitter (@LancashireFRS) or Facebook (Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service). Consultation responses must be received by 10th October 2017.

Lancashire Local Initiative Fund

LCC has launched the Local Initiative Fund (LIF) for 2017/18 and organisations across Lancashire are invited to apply for LIF grants to fund their activities. The Fund has over £177,000 available to spend. Organisations can apply for projects with funding between £1,000 and £5,000. Projects must support one of the LIF's three priorities which are Supporting families; Skills and employability and Activities for young people. The application form and supporting guidance notes are now available to download from the Lancashire County Council website:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants/grants-and-funding/voluntary-community-and-faith-sectors-grants-and-funding/local-initiative-fund.aspx>

Help and information is available from the Grants Team on either 01772 530818 or 01772 536862 or by email at localinitiativesfund@lancashire.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is **Friday 1 September 2017, 5pm.**

044(2017-18) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 12 September 2017** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.