

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 August 2019 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllr T Williams (Chairman), D Booth, Cllr Haydock, S Pelham, J Wilson.

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the council, and two members of the public in person and one via phone link.

53(1) Apologies for absence

Cllr F Cardwell

54(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

None

55(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2019.

56(4) Public participation

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting at 7.03pm to allow members of the public to speak.

The following items were raised by members of the public:

-Use of the playing field by the community rugby team. Councillors were made aware of the team's proposals – providing portable goal posts and netting for each match, maintenance of the pitch, line drawing and a planned start time of August 2020. They were also informed that negotiations were planned to request the use of facilities at Wyre Villa. Concerns were voiced in respect of the suitability of the land and the need to maintain this as an asset for the whole community, not just one team.

-The clerk was asked to thank the lengthsman for the removal of the graffiti.

-Brickhouse Lane - problems with speeding traffic at the A588 end of the lane. Cars overhanging on to the lane from an adjacent property. Overhanging branches. The use of stones on the grass verge (not always the curtilage of the property).

-Inappropriate wording from a member of the public in the Green Book.

-Damage to the hedge on the park adjacent to Wyre Villa football club. The club was looking to assist in erecting fencing on its side of the boundary to prevent members of the public climbing through.

Councillors **resolved** to reopen the meeting at 7.30pm.

57(5) Planning

Application Number: 18/00899/OUTMAJ

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to 65 dwellings with link to adjacent land to east and new access applied for off Carr End Lane (all other matters reserved) re-submission 18/00075/OUTMAJ

Location: Land east of Carr End Lane, Stalmine, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire

Resolved: the council was unanimous in objecting to this application on the same grounds as the last submission, but with additional comments. Councillors did not think the description of the change was clear when viewed on the map, they were also concerned

that over 1000sqm of open space had been lost between this version of the application and the previous one. All traffic entering and exiting would do so on to a single-track lane with no footpath, which if flooded would trap residents. Queries were raised as to the legal ration requirement for open spaces and how many of the properties were designated affordable homes.

Application Number: 19/00620/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval application for change of use of existing agricultural building to form one residential dwelling (under Class Q of the GDPO)

Location: Moor End Farm, Back Lane, Stalmine, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire

Resolved: There were no formal objections to this change of use, however the council requested that a recommendation be made to Lancashire County Council highways to reduce the speed limit on the lane as the council has serious concerns regarding the speed of traffic entering and exiting Back Lane (as well as other local lanes) and believes that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.

Application Number: 19/00771/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of detached one-bedroom residential annexe into one-bedroom dwelling house involving the removal of condition 3 on planning approval

Ref 18/01148/FUL **Location:** The Old School House, Mill Lane, Stalmine, Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: The council unanimously objected to the removal of condition 3 on the grounds that this would amount to over-development of the land, loss of amenity and had the potential to increase traffic flow on to a very busy road with poor access.

Application Number: 19/00776/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 2 No side dormers.

Location: 14 Hillside Drive, Stalmine-With-Staynall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire FY6 0LF

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

58(6) Finance

Councillors **resolved:**

a) To note there were no receipts:	
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b) To approve the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	1602, 1603, 1605	898.35
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	1604	222.35
Lengthsman's expenses (SLN on behalf of council)	1606	17.02
Preesall Town Council (recharge for stationery)	1607	23.66
Wyre Council tree survey (INV 1111093223)	1608	180.00

c) To note the following payments by direct debit:	
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	39.60
e) To note the statement of accounts for month ending 31 July 2019	
f) To approve the budget monitoring report quarter – quarter 1 Having viewed the quarterly receipts and payments for quarter 1 and being content that they were an accurate record of the council's financial activity the council was happy to accept the budget monitoring report for quarter 1 without the need for any virement of funds.	

59(7) Use of playing field

Councillors were concerned that the use of the field by the team could lead to it becoming unusable by others, especially if it was a wet winter, as drainage on the land is very poor. The impact on the neighbouring wood and plans for the creation of a wildlife habitat was also raised. Councillors **resolved** that they were OK in principle with the team using the land on a one-year trial from August 2020. However, this would be subject to further negotiations with the team and a suitable contract being put in place prior to a final decision being made. The clerk was asked to seek advice from Wyre Council and report back to the next meeting.

60(8) Stalmine wood

Cllr Wilson reported that Wyre Rivers Trust would be happy to use the willow from the wood to create a habitat on the river. It was also feasible that assistance and grants could be available to clear the pond and create pathways and a more suitable habitat. Cllr Booth provided a copy of the latest version of the map to be sited at the entrance to the wood. Cllr Wilson agreed to take it and arrange for the wording to be made easier to read and bring this back to a subsequent meeting.

61(9) Dog fouling

Councillors discussed the use of signs to encourage dog walkers to pick up after their pets and how they were actively trying to encourage pet owners to be more responsible. **Resolved** for an article to be put in the Green Book warning that this is an offence and for the clerk to contact Wyre Council regarding the availability of signage.

62(10) Speed limit restrictions

Councillors recited recent examples of near misses, inconsiderate driving and driving in a dangerous manner on the lanes surrounding the village. Given that some of these lanes are regularly used by pedestrians, horses, cyclists and disabled people, councillors expressed extreme concern that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. **Resolved** for the clerk to write again to highways, with a copy to Cllr Shedwick supporting any proposals to reduce speed limits on the lanes.

63(11) Joint meeting with neighbouring councils

Resolved that closer working with other Over Wyre councils to discuss common issues affecting the area should be promoted. The clerk was asked to write to the neighbouring councils canvassing their opinion on such a meeting.

64(12) SpID

Resolved to donate the council's non-working SpID to Catterall Parish Council, to be used for spare parts.

65(13) Clerk's training

Resolved to approve the clerk's attendance at SLCC's Cheshire Branch annual conference on 9 October in Northwich with the £30 cost to be split with Preesall Town Council.

66(14) Memorial for the late Cllr Jackson

This item was deferred to the September meeting.

67(15) Plantsman

Resolved not to recruit a replacement at this stage. Planting and staffing to be discussed at the end of the season.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

68(16) Reports from outside bodies

No reports were received.

69(17) Clerk's report

Lengthsman

The lengthsman has reported the usual problems of fly tipping and dog fouling. He has also painted over the graffiti painted on fences backing on to Stalmine wood and moved the gate rescued from the pond by Cllr Williams and his wife. Littering in the wood is an increasing problem with drinks cans and gas canisters regularly left behind.

Plants

A small number of volunteers have adopted planters local to them and are ensuring that these have additional water – many thanks go to them for their help and assistance.

Stalmine wood

Wyre's tree officer is scheduled to carry out the annual survey of the wood on 13 August 2019. A report should be available for the September meeting.

[Cheshire SLCC annual conference agenda](#)

Topics already confirmed are:

Getting public rights of way registered - Jack Cornish, The Ramblers Association

From 2026 historic claims for public rights of way can't be made. This means we have only just over six years to protect those in our community that aren't registered. Find out how to get PROW registered, advice on research and the importance of the 2026 deadline.

What's the SLCC doing? - Rob Smith, Chief Executive of the SLCC

The society's CEO gives a rundown of what the society is doing to support clerks and its work in the sector. Your opportunity to put questions straight to the top of the organisation.
Developing assertiveness and dealing with difficult people - Richard Masters MBE – Castle View Training

Richard will help you understand assertiveness, understand the behaviour of others and ourselves and explore the choices we have with difficult people.

Website accessibility regulations - Adam Keppel-Green PSLCC

New regulations require websites to be accessible. What does that mean, when must you comply and how do you do it? Adam will take you through it.

Youth Councils and engagement - Holmes Chapel youth council

Hear from Holmes Chapel Parish Council and its youth council about how to engage the young members of your community.

Currently being arranged:

- Funding projects without the precept
- Climate Change/Going Green
- Getting Press Releases published
- Risk Assessments for Events

NALC election survey

As a follow-up to the May 2019 elections the policy and communications team is undertaking some research on the experience of councillors and councils. This research comes in the form of two surveys: one for clerks to fill in as a representative of the council and one for councillors to be filled in by all councillors on the council. The data gathered will be placed in a wider context of how many contested and uncontested elections took place and give a national picture of town and parish elections in England.

NALC would love to see all councils and councillors complete these surveys. An introduction to the surveys to outline the purpose of this research is attached. Survey link details are held by the clerk.

Public rights of way changes

Documentation was given to councillors from Lancashire Local Access Forum (LLAF) highlighting the 2026 cut-off date for the registration of public rights of way which is considered too close for the legal work to be carried out to prove access rights to a number of pathways.

70(18) Items for next agenda

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 (**Friday 30 August 2019**). A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided. Items identified – dog fouling signage, memorial for J Jackson and long service marker for K Jenkinson.

71(19) Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 10 September 2019** at 7.00pm.

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