

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

8 September 2020

CLERK'S REPORT

Road closures

Details of a proposed temporary road closure on Back Lane, Stalmine with Staynall on 19.10.20 to 21.10.20 to enable new connection works to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of United Utilities can be found on the council's website

New accessibility-friendly website

The council commissioned a new website from its existing supplier, Easy Websites, in order to ensure that it is compliant with the new disability accessibility regulations that come into force on 23 September 2020. The clerk has worked with the supplier to ensure documents relevant to the council are visible and loaded in the correct part of the website. An accessibility statement will also be posted on the site.

Tree work

The work planned to take place in August has been postponed as a result of the heavy rainfall causing the land to be unsuitable for manoeuvring the heavy tree-removing equipment.

Lengthsman and plantsman

The lengthsman has reported that the mower worked for a short period of time and then failed again. It has been returned for further investigative works.

The plantsman has continued to trim a number of public footpaths within the parish and to carry out repair works to stiles and bridges. Reports have been received from farmers regarding the inconsiderate behaviour of some walkers leaving gates open when animals are in fields. There is also concern regarding dog owners believing that it is acceptable to leave dog waste on pasture land. This is toxic and can result in livestock miscarrying.

Footpaths

The clerk has walked a number of footpaths, identifying issues. Where these continue into neighbouring parishes reports have been sent to the clerks.

Ornamental feature on A588

The waterwheel, kindly donated the family of a deceased resident, has been installed and a planting bed created. This will be planted up in the autumn.

Switch to cycling campaign Time to get on yer bike!

'Switch to Cycling' is a new campaign from Lancashire County Council aiming to build on the momentum of those who have started cycling during lockdown and encourage more people to take up cycling for short journeys.

It promotes the benefits of cycling including fitness, saving money and beating the traffic as well as providing advice and information on starting cycling, cycling routes and free training sessions. This is part of the council's [Active Travel](#) work to encourage walking and cycling instead of using the car or public transport where possible, which is aligned with current government advice.

Now is an ideal time to start cycling with the school run starting up again and more cars on the road. The county council has put in a range of measures including temporary pop up cycle lanes throughout the county to help people get around by bike.

For more information and advice about making the switch to cycling, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/cycling