

## STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine**

**Present:** Cllrs T Williams (Chairman), D Booth, S Pelham, J Wilson, F Cardwell.

**In attendance:** Alison May, clerk to the council, and one member of the public.

### **119(1) Apologies for absence**

A Haydock, absent without apology.

### **120(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations**

None.

### **121(3) Minutes of the last meeting**

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2019.

### **122(4) Public participation**

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting at 7.04pm to allow members of the public to speak.

A member of the public raised the issue of flooding, flood defences and drainage issues in the area. He informed the council of investigative works he had been involved in a number of years ago and the importance of having access to the drainage maps for the area.

Councillors expressed their continuing concerns regarding the capacity of the land to hold the water, the impact of increased development and the need for a designated flood action group. The member of the public offered to try to obtain copies of drainage plans produced locally, the clerk would contact County Cllr Shedwick to see if Stalmine council can purchase copies of LCC's plans and Cllr Wilson would look to arrange a presentation on the community establishing its own flood action group.

Councillors **resolved** to reopen the meeting at 7.40pm.

### **123(5) Planning**

#### **Application Number: 19/00958/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:** Bowses Hill Farm, Neds Lane, Stalmine-With-Staynall, Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

**Resolved:** The council had no knowledge of the agricultural building in question, therefore could not comment on whether it met the criteria for development under Class Q.

### **124(6) Handrail off Smithy Lane**

**Resolved:** to accept the quotation for £460 to install the handrail on the slope between Smithy Lane and Douglas Avenue.

## 125(7) Finance

Councillors **resolved**:

<b>a) To note</b> there were no receipts in November.	
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<b>b) To approve</b> the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	1635,1636,1638	930.79
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	1637	23.08
Lengthsman's expenses (SLN on behalf of council)	1639	17.01
Wyre Council (inv. 1111094108)	1640	180.00
Wyre Building Supplies (inv.0228219,0228366)	1641	9.18
D Murphy grass cutting (inv.1070)	1642	806.40
G Cameron - fencing	1643	460.00
Over Wyre Brass donation	1644	50.00
F H & M Davies & Son	1645	198.00

<b>c) To note</b> the following payments by direct debit:	
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	39.60

<b>d) To note</b> the statement of accounts for month ending 30 November 2019. Current account £29,607.72; Reserve Account £1.17; General Reserve £0.11	
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## 126(8) Woodland survey

Councillors worked through the list of items identified in the recent survey and agreed those that could be carried out at ground level, those requiring a tree surgeon who could work at height, and the trees in the pond that had previously been identified as being a good habitat for retention – further advice to be obtained on the last.

**Resolved:** for the clerk to approach the relevant professionals in order to carry out works on the trees and ascertain the costs involved.

## 127(9) Woodland signage

**Resolved:** to defer this item to the January meeting.

## 128(10) Wardley's pool pump

**Resolved:** to defer this item pending councillor attendance at Wyre's Flood Forum in January and the possible establishment of a resident led dedicated flood action group.

## 129(11) Problem footpaths

**Resolved:** that councillors would document the issues they are aware of with various footpaths and pass these to the clerk prior to the January meeting.

## 130(12) Climate emergency

**Resolved:** that the council would declare a climate emergency. This would mean that the council would consider the impact on the environment with each decision it makes. One suggestion is for all children in Over Wyre to plant a tree in 2020.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **131(13) Reports from outside bodies/councils**

Cllr Williams reported on a meeting he had attended with County Cllr John Shedwick and the clerk to discuss the highway concerns raised by a number of residents. Average speed cameras are to be installed on the A588, this is part of a county wide initiative that makes the project more financially viable. The installation will take place in 2020 once the full number of cameras is known. Reductions in speed limits on Staynall Lane, Moss Side Lane and Brickhouse Lane are also to be implemented with a full safety audit to be undertaken on Brickhouse Lane.

### **132(14) Clerk's report**

#### **Road closures**

Lancashire County Council will close Grange Lane, Stalmine with Staynall, on 22.01.20 until 24.01.20 for works to replace a BT pole.

Lancashire County Council will close Wardleys Lane, Stalmine with Staynall, on 24.02.20 until 03.03.20 for cable installation works in the carriageway by Gallagher Ltd on behalf of ENW.

#### **Litter bins**

A number of residents have raised concerns regarding the litter/dog poo bin being removed from Occupation Lane. Inquiries to Wyre Council have revealed that it received a request from a member of the public for the bin to be removed. It tried to re-site it near the Village Hall and on Smithy Close and once again objections were raised. Once a suitable site can be found Wyre Council will reinstate the bin. Other sites suggested by members of the public as also needing bins are - Back Lane junction with Neds Lane; Moss Side/Swilkin Lane; Staynall Lane; Highgate Lane.

#### **Hedge adjacent to school**

A member of the public has asked that the council be notified that the hedge is in need of cutting. Cutting of the hedge is the responsibility of its owner, but, LCC can step in and cut the hedge and charge the owner.

#### **Hedge at playing field**

Wyre Council has pruned the hedge adjacent to Wyre Villa to encourage thicker lower growth and to make it easier for the hedge to be maintained.

### **133(15) Date and time of next meeting**

Councillors are asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council by notifying the clerk at least 10 days prior to the next meeting (**Friday 3 January 2020**). A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided. Grass cutting to increase bio-diversity to be put on next agenda. Uncashed cheques for next agenda.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 14 January 2020** at 7.00pm.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.