

## STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 February 2018 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

**Present:** Cllrs D Forshaw (Chairman), D Booth, A Haydock, K Jenkinson, S Pelham, T Williams.

**In attendance:** Alison May, Clerk to the Council, County Councillor John Shedwick and five members of the public.

#### 123(17-18) Apologies for absence

None

#### 124(17-18) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Williams – item 11

#### 125(17-18) Minutes of the last meeting

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2018 be agreed as a true record.

#### 126(17-18) Public participation (including police report)

- A presentation was made to the council by two Stalmine residents which detailed the problems experienced on just a small stretch of the A588 through the village. The presentation along with suggestions for improving road safety can be found on the council's website. A request was made for an item to be put on the March agenda to discuss the matter in full.  
*In response:* an agenda item would be created for March.
- A member of the public provided details of his planning application for two properties on land off Old Toms Lane, and explained that the properties were intended for family members.  
*In response:* councillors would consider the application later in the agenda.
- Councillors were asked whether the road sweeper could be requested to clear gullies on Old Tom's Lane as these have not been cleaned out for a considerable period.  
*In response:* the sweeper has been in the village on a number of occasions and the council regularly raises concerns in respect of keeping the drainage system clear of debris. A request can be made, however resources are limited and priority is given to ensuring the main road is kept clear.
- The issue of water running off the building site onto Mill Lane was raised.  
*In response:* Cllr Forshaw said that she had reported the problem to Wyre planning.
- A member of the public made councillors aware of surveys on the pipework in the village he had conducted in 2005 that had revealed inaccurate records of the sewer system. He holds three lever-arch files of information that could be viewed if required. He also stated his belief in the need for a full survey of Stalmine's drains to be carried out.
- Councillors were asked to write a letter to Ben Wallace asking him to encourage the swift implementation of the Communities and Local Government select committee report that recommends a strategy for older people's housing.
- The council was asked why so much affordable housing was being built in the area especially when there is little work in the vicinity, meaning people need to travel for employment. It would be more appropriate to build more bungalows for retired people.  
*In response:* there is a requirement for a percentage of the properties being built to be affordable homes. Also, bungalows take up more land and are not profitable to a developer to build.
- A member of the public made councillors aware of the increased pressures on the ambulance service from the increase in population in the area. It was suggested that it should be a condition of planning for public access defibrillators to be available on each street corner.

- The clerk informed the council of requests that had been made to repair the damage done to the verges on Neds Lane and Back Lane when traffic had been diverted following the accident with the articulated lorry.

*In response:* Cllr Forshaw would raise the matter with LCC highways.

### **127(17-18) 5 Highways issues**

Cty Cllr Shedwick responded to the comments raised by the public and councillors, stating:

- a. that the A588 is a priority concern and that he had attended the cabinet meeting where he had supported Stalmine Council's request for the speed limit to be reduced to 40mph. He also proposed a root and branch review of the road from Hambleton through to Stalmine and the need for a report highlighting the problems and possible solutions. The parish council was asked if it could help with this.
- b. the proposed improvements along the A588 from Green Meadow Lane through to Stalmine had now been postponed as the diversion route was not acceptable. He emphasised the importance of getting the work done once suitable arrangements could be made.
- c. that he had been looking at various options for the provision of suitable beacons to light the proposed crossing near the Seven Stars public house. He would continue to press for the crossing in the village.
- d. the problem of potholes was constantly being raised, with a number of holes having been filled over the last week. Extra funding had been put into the LCC highways budget to address the problem.
- e. flooding has been a particular problem over recent weeks and a number of possible solutions have been put forward by Wyre. The next flood forum will be on 8 March and the council will be provided with a report for the next meeting.

**Resolved** that an item would be included on the March agenda for councillors to agree on key problems and possible solutions in respect of the A588.

### **128(17-18) Hall Gate Lane access road**

As part of the proposed haul road/access road for the underground gas storage facility there is a requirement for highway works on the A588 Hall Gate Lane in the vicinity of the junction with Moss House Lane. It was **resolved** to agree to the replacement of the bus shelter on the southbound side of Hall Gate Lane, the relocation of the bus shelter on the northbound side, the surplus bench being stored by the lengthsman for installation elsewhere in the village and the planters adjacent to each of the shelters be moved as per the proposals.

### **129(17-18) Handrail**

It was **resolved** to approach Lancashire County Council regarding the possibility of installing a handrail on the path off Smithy Lane, opposite Hillside Avenue.

### **130(17-18) Stile**

Following the response from Lancashire County Council that the replacement stile at the end of Occupation Lane conforms to its standard construction criteria the council **resolved** for Cllr Forshaw to contact the resident who had raised the concern that it no longer provided an access flap for dogs.

### **131(17-18) Appointment of internal auditor for year ending 31.3.18 and approval of internal audit terms of reference**

The council **resolved** to appoint Edwina Parry, the Clerk to Garstang Town Council, as the Internal Auditor for year ending 31.3.18 at a fee of £100 and approved the terms of reference for the internal audit.

### **132(17-18) Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition**

It was **resolved** not to take part in this year's competition.

**133(17-18) Revised taxi licensing policy**

Cllr Williams reported that he had attended the taxi forum last week where the revised proposals were discussed. He explained that the main change is that taxis are currently required to have a PIT test rather than an MOT. However, automatic number plate recognition software checks whether a vehicle has a valid MOT. The new policy provides a requirement for taxis to have both a PIT test and an MOT. It was **resolved** not to comment on the policy.

**134(17-18) Loan agreement with Wyre**

Following the council's resolution at the January meeting, to approve taking out a short-term loan with Wyre Council, it was **resolved** to approve the signing of the loan agreement with Wyre by the responsible financial officer.

**135(17-18) Additional insurance premium**

It was **resolved** for the clerk to be given approval to take out the required extra insurance, to cover the replacement value of the playzone - £36,000 - once it is handed over by Playdale.

**136(17-18) Planning applications****Application Number: 17/01178/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of 2 dwellings.

**Location:** Land Off Old Toms Lane Stalmine-With-Staynall Lancashire FY6 0JR

**Resolved:** that the council has no objections to the application.

**Application Number: 18/00055/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of one detached dwelling

**Location:** Land Off Back Lane Stalmine Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

**Resolved:** that the council objects to the proposal on the grounds that the number of applications for development on this part of Back Lane has reached the limit of the area's capacity to cope. Any further development will have a serious detrimental impact on existing residents and road users. This is a narrow country lane that will be subjected to an increase in traffic above and beyond safe levels. In addition, the lane opens on to Stricklands Lane; the resulting increase in traffic from homes, caravans and camping facilities on Back Lane will increase the risk of accident to those using Stricklands Lane – an already very dangerous road. The council has yet to see evidence that the existing infrastructure – both surface water and foul drains will be able to cope with the increase in capacity placed on them. Properties further down the lane are experiencing flood problems in a way that hasn't happened before. Further development will only increase the strain on an already fragile system that at times of heavy rainfall now cannot cope with the additional pressures placed upon it. The resulting impact to neighbouring properties is not acceptable.

**Application Number: 18/00056/FUL**

**Proposal:** Change of use of land for the siting of three static caravans for holiday use and associated access track and landscaping

**Location:** Holiday Cottages, Back Lane Stalmine Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

**Resolved:** that the council objects to the application on the same grounds as for application 18/00055/FUL

**Application Number: 18/00075/OUTMAJ**

**Proposal:** Outline application for the erection of 65 dwellings with access applied for off Carr End Lane (all other matters reserved)

**Location:** Land East of Carr End Lane Stalmine Poulton-le-Fylde Lancashire

**Resolved:** that the council objects to the application on grounds of increased flood risk, unsuitable drainage infrastructure, unsuitable highways access from Carr End Lane and increased risk when using A588, overall detrimental impact to residents. Dangers posed by the A588 should not be underestimated and until the risk to users of the road is reduced no further development should take place in the village. The need for a pedestrian crossing was stronger now given the increase in population. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Ben Wallace requesting his continued support of the proposed project.

**Application Number: 18/00094/FUL**

**Proposal:** Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing house and out buildings.

**Location:** Ash Grove Neds Lane Stalmine-With-Staynall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

**Resolved:** that the council has no objections to the application.

### 137(17-18) Finance

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| <b>a) Resolved to note</b> the following receipts:<br>Current account | 5250.00 |
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| <b>b) Resolved to approve</b> the following payments: | Cheque            |        |
| Payroll                                               | 01434,01435,01436 | 894.79 |
| Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)               | 01434             | 14.56  |
| Extra lengthsman's expenses (BH on behalf of council) | 01436             | 12.25  |
| Lengthsman's expenses (SLN on behalf of council)      | 01437             | 23.75  |
| Wyre Building Supplies (151517, 153193)               | 01438             | 30.70  |

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| <b>c) Resolved to note</b> the following payments by standing order: |       |
| Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)                                  | 24.00 |

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| <b>d) Resolved to note</b> the statement of accounts for month ending 31 January 2018 showing the following balances:<br>Current account: £7,673.73<br>Reserve account: £ 4,243.55<br>General reserve account: £3,407.25 |  |
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| <b>e) Resolved to accept</b> the quarter 3 budget monitoring report and to approve the virement of £2,400 from the community facilities budget to the grants budget |  |
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### 138(17-18) Reports from outside bodies (for information)

None

### 139(17-18) Clerk's report (for information)

#### Play zone phase 1

Work on the installation of the play area is scheduled for week commencing 12 February.

#### Bus shelter

LCC has now acknowledged the request for a licence to install a bus shelter at the corner of Old Toms and Stricklands Lane. Work is underway to inspect the site and it is hoped that a decision will be made shortly.

**Lobby Day**

Lobby Day<<http://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/lobby-day>> will be taking place for its fourth consecutive year on 20 March 2018.

Lobby Day is an annual opportunity for county associations and local councils to form stronger relationships with their MPs.

It provides an opportunity to engage with your MP(s) and promote the great work taking place locally.

**Wyre Local Plan 2018****Personal Local Plan ID: 0611**

On 23 January 2018 the council submitted the Wyre Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for examination.

Inspector Mark Dakeyne BA (Hons) MRTPI has been appointed to conduct the examination to determine whether the Wyre Local Plan is sound. Mr Tony Blackburn will be the programme officer who will assist the Inspector with the conduct of the examination.

All local plan documents, including submission documents and the evidence base, are available on-line at [www.wyre.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.wyre.gov.uk/localplan) Alternatively, you can see the documents by prior arrangement with the Local Plan team between 8.30 and 5pm Monday to Friday at the Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU.

The Planning Inspectorate has published a procedural practice that explains the Local Plan examination process. You can view it online by going to:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/531005/Procedural\\_Practice\\_in\\_the\\_Examination\\_of\\_Local\\_Plans\\_-\\_final.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/531005/Procedural_Practice_in_the_Examination_of_Local_Plans_-_final.pdf)

For all Wyre local plan examination matters you should contact the programme officer via e-mail at [tony.blackburn@wyre.gov.uk](mailto:tony.blackburn@wyre.gov.uk) and telephone at 01254 260286. Please use your personal ID (above) in all Local Plan correspondence.

**Safeguarding training**

Online safeguarding training is available for all councillors. Anyone interested in taking part should contact the clerk for a link to the website.

**140(17-18) Items for next agenda**

Highway safety issues – to include items from presentation by residents' association and provide details of improvements required to County Councillor Shedwick, highlighting the key things that have the biggest impact.

**141(17-18) Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting of the parish council will be on **Tuesday 13 March 2018** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.