

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 February 2014 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs J Jackson (Vice-Chairman), S Carrington, K Jenkinson and, after her co-option, D Walmsley.

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council, and one member of the public.

168(2013-14) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Anderson and A Wallace and the reasons accepted.

169(2013-14) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

170(2013-14) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2014 be agreed as a true record.

171(2013-14) 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.

A member of the public confirmed that he had drafted a letter to the Chairman of United Utilities about the Smithy Lane/Porter's Row flooding problems and the Clerk agreed to circulate the draft to councillors so that any comments could be incorporated. In the absence of a police representative the Clerk provided an update on the small amount of crime and anti-social behaviour in the parish.

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

172(2013-14) Co-option of Parish Councillor

Following informal interviews councillors **resolved** to co-opt Davia Walmsley to fill the casual vacancy. Cllr Walmsley signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

173(2013-14) Planning Enforcement Matters

In the absence of Cllr Wallace councillors **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting.

174(2013-14) Shaping Your Neighbourhood – Wyre Council

Councillors noted that Wyre Council has allocated £10,000 to each of six neighbourhood areas and is inviting bids for community projects. Councillors **resolved** not to put in a bid as they had no projects planned that would meet the criteria.

175(2013-14) Planning Applications

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Proposal: Outline application for the erection of two detached dwellings (following demolition of existing agricultural building)

Location: Land off Old Toms Lane, Stalmine

It was unanimously agreed that the Council objects on the grounds of potential flood risk, poor access and the site not being suitable for residential development.

176(2013-14) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

High Interest account interest	£1.57
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b) Payments to be approved:

Staff Costs	£941.45
Staff expenditure on behalf of the Council	£51.12
Preesall Town Council	£26.88
Wyre Building Supplies	£7.38

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£36.00
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c) Statement of Accounts – January 2014

The statement of accounts for the month ending January 2014 shows

Business Current Account	£141.42
Business High Interest Account	£7519.38
Playing Field Account	£3339.86

177(2013-14) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

178(2013-14) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Grant Application

A grant application for £500 has been made to the R V, E & H Moon Charitable Trust to help with the costs of renovating the plough, purchasing the planters and making the floral feature.

Bus Subsidy Withdrawal

In the light of consultation responses LCC has decided not to pursue the bus subsidy withdrawal proposals. Instead it intends to review each route when individual contracts are considered for renewal over the next few years.

Local Government Finance Settlement

The Minister has confirmed that it will not extend referendum principles to parish councils this year. However, he is prepared to extend the principles to larger town and parish councils from 2015 to 2016 if necessary. The Minister also confirmed that Government has included £3.3 billion in the settlement for Council Tax support schemes which is to reflect reductions in the parish tax base. The money is not separately identified but he is clear that he expects billing authorities to carry on passing on support to town and parish councils to help mitigate any reduction in their tax base due to the local council tax support scheme. Councillors noted that one parish council had withdrawn from Wyre's Town and Parish Charter as a result of the withdrawal of the rural grant and that the Charter contains a clause which states that Wyre will pay the grant. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Wyre Council in respect of this and the Minister's expectation that they passport monies to cushion the effect of the local council tax support scheme. In respect of the latter issue, if the response from Wyre Council was negative, they asked the Clerk to write to the Minister.

Future of Healthcare

The Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group has developed a draft strategy which sets out a long-term vision for health services. The full document is available at www.fyldeandwyreccg.nhs.uk or

for a hard copy contact 01253 306400. There will be a drop in session at the Over Wyre Medical Centre, Preesall from 10am to 12 noon on 26 February 2014.

Shard Bridge Repair Works

LCC will begin work to repair parapets and replace a failed bridge expansion joint on the bridge on 10 March. The work will take place between 7pm and 7am and is planned for completion by 15 March. As this will coincide with sewer replacement work on Mains Lane some traffic delays are likely.

Flood Action Group for Stalmine

The Environment Agency feels that a multi agency working group, rather than a Flood Action Group, is more appropriate for the problems in Stalmine and has proposed that quarterly meetings take place prior to the appropriate parish council meeting. An initial meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

179(2013-14) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17 March 2014 at 7pm.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.