

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 January 2015 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs J Jackson (Chairman), K Jenkinson and D Walmsley.

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council and three members of the public.

112(2014-15) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Anderson, S Carrington and A Wallace and the reasons accepted.

113(2014-15) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

The Clerk reminded councillors that they all had a pecuniary interest in item 5 (draft budget for 2014/15) as they were all council tax payers. Councillors in office when the precept was set in January 2014 have already been granted a dispensation by the Council which allows them to discuss and vote on the precept. Councillors considered a dispensation request from Cllr Walmsley, who had been co-opted since that meeting, for the same dispensation to be granted to allow her to participate in setting the budget and the precept. Councillors **resolved** to grant the request.

114(2014-15) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2014 be agreed as a true record.

115(2014-15) 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.

In the absence of a police representative the Clerk reported on the small amount of crime and anti-social behaviour in the parish.

Two members of the public raised concerns relating to planning application 14/01014/OUT

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

116(2014-15) Budget 2015/16

Councillors considered the draft budget options and **resolved** that the precept for 2015/16 be set at £18,509.

117(2014-15) Withdrawal of Paper Planning Applications

Councillors noted that Wyre Council has decided to no longer send out paper copies of planning applications and that the Clerk has to ask for copies of particular documents. Councillors **resolved** to ask for copies of all plan documents.

118(2014-15) Community Engagement Strategy

Councillors noted that the community engagement strategy should be reviewed annually and **resolved** to approve the strategy without change.

119(2014-15) Planning Applications

14/00891/FUL

Proposal: Two storey extension and pitched roof to front with dormers on both side elevations, single storey side extension and first floor balconies to front and rear

Location: River Cottage, Wardley's Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

14/00991/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from holiday home to residential

Location: The Hayloft, Brick House Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Council has no objections to the proposal.

14/01014/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for residential development with access applied for off Mill Lane (following demolition of existing house)

Location: High Lawn, Mill Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council objects to the proposal on the grounds that it will impact on the residential amenity of neighbours, is over-intensive and out of character with the area, access is already onto a busy main road and close to the school entrance adding to congestion and safety issues at key times and the drainage infrastructure is inadequate.

120(2014-15) Finance

a) Receipts this month

Preesall Town Council	£180.00
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b) Payments to be approved:

Staff costs	£900.96
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£41.34
HMRC	£559.60

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£24.00
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c) Statement of Accounts – December 2014

The statement of accounts for the month ending December 2014 shows

Business Current Account	£631.87
Business High Interest Account	£7,356.40
General Reserve Account	£3,356.59

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order and the statement of accounts. Councillors noted that, as the meeting had had to be cancelled on 13 January 2015 two authorised signatories had signed the cheques in order to meet salary and payment deadlines in line with paragraph 6.4 of Financial Regulations.

121(2014-15) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

122(2014-15) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Parish Councils Urged to Become Freeze Fighters

United Utilities has launched its WinterWise campaign which aims to help householders avoid the misery of a burst frozen pipe. They are encouraging everyone to protect the pipes in their homes from freezing up and bursting as temperatures drop. They have formed a partnership with the charity Contact the Elderly which seeks to end isolation for older people. Further information can be found at <http://www.unitedutilities.com/winterwise> , including videos on how to lag pipes and how to locate and turn off your stop tap/stopcock.

Lancashire County Training Partnership

The Partnership is running a Chairmanship Workshop on 12 March 2015 from 7pm to 9pm at Howick House, Penwortham. The cost is £25. If any councilor is interested in attending please contact the Clerk.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils

The Association's Annual Report for 2013/14 has been received.

Parish Poll Consultation

The Government has opened an eight week consultation on the modernisation of the parish poll process. A parish poll allows for a ballot of local government electors in the parish to be called on any question arising at a parish meeting. The consultation seeks the views of the public, local authorities and the parish sector on: the trigger (the number or proportion of electors required to demand a poll); the voting arrangements for parish polls; the questions on which a poll can be held; consequential related matters. The consultation ends on 30 January 2015.

Dog Bin at The Heads

This has now been installed and will be emptied by the Lengthsman as part of his normal rounds.

Estate Agent Signs

LCC has confirmed that they have contacted various estate agents and required them to remove advertising signs from the public highway. They have further confirmed that estate agent signs should only be displayed on or in the grounds of the property for sale and that any sign placed outside those grounds requires Advertising Consent from Wyre Council. It appears that estate agents are aware of this but do not always comply and the best way forward is to contact the estate agent and ask them to remove any signs that do not comply.

A Boards and Tables at Seven Stars

The landlord has moved the A Boards so that they no longer obscure either sight lines, the street name plate or the planter. LCC has visited the landlord to inform him that the frontage is public highway and required him to remove the tables by 11 January. This has been confirmed in writing. A highways superintendent is to inspect the car park surface and arrange for any repairs required.

123(2014-15) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 10 February 2014** at 7.00pm.

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