

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs J Jackson (Chairman), K Jenkinson, S Pelham, D Walmsley and, after his co-option, Cllr T Williams

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council.

033(2016-17) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Forshaw and the reason accepted.

034(2016-17) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

035(2016-17) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2016 be agreed as a true record.

036(2016-17) 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.

Councillors noted the police report for the month of June and expressed concern in the increase in crime and anti-social behaviour in the parish in June.

Councillors considered the concerns made by a member of the public about overgrown hedges at the junction of Corcas Lane and Back Lane and agreed that the Clerk should write to the landowner and ask him to cut them back.

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

037(2016-17) Co-option of Parish Councillor

Councillors **resolved** to co-opt Terry Williams to fill the casual vacancy. Cllr Williams signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

038(2016-17) Play Facilities for Older Children - Progress Update

Councillors noted that meetings with play equipment companies are taking place in preparation for a grant application to be made to the Walney Offshore Extension Community Fund. Councillors further noted that Grantscape, the administering body, anticipate that the first round will be heavily oversubscribed and that, if a bid is unsuccessful in the first round, it cannot be resubmitted in the second round and the third round is likely to be July 2017. Furthermore, for a main grant (between £5,001 and £75,000) bidders need to secure a minimum of 20% match funding. Councillors therefore **resolved** that, given the uncertainty of securing funding in the first round and the need to secure the match funding, the Council should not submit a bid until the second round and should use the time available to firm up plans and secure the appropriate amount of match funding.

039(2016-17) LALC – 72nd Annual General Meeting 2016

Councillors noted that the AGM will be held on Saturday 19 November at 10am at County Hall in Preston. Councillors **resolved** not to send a representative and not to submit a resolution.

040(2016-17) Playing Field Hedge

Councillors noted that a part of the hedge forming the boundary between the playing field and Wyre Villa has been removed and it appears that, in conducting health and safety checks prior to the Gala, Wyre Villa noticed damage to a concrete fence panel and removed it for safety reasons. In doing so, part of the hedge came away and terram and gravel was put down to prevent an accident from the uneven ground. Councillors noted that the Gala Committee had agreed to put right any damage to the playing field when the Parish Council had agreed to their using it for the Gala and **resolved** to ask the Gala to reinstate the hedge and that they contact Wyre Villa and request that the missing fence panel be replaced.

041(2016-17) Planning Applications**16/00567/FUL**

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 15/00311/FUL to amend the design of the approved dwelling

Location: Hallgate Farm, Hallgate Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

16/00581/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for residential development of up to four dwellings with access and layout applied for (resubmission of 16/00087/OUT) (all other matters reserved)

Location: Land at Occupation Lane, South of Grange Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds that access from Grange Lane is unsuitable for the traffic generated by a residential development and that the area is prone to severe flooding, the latest example being on 1 March.

NOTE:**16/00272/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of stables and creation of a sand paddock for private use

Location: Cobblestone Barn, Staynall Lane, Stalmine

The deadline for comments on this planning application was 8 July and could not therefore be put on the agenda. Councillors were consulted individually and had no objections to the proposal.

042(2016-17) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

Business Reserve Account interest (May)	£1.13
Business Reserve Account interest (June)	£1.02
General Reserve Account interest	£4.21
Transparency Fund grant	£65.00

b) Payments to be approved:

1320/21/22	Staff costs	£2175.56*
1320/21	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£57.53
1323	HMRC	£505.40
1324	Easy Websites (website upgrade)	£360.00
1325	Wyre Building Supplies	£97.09

*Staff costs for two months as there is no meeting in August

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£24.00
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c) Statement of Accounts – June 2016

The statement of accounts for the month ending 30 June shows:

Business Current Account	£1048.97
Business High Interest Account	£24,228.88
General Reserve Account	££3,381.83

d) Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1

Councillors noted the Q1 Budget Monitoring statement and the significant variance in the insurance, audit and subscriptions budget head and the reason for it.

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order, the statement of accounts and the budget monitoring report

043(2016-17) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

044(2016-17) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Wine Bottles in The Heads Dog Bin

The Lengthsman has been finding a large number of wine bottles in the dog bin at the Heads which is causing problems as it both prevents dog walkers from putting waste into the bin and means that the bin has to be emptied more frequently. Wyre Council has been informed of the problem and are investigating who is putting the bottles in the bin. Please let either the Parish Council or Wyre Council know providing as much information as possible if you see anyone misusing the bin.

Protect Nesting Birds

The RSPB is reminding English local authorities and developers that cutting hedges and trees is best avoided between March and August. With some birds nesting right through the summer, it's important that garden or site clearance and any other major maintenance work is delayed until September at the earliest to avoid destroying active nests.

Sheepwatch

Over 600 sheep, many of them in lamb, have been killed (and many others worried) by dogs in the first dozen weeks of 2016 and this may only be the tip of a, largely unreported, iceberg. Dog attacks on sheep seem to be increasing: a situation that affects rural businesses, animal welfare, community relations, access to the countryside, food prices and much more. Sheepwatch UK is a new initiative, recently featured on BBC Countryfile, which is trying to help people work together to reduce the number of attacks on sheep and support responsible dog ownership. SheepWatch UK is trying to encourage all farmers to report incidents to its website so that there is a better picture of the scale, nature and costs of the problem. The campaign will offer ideas and advice to farmers as well as producing a 'Toolkit' for local communities so that they can organise local campaigns to increase awareness and encourage responsible behaviour in the countryside.

Wyre Voice

Wyre Council has offered the opportunity for all Parish and Town Councils in Wyre to include a small article celebrating their parish or town in the next issue of the Wyre Voice magazine which will be distributed across the borough throughout September. The parish council has submitted an article.

Speeding on Carr End Lane

Liam Kirby, District Lead Officer Highways at LCC responded on 21 June 2016 "Thank you for your enquiry on the 26th May 2016 regarding speeding on Carr End Lane. As you will appreciate, speeding is a problem across the whole of the highway network and in this regard consideration for investigation is given to locations where there is an accident problem and secondly speed limits are set in accordance with Department of Transport guidance. Therefore in this regard Carr End Lane may already be on the community watch list for the Speed Tasking Group for speed monitoring, and in terms of speeding on other lanes and request for a change in the speed limit, unfortunately that is something that I am unable to consider at this time."

A response was sent the same day highlighting the fact that the parish council has not asked for a change to the speed limit but, instead, had asked if there were any measures that could be put in place to reduce speed on the lane. No response has yet been received.

Pedestrian Crossing

Ben Wallace MP has agreed to a site visit with residents and an officer from LCC Highways. His office is currently arranging a number of constituency days and will contact the parish council again when the dates are known.

045(2016-17) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 13 September 2016** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.