

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 July 2019 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

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

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the council.

39(1) Apologies for absence

Cllr Haydock

40(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

None

41(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2019.

42(4) Public participation

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting at 7.03pm to allow members of the public to speak.

The following items were raised by members of the public:

- Dog fouling on New Lane as a result of individuals allowing their dogs to run free on New Lane and not picking up the faeces.
- Article in the Over Wyre Focus by SSRA was felt to be inappropriate. Funds donated by the rally are for distribution to a number of charities and SWSRA has already been given a £100 grant towards a children's Christmas party and materials for making the Christmas lanterns.
- An approach may be made to the council (and other local councils where residents use the medical centre) for a donation towards tea and coffee-making facilities in the 'front room'.
- Graffiti on the fencing of a property on Douglas Avenue which backs on to the wood.
- Hedge needing to be trimmed on side of A588 just after Moy Farm vets.

Councillors **resolved** to reopen the meeting at 7.15pm.

5 Amendment to Financial Regulations

i) At the June meeting of the council, having considered the Internal Auditor's comments in respect of payments being authorised that have been received post the agenda being sent out, the council resolved that it wished to amend its financial regulations to allow such payments. The council's reasoning was that to withhold payment until the next meeting could, in some instances result in suppliers having to wait up to six weeks for a payment and that this would be unfair to smaller businesses that may have missed the deadline by a day. Councillors **resolved to approve** the insertion of the following words into para 6.6 of the financial regulations:

a) Invoices received up to the date of the council meeting can be paid by cheque, three councillors to check invoices (two cheque signatories and one verifier).

6 Display boards to wood

a) QR code – councillors noted the code that links to the council’s website when scanned on a mobile phone. A hard copy was given to Cllr Booth for insertion in the draft sign design, with the clerk to provide an electronic version.

b) A quotation had been requested from a company specialising in the creation of information boards and which can develop a computer-generated map for insertion into the board. Cllr Booth also presented a draft of the background map she had been working on. Cllr Wilson offered to provide contact details to Cllr Booth of someone who would be able to help with the artwork. Councillors also discussed the visit that Cllr Wilson and Cllr Pelham had made to the wood and the opportunity it presented for the council to improve the ecological habitat for a number of species and to restore the pond. **Resolved** for the item to be brought back to the August meeting.

7 Annual Tree Survey

It is now 12 months since the woodland survey was carried out by Wyre Council’s tree and woodland officer. Councillors **resolved** to instruct the tree officer to conduct this year’s survey at a cost of £180 including VAT and not to seek alternative quotations as councillors believed the quality of last year’s survey was excellent value for money.

8 Watering issues

Councillors discussed the watering issues and the plantsman’s lack of suitable equipment to provide sufficient water for the plants. It was acknowledged that the planting arrangements would need to be reviewed at the season end. Councillors were made aware of watering done on some of the beds by the clerk and volunteers. The clerk was asked to provide a location map of all the beds and councillors said they would look at adopting some planters/beds themselves. Cllr Pelham agreed to make enquiries regarding possible containers for the plantsman to use.

9 Request to use Stalmine playing filed

An approach had been made from the treasurer of Wyre Villa Football Club requesting permission to use the football pitch in Stalmine for a few pre-season friendlies/training while their pitch is being prepared for the forthcoming season. Councillors **resolved** to approve the use on the understanding that permanent goalposts would not be erected and left on the pitch during the period of use.

10 Finance

It was felt that any donations from the grant monies given by the North West Rally should go to charities only. Donations to non-charities could still be made from council funds allocated for that purpose.

Councillors:

a) noted the following receipts:	
Current account (transferred from reserve and business reserve)	39115.51
Reserve account	1.17
General reserve	.11

b) approved the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	1590,1592,1594,1596	1218.19
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	1591	40.95
Lengthsman's expenses (SLN on behalf of council)	1593	25.02
Plantsman's expenses (AT on behalf of council)	1595	9.00
Donation to SWSRA	1597	100.00
Donation to Seven Stars Charity Committee – cancer care Over-Wyre.	1598	100.00
Donation to Wyre Juniors football club	1599	50.00
Wyre Building Supplies Ltd (inv.0209464 - £8.00; 0211391 - £10.00)	1600	18.00
FH & M Davies & son Ltd (inv.05313)	1601	807.84

c) noted the following payments by direct debit:	
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	39.60

d) noted the statement of accounts for month ending 30 June 2019	
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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

11 Reports from outside bodies

No reports were received

12 Clerk's report

COUNCIL INFORMATION

Lengthsman

The lengthsman has reported an increase in fly tipping including two car tyres left in the play area.

Plantsman

The beds, troughs and planters have now been planted up. The 'cart' bed has a small display of blooms for this season. Someone has poisoned the plants at Wardley's Creek, therefore the compost and plants are having to be replaced. Watering of the beds continues to be a time-consuming task, exacerbated by the plantsman being able to do this only with a watering can.

Information Commissioner's Office - ICO

ICO has confirmed that this year's subscription has been renewed. Councillors are reminded that they are now exempt from paying the fee if they use their council email address to communicate with the public. Anyone choosing to use a personal email address would be required to register with ICO and pay the fee.

Keep Britain Tidy – Love your parks

This year's 'Love Parks Week' is from 12 to 21 July. Councils are encouraged to promote and celebrate parks during July.

Coastal access – latest update on the Silverdale to Cleveleys stretch

The team has finalised proposals for the trail and the coastal margin and has modified its approach to its reports in order to comply with the judgement of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 12 April 2018 in case C-323/17 People Over Wind. A report will be published by Autumn 2019.

NALC

In support of National Loneliness Awareness Week, NALC **published 50 case studies** demonstrating how local councils of all sizes are getting involved to help tackle loneliness, a problem which increases the likelihood of premature mortality by 26%. The case studies featured identified activity taken to counter loneliness among older and younger people, the unemployed and those with dementia, including managing community venues, organising events, providing community transport and social prescribing. Councillors wanting more information should contact the clerk.

Highways

You can have your say on your roads and transport locally by completing a short survey. As part of a new campaign to promote the work of its highways service, Lancashire County Council is encouraging people to complete the National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey, which measures public satisfaction with services across different local authorities. The campaign will also focus on the county's work fixing around 40,000 potholes a year and ask people to report potholes on the website. This year, the council will spend £24m to maintain Lancashire's 4,600 miles of highways and 5,300 miles of footways. Continued investment has improved the condition of the county's roads and helped to reduce the number of potholes by 38% in the last two years.

Find out more about how Lancashire's roads are improving and complete the survey at lancashire.gov.uk/roads.

13 Items for next agenda

Councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council either at the meeting or by notifying the clerk at least 10 days prior to the next meeting (**Friday 2 August 2019**). A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided. The following items were to be included in the next agenda: Stalmine Wood; dog fouling; speed limit restrictions; joint meeting with neighbouring councils.

14 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 13 August 2019** at 7.00pm.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.