

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 June 2014 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs J Jackson (Chairman), D Anderson, S Carrington, K Jenkinson, A Wallace and D Walmsley

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council, and 3 members of the public.

21(2014-15) Apologies for Absence

None.

22(2014-15) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Councillors noted that Cllr Wallace has a pecuniary interest in the planning application relating to Long Acres Business Park and would therefore be prevented from reporting on planning enforcement matters (Item 5) unless she receives a dispensation from the council. Councillors **resolved** to grant Cllr Wallace such a dispensation for the duration of the meeting.

23(2014-15) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the annual and ordinary meetings held on 19 May 2014 be agreed as a true record.

24(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.

The Clerk reported that no information on crime and anti-social behaviour had been received from the Police in time for the meeting and that she would let councillors know if there was anything of any significance when she did receive it.

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

25(2014-15) Planning Enforcement Matters

Cllr Wallace reported that she had still not received a response from the Director of People and Places following a meeting some weeks ago. Ben Wallace MP had met officers at Wyre to raise concerns over non-enforcement of planning conditions and this had resulted in the serving of a breach of conditions notice requiring work to be done on Back Lane. She also reported that there is some difference of opinion between residents and LCC Highways over ownership of the grass verge with some residents placing stones on the verge and Highways requiring them to be removed.

26(2014-15) Internal Audit Report

Councillors noted the internal audit report and considered the response to the recommendations prepared by the Clerk. Councillors **resolved** to accept the responses and to not introduce the initaling of invoices and bills for payment on the basis that they were satisfied with the audit trail already in place.

27(2014-15) Community Transport

Councillors noted that Wyre Council is currently bidding for several million pounds from the Big Lottery to reduce isolation amongst older people and that the bid includes provision for setting up a Community Transport scheme. The Chair of Wyre Senior Forum is asking town and parish councils whether they believe that elderly residents are in any way disadvantaged as a result of poor transport facilities and to let him know their views. Councillors **resolved** to respond that they did believe that older residents are so disadvantaged and to support the bid.

28(2014-15) Planning Applications

14/00403/FUL

Proposal: Erection of two dwellings

Location: Murldale, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

It was unanimously agreed that the Council has objections to the proposal on the grounds of flooding.

14/00413/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of one dwelling

Location: Land on the East Side of Carr Lane, South of Beech Dene Farm, Stalmine

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

For Information Only

14/00386/PNR

Proposal: Prior notification for the extension of an agricultural storage building

Location: Bankside Farm, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

29(2014-15) Finance

a) Receipts this month

None

b) Payments to be approved:

Staff costs	£976.67
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£37.27
F H & M Davies & Son (Inv 4740)	£713.28
Preesall Auto Discount (Inv 224)	£2.95

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

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

The statement of accounts for the month ending May 2014 shows

Business Current Account	£665.51
Business High Interest Account	£21,151.28
General Reserve Account	£3343.89

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

30(2014-15) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

Cllr Anderson reported that she had attended the recent Wyre Road Safety Committee meeting and LCC had promised to carry out a patching process on High Gate Lane imminently. She urged everyone to use the Report It function on LCC's website to report highway defects.

31(2014-15) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Wyre Together – Drug Awareness Event

Wyre Together will hold a Drug Awareness Event on Monday 7th July, 7 - 9pm at Thornton Methodist Church. The event is aimed at adults and young people and will identify the types of drugs, potential

impacts and the help and support available. The Amy Winehouse Foundation, Young Addaction, Lancashire Police and Life Skills will be providing talks at the event and there will also be the opportunity to chat to these groups to find out more. This is a free event open to groups and residents to attend. Anyone wishing to book a place at the event contact Jane Williams on 01253 887437 or 07932 335268.

Free Online Mental Health Support Launched in Fylde and Wyre

Residents in Fylde and Wyre now have access to a free, online mental health and wellbeing service courtesy of NHS Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The CCG has this month commissioned Big White Wall to provide safe, anonymous online mental health and emotional wellbeing support for anyone over the age of 16. Big White Wall provides a supportive, online community to give help when you're feeling down. A choice of safe therapeutic services is accessible online; these include Talkabouts, where members can talk to others in the Big White Wall community who share similar experiences, and creative art and writing therapies which can help to put difficult feelings into words. Members can vent and express how they feel in images by making 'Bricks' on 'The Wall'. In addition a wide range of self-help material is available to users. So anyone who may be struggling can get support at a time that suits them, from the comfort of their own home. Big White Wall has already helped more than 14,000 people, including thousands from the UK armed forces community, and is supported by the Ministry of Defence, the Department of Health and Help for Heroes. Big White Wall is free to join at www.bigwhitewall.com, you just simply need access to the internet and have a Fylde or Wyre postcode to join.

Lancashire's Lost Ways

Lancashire Local Access Forum is wishing to progress a project called Lancashire's Lost Ways in response to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW). The Act proposes that all unrecorded footpaths and bridleways cannot be recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement after the 1 January 2026. In order to ensure worthwhile public rights of way currently unrecorded are not lost after the 2026 cut-off LCC is in the process of attracting volunteers to undertake research to identify them. Volunteers will be provided with the necessary training and support to undertake such a task. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the project please contact Linda Anderson, Parish Delivery Officer at Linda.Anderson@lancashire.gov.uk or on 01772 532613 or mobile; 07717 815086

LCC – Proposal to Operate a Permit Scheme for Road and Street Activities

LCC is consulting on the introduction of a permit scheme as a new way in which activities in the public highway, such as works by the utility companies, the highway authority and those working on their behalf can be managed to minimise disruption. A permit scheme is an alternative to the notification system under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991. Currently utility companies inform LCC that they intend to carry out works on the highway but, under the proposed permit scheme, utility companies and anyone else carrying out works on the highway will have to book time and space on the highway by obtaining a permit from LCC. The consultation runs until 20 June at 5pm.

Electronic Dispatch of Agendas accepted under Sustainable Communities Act

Current legislation requires that the agenda for town and parish council meetings must be delivered to the address of the councillor in hard copy. Stephen Williams MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government, has announced that he has accepted a proposal from Tenterton Town and Bleadon Parish Councils submitted under the Sustainable Communities Act (barrier busting) provisions relating to electronic dispatch of agendas. DCLG intends to introduce secondary legislation that will allow agendas to be dispatched electronically provided that the recipient has given their permission.

Metal Police Officer Sign

At the Annual Parish Meeting a resident informed the Parish Council that he had seen a metal template of a police officer with a radar gun which was displayed at the side of the road. The Police have confirmed that they did have such a sign but that it had been stolen. The Community Beat

Manager has asked that, should the Police obtain another such sign, that Preesall and Stalmine be given priority in its use.

32(2014-15) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 8 July 2014** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.