

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 May 2017 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs D Forshaw, K Jenkinson and S Pelham

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council

001(2017-18) Election of Chairman for the 2017/18 Civic Year

Cllr Pelham proposed, Cllr Jenkinson seconded and councillors **resolved** that Cllr Forshaw be elected as Chairman for the 2017/18 Civic Year and Cllr Forshaw signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

002(2017-18) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Williams and the reason accepted. Councillors noted that the Clerk had received Cllr Jackson's resignation immediately before the meeting.

003(2017-18) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

004(2017-18) Election of Vice-Chairman for the 2017/18 Civic Year

Cllr Jenkinson proposed, Cllr Pelham seconded and councillors **resolved** that Cllr Williams be elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2017/18 Civic Year.

005(2017-18) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2017 be agreed as a true record.

006(2017-18) 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 that the police report for the month of April 2017 had not yet been received.

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

007(2017-18) 2016/17 Annual Return

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit work had been completed and the report of the Internal Auditor would be presented to the June meeting of the Council. Councillors considered Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) and Section 2 (Accounting Statements) of the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2017 and **resolved** that the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements be approved.

008(2017-18) Draft Annual Report

Councillors **resolved** to approve the draft Annual Report for publication and distribution via premises open to the public and on the website.

009(2017-18) Calendar of Parish Council Meetings for the 2017/18 Civic Year

Councillors **resolved** to approve the dates of the meetings for the 2017/18 Civic Year: as follows:

13 June 2017

11 July 2017

8 August 2017

12 September 2017
 10 October 2017
 14 November 2017
 12 December 2017
 9 January 2018
 13 February 2018
 13 March 2018
 10 April 2018
 8 May 2018

010(2017-18) Appointments to Outside Bodies

Councillors **resolved** to appoint councillors to the following outside bodies:

LALC Wyre Area Committee (2) – Cllrs Forshaw and Williams
 Wyre Flood Forum (2) – currently Cllrs Forshaw and Williams
 Planning Ambassador (1) – Cllr Forshaw

011(2017-18) Insurance 2017/18

Councillors considered a quotation from Zurich and, through Came and Company, three quotations from Inspire/AXA, Hiscox and Ecclesiastical. Councillors noted that all insurers provided the cover required by the parish council and all were well experienced providers with solid reputations. Councillors therefore **resolved** to accept the cheapest quotation, that being from Inspire/AXA, and to enter into a 3 year agreement which guarantees the price.

012(2017-18) Stalmine Gala – Required Indemnity

Councillors noted that the Gala Committee had not signed the required indemnity and it appears that they will not be using the playing field this year as the Gala is being advertised as taking place at Wyre Villa. For the avoidance of any doubt councillors agreed to withdraw any permission given in order to safeguard the parish council.

013(2017-18) Casual Vacancy

Councillors noted that the last date for an election to be requested has now passed and the council can now fill the vacancy created by seeking volunteers. Councillors **resolved** to advertise the vacancy through the Over Wyre Focus, the notice board and the website.

014(2017-18) Planning Applications

17/00287/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 3 dwellings with access applied for and all other matters reserved

Location: Town End Cottage, 39 Smithy Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council objects to the proposal on the grounds that the drainage infrastructure is insufficient.

17/00280/REMAJ

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the erection of a detached dwelling with integral garage following outline application 14/00532/OUTMAJ (resubmission of application 16/00840/REMAJ)

Location: Plot 3 Land at Mill Lane, Stalmine

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

17/00330/FUL**Proposal:** Single-storey rear and front extensions**Location:** 3 Hanley Close, Stalmine

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

Town and Country Planning (Appeals)**Location:** North Side of Willowdene, Carr Lane**Proposal:** Outline application for the erection of one dwelling with associated access (all other matters reserved)**Application Number:** 16/00626/OUT**Appeal Reference:** APP/U2370/W/17/3170654**Appeal Start Date:** 12.04.2017**Appellant's Name:** Dorothy Harrison

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision made by Wyre Borough Council and will be decided on written representations. The parish council did not object to the original application but did express concerns that it was another dwelling exiting onto the already busy main road where traffic is travelling at speed. The council agreed not to make further representations.

015(2017-18) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

LALC Transparency Fund grant	£405.00
Business Reserve Account Interest (April)	£0.25
HMRC VAT Refund	£771.81

b) Payments to be approved:

1374/75/76	Staff costs	£1026.09
1374/75	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£35.61
1377	Towers and Gornall	£186.00
1378	North West Air Ambulance (donation)	£100.00
1379	Wyre Building Supplies	£52.17
1380	The Information Commissioner	£35.00
1381	Came & Company (insurance)	£280.00

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£24.00
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c) Statement of Accounts – April 2017

The statement of accounts for the month ending 30 April shows

Business Current Account	£6,032.17
Business High Interest Account	£37,439.52
General Reserve Account	£3,394.54

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

016(2017-18) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

In Cllr Williams' absence, the Clerk reported that the recent meeting of the Wyre Area Committee had received a presentation from Neil Stevens, LCC Highways Development Control, on what planners can and cannot take into account when considering the highways issues in a planning application.

017(2017-18) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Seven Stars

Wyre Council has confirmed that the Seven Stars has been registered as an Asset of Community Value. It is not known at this stage whether the owner, Punch Partnerships Ltd, will request a review of the decision. No further information has been received from SSRA.

Classification of the Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary Special Protection Area

Following the consultation on the proposals to combine and extend the Morecambe Bay Special Protection Area (SPA) and Duddon Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) in 2016 the Secretary of State formally classified the site as a Special Protection Area on 7th February 2017 in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations, 2010. Natural England and relevant agencies are progressing registration of the site.

The new marine SPA combines the individual Morecambe Bay SPA and Duddon Estuary SPA into one site and includes additional maintenance and foraging areas for Sandwich tern and little tern. The Morecambe Bay & Duddon Estuary SPA protects large numbers of breeding and non-breeding seabirds and water birds, retaining all existing features of the previous Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary SPAs (with the exception of breeding eider which no longer fall within scope). In addition, the following species are new features of the Morecambe Bay & Duddon Estuary SPA: black-tailed godwit, whooper swan, little egret, Mediterranean gull, lesser black-backed gull and ruff. The additional marine extension area includes important foraging areas for terns and identified by foraging Sandwich terns breeding at Hodbarrow Lagoon.

Drainage Problems on Staynall Lane

After reporting these problems in November last year and no action taken a complaint was made to LCC. The gully wagon has now attended the area on two occasions and it is hoped that the problems have now been solved.

Public Footpaths 11 and 13

Cllr Williams walked Footpaths 11 and 13 recently and reported that Footpath 11 was passable with a short detour onto Footpath 13 but, at the far end of the footpath, the sign was laid in undergrowth. The sign for Footpath 13 on Wardleys Lane is almost hidden in the hedge. The footpath appears to have been diverted as a result of a large building. Both problems have been reported to LCC's public rights of way team who will investigate and attempt to resolve the issues.

018(2017-18) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 13 June 2017** at 7.00pm.

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