

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 November 2016 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs J Jackson (Chairman), K Jenkinson, S Pelham, D Walmsley and T Williams

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council

072(2016-17) Apologies for Absence

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

073(2016-17) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr Jackson declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 16/00904/FUL as she does business with the applicants.

074(2016-17) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that, with the amendment that the last line of minute 068(2016-17) should read "September" and not "both July and August", the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2016 be agreed as a true record.

075(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 that the police report for the month of October had not yet been received.

Cllr Williams reported that, following a further email to the EA about the dyke on Brick House Lane flooding gardens during heavy rain, the EA had cleared the dyke and a resident had asked him to thank the parish council for their help.

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

076(2016-17) Projects for 2017/18

Councillors **resolved** to budget for a new laptop in the next financial year. Councillors discussed whether to start an earmarked reserve for a memorial gate to mark the end of World War One or to leave it until the budget for the following year but agreed that it would depend on the cost. Cllr Walmsley offered to make two heavy glass poppies to insert into the gate and councillors **resolved** to accept her kind offer.

077(2016-17) Play Facilities for Older Children

Councillors considered the four revised costed designs and **resolved** to opt for the design by Playdale at a cost of £68,602 on the basis that it contained all the required elements and offered the best value for money. Councillors noted that the Clerk is now applying for grants and donations to meet the 20% match funding required in order to be eligible for a grant from the Walney community fund.

078(2016-17) Planning Applications

16/00870/FUL

Proposal: Single storey infill extension

Location: West View, Old Toms Lane, Stalmine

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

16/00904/FUL**Proposal:** Erection of one detached bungalow**Location:** Greygates, 11 Back Lane, Stalmine

Cllr Jackson, having declared a pecuniary interest in this application, left the room. It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal as long as the foul and surface water drainage is adequate.

16/009363/FULMAJ**Proposal:** Formation of a new vehicular and pedestrian access from Stricklands Lane and erection of 89 dwellings with associated car parking and creation of a footpath link to Stalmine Primary School**Location:** Land at Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Parish Council objects to the proposal on the basis that the outline application was for 77 houses and the parish council received a presentation from the applicants and professional advisers which provided significant information on retaining the pond and on the sustainable drainage measures which would be put in place to mitigate against flooding given councillors' and many residents' concerns based on local knowledge. The parish council was therefore dismayed at the increase in the number of properties proposed and does not agree with the moving of the established pond or the loss of trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders. The parish council is also concerned at the access onto Stricklands Lane given the speed of traffic in this area.

079(2016-17) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

None

b) Payments to be approved:

1337/38/39	Staff costs	£985.37
1337/38	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£63.11
1340	Over Wyre Brass (lights switch on)	£50.00
1341	Robert Acton Product Developments	£36.00
1342	The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£17.00
1343	David Murphy (grass cutting)	£691.20

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

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

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

Business Current Account	£122.00
Business High Interest Account	£19,131.65
General Reserve Account	£3,386.09

d) Budget Monitoring – Quarter 2

Councillors noted the Quarter 2 budget monitoring report and that spending was broadly on track except for the Insurance, Audit and Subscriptions budget head which showed that 92.1% of the budget had been spent. Councillors noted the Clerk's explanation that all spending against this budget head takes place in the first half of the year and that there should be no further spending against it in this financial year.

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

080(2016-17) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

081(2016-17) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Data Protection and Freedom of Information Workshop

The Clerk attended a recent training event led by the Information Commissioner's Office on data protection and dealing with Freedom of Information requests and the parish council complies with all the requirements of the acts.

Wyre Council Life in Wyre Survey

Wyre Council is conducting its regular Life in Wyre Survey which can be found at www.wyre.gov.uk/lifeinwyre. In addition the survey has been posted out to a random sample of 3,500 residents. The survey closes on 13 November.

Dogs Chasing Wildlife

A resident has reported seeing dogs off leads chasing birds and other wildlife in fields and in the SSSI areas. The matter has been reported to the local police wildlife officer and any residents who see such incidents should report it to the police either using the non-emergency telephone number, using the online reporting form www.lancashire.police.uk and click the "online services" button on the homepage. Alternatively it can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Christmas Lights Switch On

A reminder that the Christmas lights switch on will take place on Monday 5 December at 6pm.

082(2016-17) Date and Time of Next Meeting

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

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