

## STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 October 2014 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

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

**In Attendance:** Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council.

#### 75(2014-15) Apologies for Absence

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

#### 76(2014-15) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

#### 77(2014-15) Minutes of the Last Meeting

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2014 be agreed as a true record.

#### 78(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.

In the absence of a police representative the Clerk reported on the small amount of crime and anti-social behaviour in the parish.

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

#### 79(2014-15) Projects for 2015/16

Councillors **resolved** to cost up two new projects for next year in order to consider their impact on the precept.

#### 80(2014-15) Christmas Arrangements

Councillors **resolved** that the Christmas lights switch on would be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm. Councillors noted that the Clerk had tried to contact the Over Wyre Band to ask them to play but had not yet heard back. If they do agree councillors **resolved** to make a donation of £50. Councillors also **resolved** to accept Mrs Holford offer of a Christmas tree growing in her garden and to make a donation of £50 to the St James' Church roof fund in return.

#### 81(2014-15)7 Parish Action Plan

Councillors considered progress against the action plan and noted that a number of the actions had now been completed. Councillors noted that LCC's Road Design Team statement that a pedestrian crossing could not be installed between the Seven Stars and the shop as a result of the side roads. Councillors further noted that LCC had previously provided two alternative designs and that a previous Roads Minister had visited the area and agreed that a crossing was necessary. As a result councillors **resolved** to enlist the help of Ben Wallace MP to secure a crossing in the centre of the village.

Cllr Jackson reported on a recent meeting with an officer from Natural England to clarify what work could be done to clear watercourses in the SSSI. The officer had confirmed that the Environment Agency would need to prepare a method statement to secure funding and to seek consent to the work from Natural England but she would be happy to agree to such a request and would liaise with her colleagues in the EA. Councillors **resolved** to arrange the next meeting of the Flood Working Group prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council on 11 November.

**82(2014-15) Amendment to Standing Orders**

Councillors noted that, on 6 August 2014, the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 was amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and that the amended 1960 Act provides that a person may not orally report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if he is present at the meeting of a parish council or its committees but otherwise may film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting; use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later and report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting. Councillors **resolved** to amend Standing Orders to incorporate these provisions.

**83(2014-15) Three Tier Forum**

Councillors **resolved** not to put forward any items for the agenda.

**84(2014-15) Planning Applications****14/00715/FUL**

**Proposal:** Removal of existing agricultural building and replacement with one building comprising of two additional holiday lodges in conjunction with existing camp site

**Location:** Moor End Cottage, Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

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

**14/00478/FUL**

**Location:** Land at corner of Brick House Lane and Carr Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds of highway safety and flood risk.

**85(2014-15) Finance****a) Receipts this month**

General Reserve Account Interest	£4.31
High Interest Account Interest	£1.72

**b) Payments to be approved:**

Staff costs	£935.60
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£65.36
HMRC	£594.60

**Payments by Standing Order for Noting:**

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

The statement of accounts for the month ending September 2014 shows

Business Current Account	£149.01
Business High Interest Account	£11,755.58
General Reserve Account	£3352.37

**d) Budget Monitoring – Quarter 2**

Councillors noted the Q2 Budget Monitoring statement.

**86(2014-15) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)**

None.

**87(2014-15) Clerk's Report (for information)**

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of

Challenge to Parking Rules

As part of government plans to boost local democracy, residents and businesses will be given the power to challenge where councils paint double-yellow lines or introduce other parking measures. Under the proposals, due to be announced by Eric Pickles, the public will be able to challenge parking rules with a petition of 50 signatures - or 10% of the local population. The reforms, which are due to come into place next year, are the latest in a series of measures, which the Communities Secretary claims will lift the burden on motorists.

Community Transport Survey

Wyre Seniors Forum has confirmed that Wyre Council was unsuccessful bidding for funds from the Big Lottery to help reduce isolation amongst older people. They consulted the Town Council on the proposed development of a community transport service which formed part of the bid.

Tree and Woodland Officer

Alan Wallbank, Wyre Council's Tree and Woodland Officer, has moved to Fylde Council. Alan has done a sterling job in putting together the Woodland Management Plan and carrying out the annual inspection of the wood which forms the Extra Lengthsman's winter work plan for the wood. Alan has agreed that he will continue to carry out an annual inspection for the Parish Council.

Opening of Parish Wood Path

Ben Wallace MP had officially opened the new path into the parish wood on 9 October and councillors asked that a letter of thanks be sent to him.

**88(2014-15) Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 11 November 2014** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.