

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 October 2016 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

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

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council

057(2016-17) Apologies for Absence

None.

058(2016-17) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

059(2016-17) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2016 be agreed as a true record.

060(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 the police report for the month of September.

Cllr Williams reported that, as a result of resident concerns, he had contacted the Environment Agency about the dyke on Brick House Lane flooding gardens during heavy rain. The EA had confirmed that it was the responsibility of riparian owners to clean the dyke but had nevertheless passed his email on to their maintenance team.

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

061(2016-17) Projects for 2017/18

Councillors **resolved** that, in addition to adding to the earmarked reserve for a new bus shelter they would also budget for a new gate into the parish wood on Hall Gate Lane to commemorate the end of World War One.

062(2016-17) Christmas Lights Switch On

Councillors noted that the Christmas lights switch on will take place on Monday 5th December at 6pm. Councillors **resolved** to make a donation of £50 to the Over Wyre Band who had agreed to play at the event.

063(2016-17) Consultation on Council Tax Referendum Principles

Councillors noted that the Government is currently consulting on the possibility of referenda principles being applied to all English parishes in respect of future council tax increases and **resolved** to write to the Government in response to explain the effect on the parish council. Councillors further **resolved** that a copy of the letter be sent to Ben Wallace MP.

064(2016-17) Parish Wood

Councillors noted that a resident whose property adjoins the parish wood had pointed out that a tree appeared to be leaning over his property. Councillors **resolved** to agree that the work and therefore the expenditure were required and to delegate the selection of an appropriate professional to deal with the tree to the Clerk.

065(2016-17) Play Facilities for Older Children

Councillors considered four costed designs from play equipment companies and agreed that none of them fully met the requirement. Councillors therefore **resolved** that each company be asked to resubmit a design based on six specified pieces of equipment for consideration at the November meeting.

066(2016-17) Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

The external audit has now been completed and councillors **resolved** to accept and approve the Annual Return. Councillors noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be displayed on the notice board and the Annual Return uploaded on to the website.

067(2016-17) Planning Applications**16/00840/REMAJ**

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the erection of a detached dwelling with integral garage following outline approval 14/00532/OUTMAJ

Location: Plot 3, Land at Mill Lane, Stalmine

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

16/00645/FUL

Proposal: Erection of private stable block and tack room (vehicular access from Back Lane) – amended application

Location: Rathsheen, Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

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

068(2016-17) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

Business Reserve Account Interest (August)	£0.99
Business Reserve Account Interest (September)	£0.87
General Reserve Account Interest	£4.26

b) Payments to be approved:

1333/34/35	Staff costs	£1057.88
1334	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£24.00
1336	HMRC	£204.00

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

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

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

Business Current Account	£131.88
Business High Interest Account	£20,431.65
General Reserve Account	£3,386.09

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

069(2016-17) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

070(2016-17) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Playing Field Drainage

The drain appears to be blocked somewhere along its length and initial investigations are being carried out to try to determine where the blockage is.

Playing Field Hedge

The decision taken at the last meeting that the concrete fence panel and the hedge be replaced was communicated to Wyre Juniors who thanked the parish council for considering the option to put a gate in.

NJC Pay Spine Review

The National Living Wage has impacted on the bottom points of the pay spine and a national working group has therefore been established with the aims of ensuring the restructured NJC pay spine is capable of accommodating changes to the National Living Wage rate, adapting to differentials in levels of pay and responsibility and accommodating all local government services roles within scope of the NJC. The review is due to conclude by the end of June 2017.

LCC Elections

LCC is encouraging local people to stand at its next elections in 2017 and is holding two information evenings for anyone interested. The sessions are on 10th and 25th October at 5.30pm at County Hall in Preston.

Article in Wyre Voice

The parish council is the first parish council to have an article in Wyre Voice following their decision to feature the work of parish councils in each edition.

Missing Bin at the Playing Field Car Park

In response to the parish council asking that the bin be replaced, John Bettle, Area Operations Officer at Wyre Council has responded as follows: "Further to your email regarding the missing bin at the playing field / Wyre villa car park entrance which you have highlighted as disappearing - unfortunately there are no plans to replace the bin and this is for several reason mainly that it attracted side waste and I had complaints it was often "in the way". There are plans to upgrade the old metal dog bin on the opposite side of the road and this will be replaced by a larger capacity multi-purpose bin. If the PC seek to have a bin it may be something that could come from the parish itself or perhaps Wyre Villa but it would not be placed onto the Wyre schedule etc.

071(2016-17) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 8 November 2016** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.