

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 September 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 1 member of the public.

63(2014-15) Apologies for Absence

None.

64(2014-15) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

65(2014-15) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2014 be agreed as a true record.

66(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. A member of the public reported that he had written again to Mr Mogford, Chief Executive of UU, as he had not had a response to his letter of 18 March and to explain that, despite some recent work carried out, there remain problems. He also reported that work had been carried out on the surface water sewer from Smithy Lane and that this might rectify the issues.

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

67(2014-15) Projects for 2015/16

Councillors considered a request for any projects to be funded from the 2015/16 budget and **resolved** to let the Clerk have their ideas in time for them to be costed by the end of October. Cllr Jackson reported that Ian Barns of Foulds Metals at Fleetwood had donated a pair of Standard Fordson spade lug wheels which could be used to form a bench. Councillors **resolved** to send a letter of thanks to Mr Barns.

68(2014-15) Emerging Local Plan – Parish and Town Council Engagement

Councillors noted that Wyre Council is currently developing its new Local Plan to guide development in the borough to 2031 and has extended an invitation to the Parish Council to meet with Wyre's Chief Executive, officers from the Planning Policy team and ward members to discuss emerging key issues and implications for the area. Councillors **resolved** to take up the invitation.

69(2014-15) Archiving of Parish Council Records

Councillors **resolved** to deposit past parish council minutes and accounts with the Lancashire Records Office in order to preserve them and to enable them to be used for local history research.

70(2014-15) Planning Applications

14/00627/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for erection of two dwellings (access applied for)

Location: Land at Moor End House, Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council objects to the proposal on the grounds that it is prone to flooding and the parish council has photographic evidence to prove it.

14/00666/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 3no holiday units

Location: Brick House Farm, Brick House Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council objects to the proposal on the grounds that the scale of the proposal is disproportionate to the size of the site; it is likely to have a detrimental impact on other residents; it will create additional problems in an area where there are already highways issues and it is detrimental to the character of the area.

14/00626/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for one dwelling and garage with access applied for

Location: The Bays Field, New Road, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council objects to the proposal on the grounds that it is out of character with the area which is open countryside; the lane is extremely narrow and there are therefore likely to be access problems.

The Environmental Impact Assessment states that the area is not used by geese. The survey was done in July and was not used at the time but councillors know that this area is widely used by geese in the winter months. Building will therefore have a negative impact on nature conservation.

14/00647/FUL

Proposal: Erection of stable building

Location: Greygates, 11 Back Lane, Stalmine

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

14/00707/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 7 relating to planning application 14/00120/FUL

Location: Torbant Farm, Brick House Lane, Stalmine

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

71(2014-15) Finance

a) Receipts this month

None	£nil
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b) Payments to be approved:

Staff costs	£958.97
Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£33.02
Preesall Auto Discount (Inv 270)	£31.94
Stalmine Village Hall	£120.00

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

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

The statement of accounts for the month ending August 2014 shows

Business Current Account	£228.94
Business High Interest Account	£12,853.86
General Reserve Account	£3348.06

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

72(2014-15) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

Cllr Anderson reported that she had attended the Wyre Road Safety Committee. LCC are in direct talks with Halite concerning damage to Back Lane and hoped to secure funding to resurface the remainder. It has been resurfaced from the junction with Grange Lane to the junction with Agglesby's Lane. Representatives informed LCC of the highway problems near Brick House Lane and, in particular, deaths that had occurred and there is a proposal for representatives of Stalmine Parish Council, Hambleton Parish Council and Preesall Town Council to discuss how it could be made safer with LCC.

73(2014-15) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

14/00226/OUT (Possible Contribution to Refurbish Play Area)

Wyre Council has now approved the outline planning application for the 77 houses. The Parish Council has asked Wyre Council that any off site Public Open Space contribution be used for the refurbishment of the play area. However, such a contribution is not determined until later in the planning process when the final number of dwellings is confirmed (the formula for providing open space is based on the number of dwellings on a site).

Path Through Parish Wood

The project completion paperwork has been approved by the Big Lottery. A date for an opening is awaited from Ben Wallace.

Draft Transparency Code for Parish Councils

Government recently consulted on a draft transparency code for parish councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000. The results of the consultation and the Government's response have now been published and, as the Government believes that the majority of respondents supported the proposals, they will be introduced without change. Regulations are expected to be laid before Parliament later this year.

Meeting with Natural England

The meeting arranged for 29 August has been postponed and further dates are awaited from the Natural England officer.

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority – Performance Report and Action Plan

Each year the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority produces a Performance Report and Action Plan which describes performance over the last financial year; outlines how risk is changing in Lancashire and invites comments on proposals for change. 2013/14 saw further reductions across the majority of performance indicators and fire risk in Lancashire is at its lowest ever level. Accidental fires in homes reduced by a further 2% taking these fires to their lowest ever levels. The severity of incidents has

reduced with 27% of house fires confined to the item of ignition and 38% to the room of origin. However, casualties did increase and there were more accidental fires in buildings other than homes – outbuildings and take-aways predominantly. Targets for deliberate secondary fires were not met but this is associated with last year being the hottest summer for seven years. More information about performance and the changes made to key performance indicators is available in the [Plan](#).

The Performance Report and Action Plan 2014 also include proposals for change which the Combined Fire Authority (CFA) has agreed will be open to public consultation. These include proposals to:

- introduce variation to the scale and structure of the Home Fire Safety Check Service to ensure provision is according to an individual's fire risk, with most effort and resource targeted toward those who are most vulnerable to risk of fire. While those with lower risk will still receive a home fire safety check service, this may be delivered in a different way to the traditional visit, for example digitally on our website and by signposting people to product providers
- update the public Consultation Strategy to introduce some flexibility in the scale, scope and timeframes for consultation and to take into account new non-statutory government guidance

More information about the proposals can be found at www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk. Consultation takes place between 28 July and 19 October and views can be submitted either in writing to rmp@lancsfirerescue.org.uk or by completing the short survey on the website.

Government Consultation on Making Neighbourhood Planning Easier

The Government is seeking views on proposals that will make it easier for residents and businesses to come together to produce a neighbourhood plan. These proposals draw on the experience gained from over 900 neighbourhood areas which have already been designated by local authorities and are making use of their new right to produce a neighbourhood plan or Neighbourhood Development Order. The proposals are designed to speed up the process to encourage more to follow suit. New measures include requiring local planning authorities to decide whether to designate certain neighbourhood areas within 10 weeks and removing the minimum six-week consultation period. Parish and town councils and neighbourhood forums would, however, still need to consult and win a local referendum on the final neighbourhood plan or Order. Full details of the consultation and an on line survey can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/technical-consultation-on-planning>

Floral Features

The plough feature is now complete and planted. The urns have been moved to either side of the seat on Hall Gate Lane and planted.

74(2014-15) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 14 October 2014** at 7.00pm.

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