

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

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

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council, and one member of the public

046(2016-17) Apologies for Absence

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

047(2016-17) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

048(2016-17) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2016 be agreed as a true record.

049(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 August.

The member of the public referred to recent foul water flooding and his letter and photos to Wyre.

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

050(2016-17) Playing Field Hedge

Councillors were aware that a part of the hedge forming the boundary between the playing field and Wyre Villa had been removed earlier in the summer and noted that investigations had revealed that the removal of the hedge did not involve the Gala.

Wyre Juniors were given permission by the Council to use the playing field at the 18 March 2013 meeting but have used it rarely since then. They are now intending to use it on a regular basis and will be using the Wyre Villa facilities for changing, refreshments etc. Prior to them starting matches on the playing field their child welfare officer carried out a survey of the ground and requested that a gate was installed between Wyre Villa's boundary and the playing field as she had concerns about the children walking round the fence line up to the car park close to the main road.

Councillors noted that the hedge had been removed without any discussion with the parish council and that there is already a gate in the hedge further down the playing field. Councillors therefore **resolved** that the concrete fence panels and the hedge be reinstated and that Wyre Juniors be required to use the existing gate which should be locked from the Wyre Villa side to prevent use at other times.

051(2016-17) Projects for 2017/18

Councillors noted that the draft budget for 2017/18 is usually considered at the November meeting and the costs of projects that councillors might wish to undertake need to be calculated by the end of October at the latest. Councillors confirmed that they wished to add to the earmarked reserve for a new bus shelter and agreed to let the Clerk have any further ideas. Councillors **resolved** that the draft budget be considered at the December meeting prior to finalising it at the January 2017 meeting.

052(2016-17) Planning Applications**16/00653/REMAJ**

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the erection of one detached dwelling and garage following outline approval 14/00532/OUTMAJ (resubmission of application 16/00293REMAJ)

Location: Land at Mill Lane, Stalmine

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

16/00695/FUL

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the erection of a detached bungalow and detached garage following outline approval 14/00532/OUTMAJ

Location: Land at Mill Lane, Stalmine

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

16/00731/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one detached dwelling (resubmission of 16/00017/FUL)

Location: Land Adjacent to Taye House, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Council objects to the proposal on the grounds that the area suffers from regular surface water flooding and there has been foul water flooding in the vicinity all caused by the inappropriate drainage infrastructure.

16/00766/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 11 on application 14/00403/FUL to amend the approved design of one of the approved properties

Location: Land Adjacent to Murldale, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

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

053(2016-17) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

Business Reserve Account Interest (July)	£0.91
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b) Payments to be approved:

1326/27/28	Staff costs	£1123.94
1326/27	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£202.76
1329	F H & M Davies & Son	£38.40
1330	Preesall Auto Discount	£25.99
1331	Wyre Building Supplies	£3.42
1332	BDO LLP (external audit)	£120.00

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee) (July)	£24.00
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee) (August)	£24.00

c) Statement of Accounts – July and August 2016

The statement of accounts for the month ending 31 July shows:

Business Current Account	£194.39
Business High Interest Account	£21,929.79
General Reserve Account	£3,381.83

The statement of accounts for the month ending 31 August shows:

Business Current Account	£170.39
Business High Interest Account	£21,929.79
General Reserve Account	£3,381.83

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.

054(2016-17) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None. The next meeting of the Wyre Flood Forum will be held on 15 September.

055(2016-17) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Wine Bottles in The Heads Dog Bin

Despite an appeal in the Over Wyre Focus the Lengthsman continued to find a large number of wine bottles in the dog bin at the Heads. The Chairman printed and laminated a notice advising bin users that the bin should not be used for getting rid of wine bottles and the problem appears to have been solved. At the time of writing the Lengthsman had emptied the bin on four occasions without finding one wine bottle in it.

Play Facilities for Older Children

Four play facility companies have been approached to develop costed plans with a timescale of the end of September. Three of those companies have already provided costed schemes and all those available by the deadline will be brought to the October meeting for councillors to consider and choose a preferred provider. That will provide the financial information on which to make grant applications for the required 20% match funding.

Pedestrian Crossing

Ben Wallace MP has agreed to a site visit with residents and an officer from LCC Highways. The site visit will take place on 16 September at 3pm and the meeting will convene at the playing field car park before walking to the site where the parish council believes a crossing should be installed.

A585 Windy Harbour to Skippol

Highways England will begin consultation on this major scheme on 5 September and the consultation period ends on 17 October. All the information can be found on the Highways England website (www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects).

Lancashire and Merseyside County Training Partnership

The Training Partnership is running a Chairmanship workshop on Tuesday 8 November 7pm-9pm cost £25 and a Finance Workshop on Tuesday 29 November at the same time and cost. If any councillor is interested please contact the Clerk.

Speeding on Carr End Lane

Following the initial response from Liam Kirby, District Lead Officer Highways at LCC on 21 June 2016 and reported in the July Clerk's report he further responded on 19 July as follows.

"Thank you for your correspondence concerning the above on the 22nd June. With regards to this case, there are speeding problems across the whole of the highway network and therefore priority is given to investigating locations where there is an accident problem. In this regard, having examined the accident database, there is no recent history of any recorded injury accidents to suggest that there is an underlying road safety and accident problem.

Furthermore, while many rural country lanes still have a national derestricted 60mph speed limit meaning that you drive according to the prevailing road conditions, Carr End Lane in fact enjoys a lower speed limit of 30mph speed limit which is further reduced to 20mph as you approach and go through the village. In this instance the 30mph speed limit is very much acting as a buffer zone on approach to the village speed limit.

Carr End Lane is also not a through route therefore all traffic is localised and the character of the road with soft grass and high verge treatment, narrowing width and the bend of the road is also such that traffic speeds are likely to be subjectively reduced and as such not excessive.

Therefore, in view of the above it is unlikely that we would wish to take any action in the form of introducing physical measures to encourage reduced speeds.

Play Area Replacement Bin

Wyre Council installed the new bin inside the play area rather than outside it. However, the parish council's Lengthsman has moved it outside so that it can now be used by everyone.

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.

056(2016-17) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 11 October 2016** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm.