

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs S Pelham (Chairman), K Jenkinson, A Haydock, D Booth.

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the Council.

74(1) Apologies for absence

Cllrs D Forshaw and T Williams.

Councillors **resolved** to appoint Cllr Pelham as Chairman for the meeting.

75(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

76(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2018.

77(4) Public participation

No members of the public were present.

78(5) Standing Orders

Councillors **resolved** to consider the council's Standing Orders in light of the changes made to NALC's model Standing Orders. Comments to be brought to the next meeting of the council for a decision to be made on the format of Stalmine Parish Council's new adopted Standing Orders.

79(6) Audit for year ended 31 March 2018

Councillors thanked the clerk for all her hard work in ensuring a clean audit. They also **resolved** to approve and accept the annual return and certificate and to note that the relevant notices had been placed on the notice boards and uploaded on to the website on 17 August 2018.

80(7) Stalmine Wood

Councillors noted the comments made in the tree survey report and the prioritisation of the recommended works. They **resolved** for Cllr Pelham to make enquiries regarding possible costs of the priority one and two recommendations, and for this information to be brought back to the next meeting of the council prior to a formal plan of action for the woodland's management being agreed.

81(8) Projects for 2019/20

Councillors noted that the draft budget for 2019/20 would be considered at the November meeting and the requirement for costed projects to be raised by the October meeting. The floral displays and whether to appoint an additional lengthsman were raised as potential topics.

82(9) Dog exercise area

Councillors considered the request from a member of the public to establish a dog exercise area, similar to that at Hambleton, on land owned/leased by the council. Councillors **resolved** that this was not something the council could consider as it does not hold land that would be suitable for the suggested project and does not have the resources to try to lease land for this purpose within the village.

83(10) Rerouting of 2c bus

Councillors acknowledged that there would be a potential benefit for some people attending the medical centre. However, they were concerned at the prospect of losing an established bus route and suggested that a similar arrangement as exists in Pilling. This would involve the bus making a double loop of the route, thereby accommodating the needs of all residents.

84(11) PSU

Councillors considered the request made by Helen Saarma, the manager of Preston Personal Support Unit (see clerk's report), to place details of the service it offers on the council's website and possibly a flyer on the noticeboard. Councillors suggested that it would be better for the PSU to put an item in the Green Book.

85(12) Clerk's training

Councillors **resolved** to approve the clerk's attendance at SLCC's Cheshire branch annual conference on 27 September 2018 at a cost of £30 to be split with Preesall Town Council.

86(13) Community-led housing

Councillors **resolved** that exploring a community-led housing model was not something in which it could see a benefit for Stalmine. The village has already seen a number of large and small-scale developments, some of which already include affordable housing. It was felt that improvements would need to be made to the infrastructure of the village prior to any consideration being given to additional housing.

87(14) Planning applications

Application Number: 18/00774/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of three static caravans for holiday use and associated access track and landscaping (re-submission of 18/00056/FUL)

Location: Holiday Cottages, Back Lane, Stalmine, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire.

Resolved: to object to the application on the grounds of highway unsuitability. The access would be via a narrow single-track lane that will already be subjected to additional traffic from approved planning applications on a scale that was never previously envisaged. Councillors expressed fears that vehicles could be forced to reverse in the direction of the already dangerous A588.

Application Number: 18/00781/FUL

Proposal: Erection of one detached dwelling (re-submission of planning permission 18/00055/FUL)

Location: Land Off Back Lane, Stalmine, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire.

Resolved: to object to the application on the grounds of highway unsuitability. The access would be via a narrow single-track lane that will already be subjected to additional traffic from approved planning applications on a scale that was never previously envisaged. Councillors expressed fears that vehicles could be forced to reverse in the direction of the already dangerous A588.

Application Number: 18/00785/FUL

Proposal: Retention of existing living accommodation to form ancillary 'annexe' to main house and subsequent change of use of land to form residential curtilage (resubmission of 17/00846/FUL)

Location: Carters Farm, Old Toms Lane, Stalmine, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire.

Resolved: that the council has no objections to the application.

Application Number: 18/00810/REM

Proposal: Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 4 dwellings approved under outline permission 15/00818/OUT

Location: Rear of Trevelyan, 19 Stricklands Lane, Stalmine, Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Resolved: that the council has no objections to the application.

Application Number: 18/00811/REM

Proposal: Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 4 dwellings approved under outline permission 15/00479/FUL

Location: Rathsheen, Stricklands Lane, Stalmine, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire.

Resolved: that the council has no objections to the application.

88(15) Finance

Councillors **resolved:**

a) To note that no receipts had been received	
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b) To approve the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	1503,1505,1507,1509	2601.37
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	1504	22.84
Lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	1506	27.25
Extra lengthsman's expenses (on behalf of council)	1508	12.25
Wyre Building Supplies (inv.175777,177369,177359)	1510	38.43
PKF Littlejohn audit (SB201800571)	1511	360.00
Preesall Town Council (shared training costs)	1512	15.00

c) To note the following payments by direct debit:	
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	39.60

d) To note the statement of accounts for month ending 31 August 2018.	
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89(16) Clerk's report (for information)

Councillors **noted** the information contained in the clerk's report:

Bus shelter

A new bus shelter, in the correct location, at the junction of Stricklands Lane and Moss Side Lane is to be installed by Euroshel during September.

Letter of thanks

A letter has been received from the North West Air Ambulance charity thanking the council for its donation of £100.

Personal Support Unit – helping people facing court alone

Every year thousands of people find themselves facing the battle of their life in court, alone and without help. They have to represent themselves in cases of divorce, contact with children, or eviction from their homes. Under distressing circumstances, they must navigate a complex legal system, often against professional representation on the other side.

In times of austerity the reduced availability of legal aid has meant that thousands more people face the civil and family courts alone. Their access to justice is at risk, as they feel overwhelmed and struggle to represent themselves effectively in court.

PSU is the only charity helping people in court on a daily basis.

Over 700 trained volunteers provide a free service across the country. PSU provides comfort, support and guidance before, during and after court. PSU ensures people facing court alone feel prepared and supported to access justice.

Demonstration of high volume pumps

The demonstration will take place at the boating lake in Fleetwood, there's plenty of parking next to the lake.

Fleetwood Model Yacht and Powerboat Club will be open, and teas and coffees will be available, and also toilet facilities although limited.

It's an outdoor event and you will be situated on a level grassed area a short distance away from the pumps so please bring the appropriate wet weather clothing and suitable footwear just in case, it never rains in Fleetwood though.

It's an open event so if any of your other colleagues want to attend please confirm by return.

Kath and Paul will meet and greet from 09.30 and the session will commence from 10.00.

10.00 to 10.15

Introduction to the event by Carl Green Wyre's Head of Engineering.

- Explaining the background to the Wyre Flood Forum, the MSWG, the purchase of the pumps, location at Copse Road Depot, ongoing maintenance, deployment and their possible use as part of pumping strategies included in the Flood Risk Summary Sheet, the value of community groups to build resilient communities to protect and support individuals, properties, and vulnerable customers and assets.

- Opportunities for generic questions following the introduction.

10.15. 11.00

Introduction from Gary Scott Transport Manager.

- Generic overview on the pumps;
- Demonstration on how to set them up;
- Run the pumps from one lake to the other;
- An opportunity to get close up to the pumps for a question and answer session with members of the Transport Team;
- Dismantling the pumps back on top the trailer.
- Opportunities for generic questions following the session.

Possible attendees to date:-

- Lancashire County Council x 4;
- United Utilities x 5;
- Environment Agency x 5;
- Wyre Council x 14;
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue (Preesall) x 7;
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue (Fleetwood) x 5;
- Churchtown FLAG x 5;
- Thornton FLAG x 4;
- St Michaels FLAG x 2;
- Preesall FLAG x 6;
- Councillors x 6.

Outstanding matters

Handrail on slope off Smithy Lane – the land is between two adopted highways and is therefore the responsibility of LCC.

Gate at entrance to wood – an order has been placed with Fox Timber.

Fencing/groundworks at play area – this will be budgeted for in the next financial round as there are insufficient funds available this financial year.

Naming of play area in the memory of Cllr June Jackson – appropriate signage being investigated.

Signage for wood and footpaths – clerk to work with Cllr Booth. Local school involved in design work.

90(17) Exclusion of the press and public

Pursuant to s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the council resolved to exclude the press and public to discuss an employment matter.

91(18) Items for next agenda

Councillors were asked to raise matters to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council either at the meeting or by notifying the clerk at least 10 days prior to the next meeting. A summary of the reason for raising the matter to be provided. Cllr Booth gave her apologies for the October meeting.

92(19) Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 9 October 2018** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.