

## STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall Stalmine

**Present:** Cllr Phil Orme (Chair), Cllr Peter Muirhead (Vice Chair), Cllr Rob Drobny, Cllr Richard Jebb, Cllr Julie Robinson

**In attendance:** Debbie Smith Clerk.

Cllr Julie Robinson arrived at 7.03pm

#### 1.1(2026-27) Apologies for absence

Nil

#### 2.2(2026-27) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Nil

#### 3.3(2026-27) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March 2026, and the Chair signed the document.

#### 4.4(2026-27) Public participation

The council **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow non-council members to speak.

There was one member present at the meeting, who wished to update the council on that he has been trying to contact LCC Cllr Nigel Alderson for three months, with no response from Cllr Alderson over the 79 dwellings planning application. He has contacted LCC Cllr Mathew Salter over the no response, and he has said he would have a word with Cllr Alderson. The member also informed the council that LCC highways have still not delivered the highways report to Wyre Borough over the 79 dwellings. The chair confirmed that the report won't come in till at least June 26. The member of the public informed the council that he had been in contact to the electricity board over the dwellings, and they had confirmed they do not get involved in the planning stage, unless something goes wrong.

There is a lot of litter being left on Sower Carr Lane and near Sunset Caravan Park, and something needs to be done over the matter. The chair agreed and the parish council will look into the matter. The member informed the council that he had received a letter from the Wyre Executive over the selling of cars in the lay by in Stalmine, and he will not be letting it go and will continue to pursue the matter, and will keep the council updated.

The council **resolved** at the conclusion of the public session to reconvene the meeting.

#### 5.5(2026-27) Planning

The Council **resolved** to note the following planning application which have been resolved via email due to the deadline before April's meeting.

Application Number: 26/00205/FUL

Proposal: Proposed change of use of land to domestic curtilage to allow siting of an ancillary domestic outbuilding (hot tub)

Location: Torbant Farm Brick House Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

The council **resolved** to not object to the application. The council noted that they wish Wyre to be satisfied that the proposal remains clearly ancillary in nature, and it wouldn't facilitate independent residential use.

#### 6.6(2026-27) Finance

##### a) The Council **noted** the following receipts in February 2026

Receipt Name	Details	Date of Receipt	Amount
Wyre Borough Council	Demanded Precept	08/04/2026	£44,760.00

##### b) The Council **resolved** to **approve** the following payments

Payment Name	Details	Cash Book BAC's/card Ref	Amount
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HMRC	NI/Tax	1	£332.28
Payroll	March 2026 salaries paid in April 2026	2 & 3	£1,081.96
Les Needham	Lengths man expenses (March millage)	4	£18.00
MS Garden Maintenance	Invoice # 0245 (Plants Man)	5	£510.23
MS Garden Maintenance	Expenses for March (Plants Man)	6	£13.40
Debbie Smith	Clerk's homeworking March 2026	7	£18.00
Wyre Builders Supply	Stone bulk bag – Inv SI0486884	8	£49.50
Wyre Builders Supply	Fencing Rails – InvSI0486918	9	£20.40
Wyre Builders Supply	2 Litre White Spirit – Inv SI0488002	10	£7.75
Cutts Lane Nurseries	4 x bark & 2 x composted bark	11	£46.00
C&C Supplies	Masonry paint & brushes	12	£32.20
*C&C Supplies	Gallop Weed killer	13	£91.20
*Appended to minutes and <b>resolved</b> by council to pay, to avoid late payment (invoice received after agenda was published).			
*Screwfix Direct	Electric Saw and blades	CARD	£174.98
*Appended to minutes and <b>noted</b> by council (saw purchased after agenda was published). Council <b>noted</b> it has been added to the asset register by the clerk.			

c) The Council **noted** the following payments by direct debit:

Company Name	Details	Payment Date	Amount
Easy Websites	Monthly hosting fee – This has increased from £47.52 to £50.16 for the new councillor email address.	1 April	£50.16
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly service charge	30 April	£7.00

d) The Statement of Account was provided by the clerk. Bank Statements were available at the meeting. The Council **resolved** to accept the document as a true reflection of the Council position and were signed by the Chairman. Closing balances at 31 March 2026. Virgin Money £37,674.92 and Unity Trust bank £18,780.03 with a total reconciliation of £56,454.95 at the year end.

Cllr Orme spoke about the amount of money held within the two banks of the council, and the only revenue the council receives is VAT claims, and the precept annually. He informed the council of a savings account with Hampshire bank with 4% interest rate with a 1-year restricted access. If the council placed £30,000.00 of its reserved funds for a year in the account there would be annual return of £1,200.00 to use on a project.

The council unanimously **resolved** Cllr Orme to open a 4% interest savings account with Hampshire Bank with a 1-year restrictive access with £30,000.00 from the Virgin Bank account, and have the clerk placed on the mandate as well. Cllr Orme will update the council at the next meeting.

#### 7.7(2026 27) Tree Survey

The council **discussed** and **resolve** to have a tree survey for Stalmine Woodland, commissioned by Cumbria Tree Surveys. The clerk will co-ordinate this, and keep members updated accordingly.

#### 8.8(2026 27) Policies

Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council Action Plan 2026/27

The council **reviewed** and **adopted** the action plan 2026/27. The document has been updated to reflect the council's 2025/26 civic year, and what it plans to achieve in the 2026/27.

#### 9.9(2026 27) Communication/Banners for Stalmine Council

Cllr Jebb, provided members designs for the Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council logo. The council discussed the designs, and asked if the design could be slightly tweaked, and all images were to be kept within the crest of the design. The council **resolved** to agree to the finished design via email after the meeting due to the time frame of producing the banners. Cllr Jebb will take the designs for reconfiguration and will email members for their collective agreement. Cllr Orme informed the council that Astro Signs can produce the two banners for £100 + VAT. The council **resolved** to purchase the two banners. Cllr Orme is to take the finished design to Astro Signs to produce the banners in time for May 4<sup>th</sup> 2026.

### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

#### 10.10(2026-27) Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Drobny informed the council that he had attended the quarry appeal at Wyre Borough. He confirmed he was disgusted with the appellants as they were changing the plans as the appeal was continuing. The appellant's changed the plans to convert the land to an amenities area with huts to agricultural land, but changed it again to have the land reverted back to grass land. Mr Swarbrick spoke at the appeal and made a good point of 75-100 large trucks that will travel through Stalmine causing disruptions to housing foundations. The flood forum spoke over flooding at Sunnyside. Noise and traffic issues are to follow over the continued days of the appeal.

The clerk informed the council that she had been emailed by Wyre Cllr Lynne Bowen over the new planning rules that may be passed on September 26<sup>th</sup> 2026. It will mean that no councillor will have the right to call in an application on behalf of residents, under 9 units. No application will come before a committee unless it is 9 units, and the committee will be restricted. Any application over 150 units that is recommended for refusal will go direct for Steve Reed for a decision, with no need for a developer to appeal. The consultation is running now till 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

The clerk informed the council that she had been emailed by PCSO Denise Creighton with an update for members. The caravan has been moved on from the lay by in Stalmine by LCC. Denise has a contact at the DVLA who is going to help with untaxed/sworn vehicles and they will be fined; in terms of other vehicles, she is going to meet with LCC Cllr Nigel Alderson to look at a no overnight parking sign to be placed at the lay by. Denise is aware of the abandon caravan that was set alight near Sunset Park, and Wyre are looking into it.

### **11.11(2026-27) Clerks Report**

#### **Stalmine Play Ground Area**

Playground inspections for March 2026 no issues apart from the wood edging for the zip line still need repairing

#### **Lay-by Stricklands Lane**

I have written to Wyre Boroughs Chief Executive Rebecca Huddleston, and copied in the resident as he requested.

The response has been emailed to members.

#### **ID Badges**

I have asked Wyre to produce myself and Cllr Richard Jebb ID badges, which we now have.

#### **Plants Man's**

The plants man has been cleaning, prepping and painting the urns at the village hall. He has repaired the footpath in the woodland area with additional stone as it was starting to sink and flood with the over flow of the ponds. He has cleaned the bus stop at Staynall Lane, and prepped beds for planting.

#### **Lengths Man**

The lengths man has continued with litter picking, and maintaining the verges. He has treated the woodland gate, adjusted the hinges on the storage unit.

#### **Councillor Surgery**

I have advertised as much as I can for the surgery held in Preesall, via Facebook, noticeboards, the website and the newsletter at Stalmine school.

#### **Flag Pole**

The flag pole has now been delivered and is being held by the clerk.

#### **Memorial Project**

Ground work has started on the memorial area, when the weather dries out this will continue and the flags will be laid, benches fixed and the base of the flagpole secured.

### **Exclusion of the public and press**

The clerk had additional verbal information to inform the council after the agenda was published which required the exclusion of the public and the press, defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A (2) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006, on the grounds that it contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual. Cllr Orme **proposed** the motion to exclude the public and the press after agenda item 14. The motion was **seconded** by Cllr Muirhead. The council **resolved** to move the motion unanimously.

### **12.12(2026-27) Wyre councillor report**

Cllr Julie Robinson has asked Jane Ferguson over the playing field asset, and will email the clerk the details.

### **13.13(2026-27) Questions to councillors**

Nil

### **14.14(2026-27) Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting proposed is The Annual Parish Meeting on **Tuesday 12 May 2026** at 6.30pm, followed by The Annual Meeting of the Council at 7pm, with the May Ordinary Meeting to follow.

Councillors are 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 (**Thursday 30th April at the latest**), with a summary of the reason for raising the matter.

### **Clerks Report - Exclusion of the public and press 'Green Papers'**

The Council **resolved** to exclude the public and press from the meeting whilst agenda item 11 is being considered as the item refers to exempt information as defined in category 2 (Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information."

The chair closed the meeting.