

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall Stalmine

Present: Cllr Phil Orme (Chair), Cllr Peter Muirhead (Vice Chair), Cllr Julie Robinson

In attendance: Debbie Smith Clerk.

70.1(2025-26) Apologies for absence

Cllr Rob Drobny, Cllr Chris Mills

71.2(2025-26) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Nil

72.3(2025-26) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2025, and the Chair signed the document.

73.4(2025-26) Public participation

Resolved to adjourn the meeting to allow non-council members to speak.

Two members of the public were present one was a local Community Police Support Officer. The CPSO reported to the council that she is conducting local police surgeries the council informed the CPSO of the relevant groups that may welcome this initiative, she also confirmed she would be attending the lantern parade in Stalmine on 1st December. The CPSO reported on the E-bikes task force and asked if any fireworks outside of November 5th had been set off, The Council reported that they had been at Hambleton park, Cllr Julie Robinson will take this to Wyre as it is a public open space which Wyre are responsible for.

LCC Cllr Nigel Alderson attended meeting. The Council asked Cllr Alderson if he would look into S106's that require honouring within the community. To look into the excessive planning within the parish, as it is not sustainable due to street lights, paving, roads and flooding which need to be addressed. He also took note of all the new isolated estates developed, to investigate them being linked together as well linking with the old estates. The Council also asked if he could look into the average speed cameras along the A588, as they are not switched on. Cllr Nigel will report any information back to the Council.

Resolved at the conclusion of the public session to reconvene the meeting.

74.5(2025-26) Planning

Application Number: 25/00844/OUTMAJ

Proposal: Major Outline application for Proposed 38 new dwellings. Applied for Access and Layout (all other matters reserved).

Location: 5 Carr End Lane Stalmine-with-staynall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire FY6 0LQ

The Council **resolved** to **object** to the application under the following material considerations – Highways – there is no street lighting or pavement on Carr End Lane (access road) to proposed site, raising health and safety concerns to pedestrians, and is not inclusive to accessibility to public members with disabilities.

Flooding – there is an on-going issue with flooding already on Carr End Lane providing the access point to the proposed site, with poor drainage.

Access – there is no pedestrian access between the old Lingley Grange estate, the new Lingley Grange estate, the nursing home estate and this proposed application. This increases the health and safety risk of pedestrians as they must exit these estates via unsafe roads to walk down the busy A588 to access the school, transport links, and amenities of the village.

Traffic Generation - there is already a substantial increase of traffic on Carr End Lane with the new Wain Homes estate already using Carr End Lane as the only access point to this part of the estate, this application will have a direct increase to traffic to the local road network.

The Council would like to note in the event this application is passed, there must be considerations for a S106, and request that the below items are considered –

- . Another bus stop and shelter at end of Carr End Lane (A588), if safe to do so.
- . Street lighting on Carr End Lane
- . Pavement on Carr End Lane
- . Improvement of drainage
- . Reduction of dwellings within the application to allow for green space

75.6(2025-26) Finance

a) The Council **noted** the following receipts in October 2025

Receipt Name	Details	Date of Receipt	Amount
HMRC VAT Claim	March 25 + QRT 1 & QRT 2	20 th October	£252.05
Virgin Card	Cash back on card purchase	3 rd October	£0.56

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

Payment Name	Details	Cash Book BAC's/card Ref	Amount
Payroll	October 2025 payroll paid in November 2025	61	£1,341.49
Les Needham	Lengths man expenses (Oct millage/petrol)	62	£27.49
MS Garden Maintenance	Invoice #0227 (Plants Man)	63	£340.00
MS Garden Maintenance	Expenses for October (Plants Man)	63	£13.46
Debbie Smith	Clerk's homeworking October 2025	64	£18.00
Royal British Legion	2 x poppies wreaths paid by card on 15 th Oct 25	CARD	£40.00
Mower Power Inv161883	10 x 100ml super oil	65	£28.00
Wyre Builders Inv SI0476447	Angle Grinder	66	£90.00
Wyre Builders Inv SI0477414	Ear defenders	67	£9.60
Viking Inv 4410073935	Ink, folders, dividers, post its, plastic wallets	68	£275.94
SLCC inv-ORDS510184-1	14 th Edition Local Council Administration	69	£149.40
David Ogilvie Inv-192494	OE seat/Memorial Seat/plaque/bolt down kit	70	£3,084.00
Amazon	2 x heavy duty locks for the barrier	CARD	£52.97

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

Company Name	Details	Payment Date	Amount
Easy Websites	Monthly hosting fee	3 rd November	£50.16

Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	31 October	£6.00
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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. The statement of account for October 2025 showed a balance of £70,346.93.

76.7(2025-26) Policy documents

The Council considered and **resolved** to **approve** and **adopt** the following policies –

- a) Freedom of Information Policy and Model Publication Scheme - (amendments made to add a policy to the publication scheme, to explain to the public how to request information).
- b) Investment Strategy - (No amendments made)
- c) Communications – Community Engagement Strategy - (No amendments made)
- d) Co-option Policy and Application Form – This is a new document

The Council **resolved** to discontinue the Bench Policy and have it removed from the Council's website, due to lack of public interest. If at such time there is a clear interest from the public, the Council **resolved** to re-visit the policy.

77.8(2025-26) 2026/27 Budget (1st Draft)

The council **resolved** to add an addition of £500 under the project header 'Community Engagement'. The Council **resolved** to accept the 1st draft of the budget proposal to demand the **resolved** precept of £44,760.20

The clerk informed the council the precept as requested by Wyre Council is to the nearest whole pound. The council **resolved** to demand the nearest whole pound precept of £44,760.00. The clerk was asked by the council to write to Wyre Borough Council to demand the precept from Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council for the civic year 2026/27 to conduct work within the parish.

78.9(2025-26) War Memorial Project

The Council **resolved** to -

- a) Have a natural colour Indian paving stone laid at the war memorial to compliment the large stone.
- b) To have a fund of up to £500 for the planning permission for the 6metre flag pole, as costs are unknown at this time. Cllr Phil Orme will apply for planning permission and update the Clerk with the actual cost when acquired.
- c) Dependant on planning being passed from Wyre Council, to purchase the larger flagpole from the company Hampshire Flag Pole Company costing £515.98, and with a fund of £100 to purchase a canvas union jack flag.
- d) To have the wording 'LEST WE FORGET' / The 80th Anniversary of the end of World War II / In honour of all those who sacrificed for our freedom / We remember them / Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council / 2025. To have the plaque already on the large stone moved to the smaller stone, and the new plaque in its place. To have the style B plaque with a black background and gold block lettering.

79.10(2025-26) Code of Conduct Training

The Council **resolved** that Cllr Phil Orme and Cllr Peter Muirhead along with Clerk to attend the code of conduct training provided by Wyre Borough on 27th November. Cllr Julie Robinson is already in attendance as a Wyre Councillor. The Clerk will inform Wyre Borough of Stalmine-with-Staynall PC attendance, and there are no special dietary requirements.

80.11(2025-26) Annual Community Christmas Singalong

The Council **resolved** Cllr Phil Orme will attend and read at the event. Cllr Julie Robinson agreed she would be available in the event Cllr Orme was not. The clerk will inform the organisers of the Christmas singalong.

81.12(2025-26) Hall Gate Lane – bus stop clearways and pedestrian crossing consultation

TRO Consultation – HALL GATE LANE, STALMINE, WYRE BOROUGH) (BUS STOP CLEARWAYS) Ref -LSG4/894.21421/AFR

The Council **resolved** to add the following comments to the consultation: The Council are happy with the bus stop clear ways.

TRO Consultation - (HALL GATE LANE, STALMINE, WYRE BOROUGH) (PEDESTRIAN CROSSING) Ref - SG4/894.21422/AFR

The Council **resolved** to add the following comments to the consultation: The Council recognises that although the proposed pedestrian crossing is close to road access points, within the plans presented the crossing is in the best place possible, and welcomes it for the safety of the public due to the increase traffic along Hall Gate Lane. The Council noted that highways should look at placing double yellow lines at the top of Smithy Lane, as parked cars create a blind spot for pedestrians crossing from Morrisons to the Island to access the crossing, ensuring it is as safe as possible when being used by the public.

82.13(2025 26) Internal Audit

After reading and considering the internal auditors 'Letter of Engagement 2025/26'. The council **resolved** to appoint Jan Finch to conduct the internal audit for the 2025/26 civic year for the fee of £175.00, and agreed to the terms stated within the internal auditor's letter. The clerk will confirm the appointment in writing with the internal auditor on behalf on the council.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

83.14(2025-26) Reports from outside bodies

The chair reported he attended the Parish and Town Conference and LALC AGM, and it was ok. He reported that the flood forum at the Civic Centre has been brought forward to the 4th December. The Chair also attended the Remembrance service at Saint Jame's Church in Stalmine, and it was a lovely service and he spent time talking to people in the community.

84.15(2025-26) Clerks Report

Stalmine Play Ground Area

Playground inspections for October 2025 have shown no issues.

Memorial Project

The two benches resolved have been delivered on the 5th November and are being held by the Lengths Man, in storage. The Asset Register has been updated to reflect this.

Martyn's Law

I have attended a free Martyn's Law Webinar which has been offered to clerks via the home office/NALC/SLCC on 21st October. It was very insightful, and found it useful in preparation for when it comes into full fruition.

Lengths Man

I can now confirm the lengths man has now had his annual appraisal, there are no issues to report.

Donation of Poppy Wreaths

I can confirm that two wreaths have been purchased from the Royal British Legion, although it was resolved to cost £39.98, to save on a £4.50 delivery charge, 2p was donated to round the total to £40.00. The lengths man placed a wreath on the gate at Hall Gate Lane, and Cllr Phil Orme will attend the service at Saint Jame's Church and lay a wreath down on behalf of the Council and the Parish.

Bus Stop

The Bus stop at Moss House Lane has now been re-painted by the lengths man to tidy its appearance up.

Community Christmas Switch on Donation

I can now confirm that the Church have been informed of the £200 donation from the Council, and

they pass on their thanks. Wyre Brass have confirmed they will be attending the event and also pass on their thanks for the Council's £100 donation.

Best Kept Village Competition Feedback

I have received feedback from the judges they stated there was no graffiti and very little litter. The car park, planting and building at Moy Vets were tidy and well maintained, and the majority of home owners appear to maintain their homes and gardens to a high standard, although there were many weeds in the cracked tarmac along Hall Gate Lane. The bus shelters at the end of Hall Gate Lane would both benefit from painting, and the outside of the Morrisons store could be improved. The map provided was informative and helpful to us with all the relevant features highlighted. A good performance for the Individual outstanding features, excellent for the four named features, unfortunately no obvious "coming together" of the village.

Plants Man

The plants man has now received his contract renewal letter, and signed his contract. A signed copy is also being held on file by myself.

Purchases

You will note that I have now ordered the 14th Edition Local Council Administration resolved under October 2024 minutes 93.7 Projects for 2025/26. I have also ordered office supplies to replenish stocks, and new locks for the barrier.

Parish and Town Conference and LALC AGM

I attended the conference for the first time it was very informative with LCC Reform Cllrs discussing their vision for the Lancashire. There was a talk from the director of highways, the Champion for Rural Affairs, Sexual Exploitation & Violence against women and children. There was an update on crime from the police commissioner, and a road safety update. There were the usual motions at the AGM, and a new President was elected a Mr Alan Neal, and the Vice President was re-elected a Mr Phil Orme.

85.16(2025-26) Wyre councillor report

Wyre Cllr Julie Robinson, reported to the Council that at Wyre there is now a S106 task group, in which she is part of. A survey will be sent out to the Parish and Town Councils from the group. Cllr Robinson also reported there is to be an extraordinary meeting being held to conclude what devolution proposals are put forward for the reorganisation of local authorities. The Chair noted regardless of what proposals are put forward the final decision lies with top tier government. The Chair reported that at the planning meeting that the Bowes Hill Farm application was withdrawn, and that he spoke on the Primrose Cottage application. Wyre Cllr Lynne Bowen emailed the clerk to inform the Council that she will be calling planning application 25/00844/OUTMAJ to the committee, as there is too much development off the narrow country Lane.

86.17(2025-26) Questions to councillors

The Chair reported that although the Council are moving ahead with the war memorial project which was led by an ex-councillor, he has come across a document that states a flag pole, and a plaque provided by Parish Council in 1995 for this very purpose.

87.18(2025-26) Date and time of next meeting

Please note there is no meeting held in December. The next meeting of the Parish Council is proposed for Tuesday 13 January 2026 at 7.00pm.

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 (Tuesday 30 December at the latest), with a summary of the reason for raising the matter.

The chair closed the meeting.