

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th December 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall Stalmine

Present: Cllrs Phil Orme (Chair), Lynne Bowen, John Bell-Fairclough, Paul Franks

In attendance: Yvonne Walton, Locum Clerk and 2 members of the public

71 Apologies for absence

Cllr Tony Johnson and Mark Evans (to be invited to next meeting).

72 Declaration of interests and dispensations

Nil

73 Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meetings held on 25th October 2022.

74 Public participation

The SSRA representative raised the potential for creating a Stalmine with Staynall In Bloom group. £600 funding was potentially available from Wyre Council. It was agreed that, if to progress this group, volunteers would need to be found from the Parish. Add to agenda for January for Parish Council to consider further.

The Council asked if they were aware of the Average Speed Cameras that were being erected along the A588, the Council confirmed that they were aware.

A request was made for the provision of rubbish/dog bin at the Bus Stop at Neds Lane. It was confirmed that Wyre Council were responsible and Cllr Bowen agreed to raise request with Mark from Wyre Council.

Concerns over the planning application were raised 22/01175 – See Planning section for response from Parish Council in which these concerns were included,

75 Vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor

The potential new Councillor was unable to attend due to an emergency and therefore this item was deferred until the meeting in January.

76 Planning

Ref: 22/01175 Bowes Hill Farm, Neds Lane, Stalmine

It was resolved that the Council would object to this application on the following grounds:

The sizes on the Planning Application and the actual size of the area do not match. The design is not in keeping with the area, in particular the use of a significant amount of glass and lighting would not blend in with the surrounding rural position. There is a covenant in the area that all windows have to be black and white, the application design does not adhere to this covenant. There is a Septic Tank (should this be upgraded to a Sewerage Treatment plant?) but the application states that the waste method is unknown. The owners of the land have had a work cabin on the land for 2 years and are under enforcement with Wyre. The plans submitted are old/out of date and the maps provided are incorrect. The application shows 2 entrances but these are not accurate. In particular

Landscaping and driveway etc are different to original application. There is no mention of parking nor the static caravan that is in place. The application uses the space where there is an existing agricultural barn which is full of items, concerns have been raised as to where these items will go. The plans mention a future pool but no details are given. Neds Lane/Bowes Hill is a single path, the Council felt that it was not suitable for the extra vehicles that this development would result in. This is particularly an issue as along the lane planning was granted for a single static caravan but many more have been put in place and the traffic from this is significant. A previous planning application for this area was approved with conditions, not all these conditions have been met demonstrating a disregard for the planning process. Many questions are not answered by this application as there are gaps.

77 Finance

a) To note there were no receipts in November 2022

b) It was resolved that the following payments be approved:

November Payroll	£1,146.21
Lengthsman November Expenses	£48.27
MS Garden Maint	£315
St James Church Donation for Community event	£100
Over Wyre Brass Band Donation for 2021 and 2023	£100
Annual Donation Royal British Legion	£20

c) It was noted that the following Direct Debit Payments were made in November:

Easy Website (Monthly hosting Fee)	£36
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d) The Statement of Account was provided, Bank Statements were available at the meeting

e) It was resolved to accept the NJC Pay award and backdate it to 1st April 2022.

f) Before purchasing any devices it was resolved that further investigations and approvals should be sought from Lancashire County Council and therefore this item was deferred until these extra actions were complete.

g) Councillors resolved to implement some changes to the Budget/Precept Calculation before approval provided:

Increase Grants/donations to £1000
Allocate £10000 regarding Speed controls
Increase Christmas Trees/Lighting to £1000

78 Locum Clerk/RFO

It was resolved to accept the draft Contract for the Locum Clerk/RFO.

79 Employment of new Clerk and RFO

It was resolved that an advert be created for display in the Parish Council Noticeboard. It was further resolved that an entry be included within the Green Book.

80 Parish Council Owned Bus Shelter

It was proposed and seconded that the Bus Shelter be replaced with seating and it was resolved that the Clerk would arrange to purchase a replacement.

81 Community Event Engagement

It was resolved that £2000 be ringfenced towards a Community Event to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.

82 Woods/Field/Car Park Barrier

It was resolved that prices be obtained for different types of barrier eg automatic, on a timer and with an access code. Investigations would be required regarding ownership. It was resolved to defer to next meeting to consider outcomes.

83 Christmas Lights and Village Signs

It was resolved that Clerk would send Policy regarding lights on highway and attachment to lamp posts etc to Cllr Bell-Fairclough. Also Lighting budget increased (see 77g)

Items for Information Only

84 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Orme had attended the LALC AGM (minutes will be distributed on receipt)

85 Wyre Councillors Report

It was reported that Lindley Grange had not yet been signed over to Lancashire County Council and therefore Wain Homes was still responsible.

It was further reported that Wyre Council had a new Chief Executive Officer plus a new leader and deputy.

86 Questions to Councillors

Question asked re Grit Bins, it was reported that LCC had new grit bins. Cllr Bell-Fairclough to provide details to Clerk.

87 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2023 starting at 7pm