

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Update from the clerk 8th October 2026

Stalmine Play Ground Area

Playground inspections for September 2026 shows the inspection on the 1st of September showed a couple of timber fence posts have severe strimmer damage and are moving in the ground, a work request has been put in action. The ground surfaces show shrinkage of edges of surfacing visible across site leaving gaps along edges, and are these are to be monitored for further deterioration. The multi play unit show some corroded/damage patches visible on outer cover of platforms, work to apply a filler in the damaged patches is in progress.

The inspection on the 14th of September the zip line cable needs tensioning as the sag is below 400mm when loaded, and defects identified in the 1st of September's report have been actioned.

Plants Man's

The plants man has decorated the base of the centre stone at the memorial with decorative stone. He has also laid top soil and turf at the memorial. He has been preparing the plant bed and Urns ready for the colder months along with his usual duties.

Memorial Project

The planning application was paid in September, and Cllr Orme has been dealing with planning requests for further details within the application for the flagpole. The clerk has had a response from planning over the flagpole application, and the parish council should expect a decision at the end November. The contractor has dug out the area around the flagging for soil and grass to be laid, and the Plants man has continued with works.

Stalmine Wood Survey

I met with the tree surgeon on the 21st of September, over the 6 trees and 1 tree to be pruned. I asked him to cut back a tree and remove the ivy that was encroaching onto a house next to the woodland on Hall Gate Lane, as it is the council's responsibility.

Lengths Man

The lengths man has completed his usual duties, along with treating the wood bench at Church Bridge, refit a bench rail at Wardleys, refit the catch on the gate leading to the woodland on Hall Gate Lane

Bus Stop at Moss House Lane

I have contacted Wyre over a broken window at the bus stop, they responded on the 22nd of September informing me they would get a team out to fix the issue.

Wyre Area Committee Meeting

I attended the meeting on the 30th of September. It was very informative Sgt Elliott gave stats over the local area crime for July-Sept. Fiona Riley (policy planning manager) from Wyre Borough spoke about the section 106 group and the feedback they received from local councils and plans to hold a meeting in the new year for councillors to attend, and they hope to improve the transparency of the 106's for parishes. Sarah Palmer, (Director of Transformation and Change) for Wyre informed attendees that is to be a meeting in October over the process of obtaining assets with more references and guidance. She reported over the pause on the reorganisation of councils, stating there have been some legal challenges over the criteria and elections in 2027 will be for the current boroughs not as the new one (Fylde Coast Authority). A report was given from the LALC Executive, who have been looking at internal staffing matters, advice has been sort over becoming a limited company, and there will be a rise in fees next year. The chair of the Wyre Area Committee informed members that the Wyre energy working group is to be abolished as the infrastructure is now going through Fylde.