

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Stalmine

Present: Cllrs T Williams (Chairman), D Booth, F Cardwell, A Morton, S Pelham, J Wilson

In attendance: Alison May, clerk to the council. Two members of the public.

17(1) Apologies for absence

None.

18(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Booth – planning application 21/00744/FUL.

19(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2021.

20(4) Notes of the working group on 8 June

Councillors were asked to consider the actions reported within the working group notes and **to approve** the actions taken under the clerk's delegations.

20.1 Application Number: 20/01305/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 2no. dwellings, and garage to serve the existing property of High Lawn (all matters reserved)

Location: High Lawn Mill Lane Stalmine Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

The council's planning lead will talk councillors through the technicalities of the application.

Resolved: that the location of the entrance to this development, opposite the school, would pose a danger to both other road users and pedestrians, particularly at school times.

20.2 Application Number: 21/00595/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a B2 building for the manufacture of glass products in association with existing business

Location: Daedalian Glass Studios Smithy Farm Carr Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde

Resolved: that a class B2 building would be more appropriate on an industrial estate, given its overall dimensions and height. This is a residential area that would be completely dominated by such a substantial industrial building.

20.3 Application Number: 21/00594/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey building comprising of visitor centre, cafe/restaurant, hydrotherapy pool, an on-site laundry facility and an expanded car parking area

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

Cllr Williams and Cllr Pelham declared an interest as councillors living on Brickhouse Lane.

Resolved: that the application seeks to legitimise the current form of construction for which no planning permission exists by reusing the areas for different purposes. They also raised concerns regarding the ongoing breaches of planning and the need to emphasise that this building should be for resident use only and not for the general public. The planning statement seeks to emphasise the reduced use of the dining facilities to the outside public, by reference to assumed take-up by occupants and the use of a questionnaire, it does not exclude a wider commercial use of the food facilities beyond users of the cottage facilities.

It does not address ground 4 in the refusal 20/00411/Full or condition 10 in the original application 15/00758/FULMAJ.

Councillors are aware that it is currently being used for a wider commercial purpose contrary to the consent in that it is being:

i) marketed for takeaways

ii) used/marketed by the scouts

iii) used by members of the public (with no connection) turning up who are not questioned and are served food.

All the above increases the traffic flow.

Councillors wished to emphasise that they have no objection to the use of the food facilities to the disabled and their carers.

20.4 Application Number: 21/00596/FUL

Proposal: Erection of stable block for two horses and change of use of land to form menage for private use

Location: Bowses Hill Lane off Neds Lane Stalmine-with-Staynall FY6 0LW

Resolved: no objections to the proposal. They did note that there is a covenant on the land limiting its use to the raising of cattle, sheep and horses and that no building could be erected on the land.

20.5 Application Number: 20/01175/FULMAJ

Proposal: Hybrid planning application for two 80-bed care homes with landscaping and associated works (full application), and up to 50 dwellings with access (outline application)

Location: Land off Stricklands Lane Stalmine Lancashire

Resolved: that the comments councillors made at the previous application are still appropriate. They believe the building to be an over-intensive use of the site and that it isn't appropriate for this location.

Cllr Morton, the council's planning lead, read out comments from his research into the application and was thanked for his thoroughness by the remaining councillors who agreed that this should form the basis of the council's submission to planning.

20.6 Finance in June

Income - none

Outgoings – see below.

	Chqs	
May Payroll	00110,00111,00113	£965.91
Clerk's May expenses (on behalf of council)	00112	£36.99
Lengthsman's May expenses (SLN on behalf of council)	00114	£32.20
Plantsman (MS) May bill	00115	£123.15
Cartridgesave (inv. INVZB2YDJ)	00116	£38.57
Preesall Auto Discount (inv. 1035 £8.09) (inv. 1038 £2.10)	00117	£10.19
Cumbria Tree Services (ref 2122007)	00118	£525.00
David Bentley Ecology Services	00119	£320.00
Cutts Lane Nursery (inv.4082 £59.85) (inv. 4083 £67.00)	00120	£126.85
Wyre Building Supplies (inv. 0289144 £52.43) (inv. 0286850 £4.25)	00121	£56.68
Preesall Town Council (training recharge)	00122	£60.00
Payments by direct debit:		
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee) May		£42.00
ID Mobile (inv. 66524640)		£6.00

Statement of account for April £68,639.15

The statement of account for May £65444.23

Resolved: to approve the finances.

20.7 Camping Aires

Councillors considered whether the playing field car park would be suitable as a motorhome camping Aire and whether having motorhomes using this as an overnight stop would deter the anti-social behaviour that occurs there.

Resolved: The clerk was asked to contact Wyre Council as it already manages an Aire in Fleetwood.

20.8 Woodland surveys and signage

Interpretation panel – a volunteer with Wyre Rivers Trust has taken on the design of the board, it was hoped that the design could be brought to the July meeting.

Small mammal survey – 18 out of 30 traps set contained a mammal. This included six wood mice, eleven bank voles and one water shrew.

Tree survey – A number of trees were marked as requiring work.

Resolved: the clerk to seek quotes from tree surgeons.

The recommendation to remove ivy from the trees was disputed by Cllr Wilson who was to provide the clerk with reports stating the advantages of ivy outweigh the disadvantages.

Pond survey – The iris growing round the pond are to be removed and the willow should be removed from the pond. No poisoning of the willow to take place. The survey revealed no water voles, evidence of bank voles found – report back to surveyor.
Throughout the wood there appears to be a conflict between environmental issues and public amenity and safety.

The clerk advised that the professional reports could not be ignored and recommendations made had taken into account that there is full public access to the wood. She advised that the council's insurer should be asked for an opinion.

Resolved: The clerk was asked to seek legal advice from the council's insurer and to write to the tree surveyor, providing details of the ivy papers to be supplied by Cllr Wilson.

21(5) Public participation

The council **resolved** to close the meeting to hear from members of the public.
Cllr Williams raised an issue on behalf of residents who had raised concerns regarding the glamping site at Bowses Hill and the lack of planning permission for this business. Cllr Robinson stated that the matter was with Wyre Council's enforcement team.
A discussion also took place regarding the known breaches of planning within the area and Wyre's response to this.

Councillors resolved to reconvene the meeting at 19.22

22(6) Planning

Application Number: 21/00560/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a single-storey side extension and front porch

Location: Sycamore Cottage Back Lane Stalmine Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire

Resolved: councillors were unanimous in raising no objections to this application.

Application Number: 21/00706/FUL

Proposal: Proposed two-storey rear extension including roof lift and first floor balcony following demolition of existing attached domestic outbuilding.

Location: Pointer Farm Moss Side Lane Stalmine-With-Staynall Poulton-Le-Fylde Lancashire.

Resolved: councillors were unanimous in raising no objections to this application.

Application Number: 21/00744/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey side extension, 3no dormers to rear elevation, alterations to external elevations and creation of new vehicular access from Wardleys Lane

Location: Hill Top Barn (former Robinsons Farm Barn, Staynall Lane) Wardleys Lane Hambleton Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Resolved: councillors were unanimous in raising no objections to this application.

23(7) Finance

Councillors resolved:

a) To note the following receipts: £Nil

b) To approve the following payment

	Chqs	
June Payroll	00123,00124,00126	£1087.24
Clerk's June expenses (on behalf of council)	00125	£104.57

Lengthsman's June expenses (SLN on behalf of council)	00127	£32.20
Plantsman (MS) May/June contract	00128	£266.90
Wyre Building Supplies (inv. SI0293998)	00129	£3.20
Cutts Lane Nursery (Paid outside the meeting)	00130	£20.00
FH&M Davies & Son	00131	£55.20

c) To note the following payments by direct debit:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee) June	£42.00
ID Mobile (inv. 67702512)	£6.00

d) To note the statement of accounts for month ending 30 June 2021 £63,265.69

24(8) Climate change

Councillors considered what action they could take to reduce the impact of climate change.

Resolved: for the clerk to write a letter to Wyre Council's Climate Change Policy Group detailing the comments/suggestions below.

The council was of the opinion that more should be done to improve the education of the younger members of the community in understanding climate change and actions that can be taken to reduce it. An education package should be created and physically presented in each school to at least the key stage 2 students. It would be similar to the one created by Wyre Rivers Trust for understanding the benefits of natural flood management.

More should be done to encourage and facilitate recycling.

25(9) Enforcement

Cllr Morton asked councillors to support a Freedom of Information request regarding planning enforcement within Stalmine with Staynall.

Resolved: to submit a Freedom of Information request to Wyre Council's planning department asking for details of all reported breaches, investigation and enforcement action within the parish over the last 3 years.

26(10) Provision of speed cameras within the village

Resolved: that the imminent installation of average speed cameras along the A588 would have a positive impact on the speed of vehicles. Before spending upwards of 20% of the council's budget the council should wait and see how successful they are.

27(11) Woodland signage

The works had not yet been completed and would be brought to a later meeting. It was confirmed that a fee could be paid for the creation of the artwork.

28(12) Woodland works

Although there were conflicting opinions regarding the removal of ivy from the trees within the woodland it was decided that the council had no option but to take notice of the legal advisor for the council's insurer.

Resolved: that the ivy be removed from the trees as the health and safety of those using the wood was paramount.

29(13) Policy documents

Councillors **resolved** to approve:

- a) the adoption of the clerk's delegations document which now includes the delegations given as a result of Covid. These delegations to be kept until a clearer picture of the easing of restrictions can be seen and a decision to be made at a later meeting.
- b) the adoption of a grants policy, grants policy guide and grant application document with a view to clarifying the procedures to be followed when grant funding is made. A copy to be provided to Stalmine and Staynall Residents Association.
- c) the adoption of an audio-visual recording policy to clarify the position where members of the public wish to record a meeting.
- d) the re-adoption of the council's safeguarding policy and to sign the document circulated by the clerk to confirm they had read it and will abide by its contents.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

30(14) Reports from outside bodies/councils

Cllr Williams and Cllr Morton reported that they thought the new councillors and clerk's course they attended had been beneficial.

31(15) Clerk's report

Planning enforcement

An item is now on the LALC Wyre area committee agenda to be discussed on 28 July. Councillors have been asked to provide details of non-enforcement action by 21 July for this to be followed up by Wyre's planning department.

Woodland maintenance

Three companies have been asked to provide quotes for the recommended felling and pruning in the woodland. A response is awaited.

The council's insurer, AXA, has been consulted regarding the tree survey report recommending the removal of ivy from the trees. Its legal team reported back that the health and safety of those visiting the wood has to take priority and that the insurer would not be able to provide cover should an accident occur and someone is injured as a result of the ivy not having been removed.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Message sent on behalf of Col John Davies DL:

As you will be aware, we are celebrating The Queens Platinum Jubilee over the period of **2nd - 5th June 2022**. The whole celebrations start with the lighting of beacons on the evening of the 2nd. I am acting on behalf of the Lancashire Lieutenancy as the "Beacons Champion" and to that end I wanted to let you know how you can participate.

There is an official website - <https://www.queensjubileebeacons.com/> - that gives a guide to all matters involved including options, administration, insurance etc. Most importantly it gives you the opportunity to register your interest.

Can I ask that you share this with the Parish Council for consideration as to how we can help Lancashire celebrate this wonderful occasion.

I would appreciate it if you could acknowledge receipt of this and that you can open it.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions -
jadeswood@btinternet.com

32(16) Questions for councillors

None.

33(17) Clerk's Hours

Resolved to exclude the press and public

Pursuant to s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

Further **resolved** to pay the clerk for the additional hours she had accrued.

Resolved to reconvene the meeting.

34(18) Date and time of next meeting

Councillors decided not to hold the August meeting and to meet again in September subject to any Covid restrictions. 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 (**Friday 3 September at the latest**), with a summary of the reason for raising the matter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 14 September 2021** at 7.00pm.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.