

Stalmine-with-Staynall Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the Stalmine-with-Staynall Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall, Stalmine on Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr Phil. Orme (Chairman)

In Attendance: Debbie Smith, Clerk to Stalmine with Staynall Parish Council, Yvonne Walton Locum Clerk to Stalmine-with-Staynall Parish Council

1 Apologies for Absence

Nil

2 Annual Report of the Parish Council

The Chairman gave a report on the activities of the Parish Council over the last year.

Overview

This has been a difficult year for the council with the March 2022 meeting saw the mass resignation of the whole council, and swiftly followed by the newly appointed clerk, with my LALC hat on I offered my services to Wyre to save and caretake the council. Councillor Tony Johnson from Preesall Town Council and Wyre Ward Councillor Lynne Bowen joined me and all three of us were co-opted onto the council by Wyre to hold the fort.

The first job was to bring the former clerk Alison May back as a Locum Clerk, and then as RFO to do the end of year finances. We quickly Co-opted on two new councillors, Councillor John Bell-Fairclough and Councillor Paul Franks. Through-out the year we continued to advertise and interview for a new clerk and further councillors. Eventually we Co-opted on Councillor Mark Evans, and a new Locum Clerk was appointed in September. In March 2023 the council appointed a new permanent Clerk Debbie Smith.

In December the council was pleased to donate the Christmas tree and lights sited at St. James's Church.

Projects for 2023/2024

- The residents have asked for more information to be available to them. The council have listened and are purchasing a new notice board to be placed outside Morrisons. They are going to install the previous notice board outside Morrisons at the Staynall end of the village.
- The council are going to complete the woodland signs by the summer for one to be placed at the top and bottom entrances to the woodland.
- The council have listened to the residents in regard to anti-social behavior, and are looking at installing a barrier and zig zag gating at the entrance to the bowling green carpark.
- The council understand the concerns of speeding through the village, so along with the national speed cameras that have been placed on the main roads they will be looking into placing SpIDs around the internal roads of the village.
- The council have listened to local residents and are replacing old planters with new ones.
- The council are holding litter pick mornings, and if successful they will invest in buying equipment to be held for regular litter picks.

I would like to thank our Locum Clerk, Yvonne Walton for her hard work since coming on in September 2022, and our Lengths man, Les Needham and Mark Stansfield for their hard work over the past year. I would like to welcome our new permanent Clerk Debbie Smith who joined in March this year.

Contacting the Parish Council

There are a number of ways in which you can contact the Parish Council. There is an email address clerk@stalmineparishcouncil.org. The Clerk will respond to and emails as soon as possible. You can also contact any parish councillor and their contact details are on the website www.stalmineparishcouncil.org.

Any local issue causing concern to residents

No issues have been raised by the public for inclusion on the agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting closed at 6.50pm.