

## **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 14 May 2024 at 6.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Phil. Orme (Chairman)

**In Attendance:** Debbie Smith, 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 year the council has marked King Charles III coronation by donating £150.00 to the community coronation celebrations held at St James' Church. Providing coronation medals that were disrupted to the children of Moss Side Nursery, the children and staff of Stalmine Primary School, and to any other children of the parish that do not attend these two establishments. There was also a coronation planter, installed at the bus stop outside Morrisons on Mill Lane, by the Plants man.

There have been on-going repairs through-out the parish such as the planters at Barrows Lane in Staynall. The new notice board was erected at the bus stop outside Morrisons on Mill Lane, by the lengths man, with the help of Preesall's Lengths man, and the old one was re-vamped and placed at the other end of the village at the end of Staynall Lane to improve communications around the parish. The council listened to residents and have had the flooded pathway repaired by the plantsman within the woodland, so residents can continue to enjoy their walks.

Litter picks were organised by the council in March, June and July 2023 although they were a success, there were too few numbers to continue. The council listened to resident's litter concerns later in the year and held another community litter pick in March 2024 to support Keep Britain Tidy which was a quiet success.

The council entered the Best Kept Village for the first time, and very proudly won within the category Industrial and Commercial Premises with MOY vets.

There were some changes in May the locum clerk Yvonne Walton finished working for the council and the newly appointed Clerk started work alone. I would like to thank our Clerk, Debbie Smith for her hard work with completing her first year within her role. Two council members stepped down from their role Cllr Lynne Bowen and Cllr Tony Johnson, and two newly elected councillors took office after the elections Cllr Rob Drobny and Cllr Craig Finch. Unfortunately, Cllr Craig Finch stepped down from office in December.

In October the council were pleased that the plants man renewed his contract for a further 12 months, as he does a fantastic job around the parish, and I would like to thank him for all his hard work.

The council also donated £35.00 to the Royal British Legion, and gave a donation of a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

In December the council celebrated the season by donating £100 to the community lights switch on to cover the costs of food, and gave a donation of £75 to Wyre Brass for their contribution to the switch on. The council also donated the Christmas tree and lights for the Christmas switch on at St James Church.

The council opted into the LCC PROW and biodiversity grant, this year. The council decided to spend the £300 biodiversity grant to support the hedgehog highway project, by purchasing hedgehog gates to be handed out to the children of Stalmine Primary School.

There have been a couple of outstanding projects that have been completed this year such as the woodland signage project the signage has been installed at the Hall Gate entrance, and at the Douglas Ave

entrance to the woodland for the Parish to enjoy. Three speed units have been installed at Smithy Lane/Moss Side Lane/Carr End Lane to reduce speeding in key areas with the parish. Residents have been asking for a barrier for some years now to prevent anti-social behaviour at the car park at Hall Gate Lane. The council are pleased that the swing barrier, pedestrian barrier with signage has now been installed along with a small fence and a hedge-row planted to prevent cars accessing the carpark at Hall Gate Lane, with a mind to hopefully reducing anti-social behaviour. I would like to thank our Lengths Man for erecting the fence, he has done a wonderful job, and thank you for your continuing hard work through-out the year.

### **Projects for 2024/2025**

There are not as many projects in the new civic year. There is the completion of the coronation planter, and the additional benches around the village, with possible memorial plaques being placed from residents. The council has discussed that it would like to see a full council with members direct from the parish so projects can be put forward from council members who live and interact with residents, meaning that public money will be spent on what residents would like to see, and benefit from within their community.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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.