

## **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 12 May 2026 at 6.30pm

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

**In Attendance:** Debbie Smith, Clerk to Stalmine with Staynall Parish Council, and 4 members of the public.

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Nil

### **2 Annual Report of the Parish Council**

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

#### **Overview**

This civic year the council has welcomed, two new council members, Cllr Julie Robinson in October 2025 and Cllr Richard Jebband via Co-Option in March 2026, but unfortunately the council lost one member Cllr Chris Mills in January 2026. The Council recognises that it needs members from the Stalmine and Staynall area to enhance its work within the parish, and will be making positive strides in the next civic year to engage with residents, to hopefully Co-Opt more Council members. The council has begun making its visibility more prominent within the parish, by applying for name badges for the clerk and the councillors to be worn at meetings and events, and to have members photos displayed on the website.

The Council could not opt into the biodiversity, and PROW grant from LCC in the civic year 2025/26 as LCC discontinued the scheme, but have bought and planted a live tree which will grow over the next 5-10 years to be used for the annual Christmas tree at Saint Jame's church, to continue to encourage biodiversity within the village.

There were fewer tree's felled from the council's woodland this year, but unfortunately the council anticipate that more will be felled in 2026 due to the Ash Die Back disease which is still current amongst the trees.

Projects were from 2025/26 where started, but were not completed due to the weather conditions, and the electric to the lengths man's storage was held back due to rising costings, which required further money to be placed in the 2026/27 budget.

At the Annual May Meeting 2025 Cllr Phil Orme was elected chair, Cllr Peter Muirhead was elected vice chair, Cllr Chris Mills was elected Planning Ambassador.

The Council received a much-improved internal audit report, due to having a permanent clerk in post. The Council would like to thank the Clerk for all her continued hard work, and congratulate her on completing her qualifications in July 25, and all her training undertaken in 2025/26 civic year. The Council also resolved to fund the clerk's PIALC training, to give her a better understanding of the audit process, which she will undertake in 2026/27.

The Council entered the Best Kept Village for the third time, but unfortunately did not get passed the first round. The council will not be entering in 2026/27, as it is not running this civic year.

The Council also renewed the Plants Man's contract for a further 12 months in October. The Council would like to thank the Lengths Man, and the Plants Man, for all their hard work throughout the year keeping the village looking neat and tidy.

The Council made some donations within the year. In November the Council purchased two poppy wreaths via the Royal British Legion in honour of Remembrance Sunday. One was placed on the woodland gate at Hall Gate Lane, and the other was taken to Saint James' Church by Cllr Phil Orme, who attended the service.

In December the Council contributed to the annual Christmas community switch on, and gave £200.00 to provide refreshments for residents attending the event. The Council donated £100.00 to Over Wyre Brass who performed at the event, and provided the community with a Christmas tree and lights, with the help of the Wardens at the church. The council were please to award a grant of £500 to the charity 'A Community Space for All', which is run at Saint Jame's Church in Stalmine.

#### **Projects for 2026/2027**

The memorial project is still continuing on the playing field, which should be completed later this year. The council would like to get the community groups involved in the planting of the memorial, such as the Scouts and the Primary School. The council have allocated funds to engage more with the community, to improve their reach. They have invested in a logo design, and had banners made to be displayed at meetings and local events. The council have also allocated funds to have the fence at the playing fields repaired; this should be completed by the end of the summer.

**Any local issue causing concern to residents**

The Chair asked residents in attendance if they had any issues.

No issues were brought forward.

**Contacting the Parish Council**

There are a number of ways in which you can contact the Parish Council. There is an email address [clerk@stalmine-with-staynall-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stalmine-with-staynall-pc.gov.uk) . 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 <https://www.stalmine-with-staynall-pc.gov.uk/>

The Chair closed the meeting closed at 6.40pm.