

## STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

**Present:** Cllrs K Jenkinson (Vice-Chairman), D Forshaw, S Pelham and T Williams

**In Attendance:** Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council

#### 110(2016-17) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jackson and Walmsley and the reasons accepted.

#### 111(2016-17) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

#### 112(2016-17) Minutes of the Last Meeting

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2017 be agreed as a true record.

#### 113(2016-17) Public Participation (Including Police Report)

Councillors **resolved** to adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to bring matters relating to the agenda to the attention of the council.

Councillors noted the police report for the month of January 2017 and the explanation of the difference categories into which the crime and antisocial behaviour figures are divided.

On the conclusion of public participation councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

#### 114(2016-17) Appointment of Internal Auditor for Year Ending 31.3.17 and Approval of Internal Audit Terms of Reference

Councillors **resolved** to appoint Edwina Parry as the Internal Auditor for year ending 31.3.17 at a fee of £100 and further **resolved** to agree the terms of reference for the internal audit.

#### 115(2016-17) Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors noted that application packs for this year's competition have now been received and **resolved** not to enter this year.

#### 116(2016-17) Planning Applications

##### 17/00026/REMAJ

**Proposal:** Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for residential development following outline approval 14/00226/OUTMAJ)

**Location:** Land South and West Birch Grove, Off Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the Parish Council objects to the proposal despite the applicant reverting to the original number of 77 houses. The parish council objects to the continued proposal to move the pond and does not feel that the location of the proposed new pond is suitable. The design of the properties is more suitable to an urban housing estate and not to the rural nature of the site and the village. In addition the layout and density as shown in the plan is out of character with the area. The parish council has noted the comments of the Tree Officer and is still concerned at the removal of TPO'd trees. The parish council is also concerned at the access onto Stricklands Lane given the speed of traffic in this area.

**17/00032/FUL**

**Proposal:** First floor side extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension (following removal of existing conservatory)

**Location:** Bridge Haven, Mill Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

**17/00039/FUL**

**Proposal:** First floor balcony to rear

**Location:** Northways, Brick House Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

**17/00082/COUQ**

**Proposal:** Prior approval for a change of use of an agricultural building into two dwellings (class C3)

**Location:** New Hall Farm, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

**17/00080/FUL**

**Proposal:** First floor side extension over existing dwelling and single storey rear extension

**Location:** 10 Pennine Way, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council has no objections to the proposal.

**117(2016-17) Finance****a) Receipts this month**

B Hutchinson (recharge for litter picking hoop)	£10.00
Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund	£500.00
Awards for All (play area grant)	£9,800.00

**b) Payments to be approved:**

1359/60/61 Staff costs	£910.46
1359 Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£10.10
1362 Stalmine Village Hall (room hire from 08/15 to 12/16)	£340.00

**Payments by Standing Order for Noting:**

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£24.00
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**c) Statement of Accounts – January 2017**

The statement of accounts for the month ending 31 January 2017 shows:

Business Current Account	£9,975.55
Business High Interest Account	£14,032.92
General Reserve Account	£3,390.31

Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and noted the receipts, the payment by standing order and the statement of accounts.

**118(2016-17) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)**

The Clerk had attended the Wyre Area Committee and reported that attendance had been much improved following the recent consultation exercise. Wyre Chief Executive Garry Payne had spoken of the Council's draft Business Plan and the future anticipated budget problems.

**119(2016-17) Clerk's Report (for information)**

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

Temporary Road Closure

As a result of the nearby avian influenza outbreak and in order to protect the public, LCC has closed Pilling Lane, Preesall from a point outside the entrance to the property known as Cocker's Dyke Houses to its junction with Tongues Lane and Green Dicks Lane, Preesall from its junction with Tongues Lane to a point outside the entrance to the property known as Muffy's Platt. The closure will remain in place until 22nd February 2017. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Green Dicks Lane – A588 Head Dyke Lane – B5270 Lancaster Road – B5270 Sandy Lane – Pilling Lane and vice versa.

Street Lighting on Mill Lane

LCC has confirmed that a section of lighting on Mill Lane has been out since a road traffic accident in late October during which a lighting column and feeder pillar were damaged. Both the pillar and column have subsequently been replaced but there have been a number of technical issues preventing the reconnection of the mains electrical supply to the new installations. The contractors for the outstanding works have confirmed that the reconnection of supply is scheduled for the w/c 13th February and this should see the lights working again. Thanks go to the local resident who raised the issue and to County Councillor Viv Taylor who pursued the matter on behalf of the parish council.

Average Speed Cameras

The Lancashire Road Safety Partnership has acknowledged the parish council's response and their support for the average speed camera programme. The Partnership is compiling a list of locations for consideration for if they are able to expand the programme and introduce further sites and will consider the parish council's request at that time.

Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund Grant Success

The parish council has been awarded a grant of £500 from the Benevolent Fund towards the cost of play facilities for older children. This reduces the amount of match funding the parish council will need to provide if the application to the Walney Community Fund is successful and will add to the fundraising total in the event the application is not.

Pensions Auto Enrolment

The staging date for the parish council was 1<sup>st</sup> February and now has a number of statutory duties to complete. The first step is to write to all staff within six weeks of the staging date informing them of what auto enrolment means for them.

Pedestrian Crossing

Ben Wallace MP has written to say that he wrote to LCC Head of Highways following the meeting with parish councillors and members of the public in September last year and, as he had had no response, he had written again.

Wyre Council Together We Make a Difference Network

Wyre Council has replaced the Shaping Your Neighbourhood programme with this Network which aims bring various parties together to tackle priority issues in neighbourhoods. There is no funding associated with the new approach but it intends to harness all the assets available, including groups, buildings, open space and people, to tackle priorities.

**120(2016-17) Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 14 March 2017** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.