

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine.

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

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

150(1) Apologies for absence

None

151(2) Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Booth and Cllr Wilson – planning application 19/01240/FUL

Cllr Cardwell – planning application 19/01269/REM

152(3) Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors **resolved** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2020.

153(4) Public participation

Resolved to close the meeting to allow members of the public to speak at 7.04pm

- Members of the public raised concerns regarding planning application 19/01303/FUL and the scale of the proposed development in relation to the size of the garden area, lack of privacy and noise intrusion to surrounding properties. It was believed that this was an attempt to create a second property. Work had already started on making alterations to the garage.
- The disappearance of the dog bin at Occupation Lane and the increased amount of dog fouling around the village. – inquiries would be made to see if the village hall committee would allow a dog waste bin on its land.
- The agenda for the meeting had disappeared from the website.

Resolved to reconvene the meeting at 7.30pm

154(5) Planning

Application Number: 19/01305/FUL

Proposal: Erection of replacement livery stable building

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

Resolved: that the council objects to the proposal on the grounds that the expansion of the stabling facilities will result in additional traffic on lanes that already cannot cope with the existing traffic levels. Concerns re the destruction of the verges and the danger this poses when the lanes are flooded. (unanimous)

Application Number: 19/01303/FUL

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension

Location: 1 Lynwood Drive, Stalmine-With-Staynall, Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire FY6 0PZ.

Resolved: that the council objects to the proposal on the grounds that this would be over development of a small plot and could be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of the land of neighbouring properties. (unanimous)

Application Number: 19/01269/REM

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the erection of two detached dwellings for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline application 16/00867/OUT

Location: Land south of 2 Cold Row Cottages, Carr Lane, Hambleton, Lancashire.

Resolved: that the council objects to the proposal on the grounds that the entrance to the proposed development would be on a blind bend for traffic entering at speed (on to a 60mph road) from the A588. The design was also considered to be out of keeping with the surrounding properties and the council raised concerns regarding the run-off of surface water and the extra burden this would place on an already overstretched dyke system. (4 against, 1 councillor left the room)

Application Number: 19/01240/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side/rear extension, extension to existing garage, roof lift to create first floor living accommodation, new render and timber cladding to all elevations and new roof (re-submission 18/00981/FUL)

Location: Wardleys View, Kiln Lane, Hambleton, Poulton le Fylde

Resolved: that the council has no objections to the proposal. (3 in favour, two councillors left the room).

Application Number: 19/01198/LAWE

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing development for the works of strip concrete foundation undertaken as material operations sufficient to constitute the commencement of development in accordance with s56(4) of the TCPA 1990 and having been implemented prior to 05.09.19 are such as to constitute lawful implementation of planning application 17/00260/REM

Location: Land Off Old Toms Lane, Stalmine-With-Staynall, Lancashire FY6 0JR

Resolved: that the council has no objections to the proposal as it had no knowledge of whether development had taken place prior to 05.09.19. (unanimous).

155(6) Finance

Councillors are asked:

a) To note no receipts in January.	
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b) To approve the following payments:	Cheque	
Payroll	01653,01654,01656	976.30
Clerk's expenses (on behalf of council)	001655	29.90

Lengthsman's expenses (SLN on behalf of council)	01657	11.00
Mr K Jenkinson (lighting) 15/11/19	001658	40.00
Wyre Building Supplies Ltd Inv. 0231305 - £8.00, 01231661 £6.98	001659	14.98

c) To note the following payments by direct debit:	
Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	39.60

d) To note the statement of accounts for month ending 31 January 2020 Current account £26079.95 Reserve account £1.17 General reserve account £0.11	
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156(7) Woodland signage

Cllr Wilson reported that a bird survey had been undertaken in the wood and a variety of species had been identified. Two owl boxes were being made. The woodland ecologist had also recommended that a 1m wide border of thorn, holly and gorse be planted to provide food, foliage and cover for birds (this could be done by the Wyre volunteers) and for the area to be fenced off from the playing field. A survey of small mammals would take place in April. Any trees planted would be obtained free from the Woodland Trust. Cllr Pelham had collected ten bird boxes that had been donated and taken them to the school for painting. The ponds are fine, but need to be cleaned out, this could be supervised. The signage is still under development and could contain an additional QR code relating to wildlife in the wood.

Resolved: the clerk to arrange a meeting on site with representatives from Wyre Council to look at the practicalities of fencing and planting, and to contact the clerk at Hambleton regarding recommendations for pond clearance.

157(8) Appointment of internal auditor for year ending 31.3.2020 and approval of internal audit terms of reference.

Councillors **resolved** that Edwina Parry, the clerk to Garstang Town Council, be appointed as the internal auditor for the year ending 31.3.20 at a fee of £150 and further **resolved** to adopt the terms of reference for the internal audit as presented.

158(9) Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors **resolved** not to take part in this year's competition as no volunteers have come forward to give assistance in keeping the area tidy, problems with dog fouling in all areas of the parish and changes being planned for verge maintenance (trailing of wild flower beds).

159(10) Tree preservation order

Councillors **resolved** that the council had no objection to the tree preservation order at Berdon Cottage, Stricklands Lane, Stalmine that was put in place on 21 January 2020.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

160(11) Reports from outside bodies/councils

Cllr Williams reported that he had received a warm welcome from Stalmine with Staynall Residents' Association. A talk is planned from a representative of the UK Men's Sheds Association, with the possibility of one being set up locally. A gala is being planned for 27 June at the school.

Flooding following the recent storm has been a problem along a number of the lanes. Residents have provided photographic evidence. The clerk was asked to obtain permissions to share this information with Wyre and EA.

161(12) Clerk's report

Road closures

Lancashire County Council will close Wardleys Lane, Stalmine with Staynall on 24.02.20 until 03.03.20 for cable installation works in the carriageway by Gallagher Ltd on behalf of ENW.

Banking

The documentation is now with Yorkshire Bank for processing.

Public footpaths

Details of problem footpaths have been passed to Lancashire County Council.

Woodland

Contact has been made with two tree surgeons regarding the works in the wood, and confirmation of availability to look at the site is awaited.

Website accessibility

The clerk attended the website accessibility training course run by SLCC. Representatives from Easy Web were also present. A number of disability-friendly tools were used on the site and it (along with other non-Easy Websites) was found wanting). Easy Web is developing an accessibility-friendly website for another client and believes that it will be easier and more cost-effective to replace the existing Preesall TC website with the newly developed one. Information gleaned from the meeting is to be built into this new website. Approximately ten other local councils using Easy Web software are affected by these changes. Once a fully working product is available, the company will work with clerks to provide information that can be brought back to council.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of Over Wyre parishes to discuss common issues is to be held at 7.00pm on 24 February at the Youth and Community Centre, Preesall. Cllr Booth gave her apologies.

NALC news

Review of Councillor Code of Conduct

Over the last couple of weeks, colleagues from NALC and county associations have attended workshops convened by the Local Government Association (LGA) on developing a new model code of conduct. The sessions were attended by representatives from bodies across local government, including monitoring officers, who considered types of codes and what the content of the recommended new code should be, by way of case studies, plus consideration of the role of social media. Issues raised included sanctions, training and interests. In terms of next steps, a draft model code, to be consulted upon in coming months, is expected, as the LGA is aiming to publish the new code at its conference in July.

NALC Spring Conference 2020, 17 March, London

NALC Spring Conference 2020 is an essential event for the local government sector, bringing local (parish and town) councils together with other sectors to share, celebrate and advance the crucial work local councils do to build stronger communities.

The conference will focus on one of NALC's key campaigns for 2020, health and wellbeing, and how local councils can create healthier communities.

The conference will include speakers on the latest health and wellbeing policy issues, interactive panels, dedicated time for a Q&A to ask your questions, promoting good practice and an expanded sector-specific exhibition showcasing products and services that can support your council's needs. In addition, there will be a range of sessions to help answer some critical issues, such as:

- what are the health challenges communities are facing?
- how are different tiers of local government collaborating?
- reaching out to help local councils tackle hidden disabilities.
- how can the public and private sectors work together?

To find out more and to get your tickets go to www.nalc.gov.uk/springconference .

Late rates will begin on 2 March - prices start from £260.

Lancashire County Council news

To partners and stakeholders

We are seeking the opinion of partners and stakeholders on Lancashire County Council's proposed budget for 2020/21.

We are consulting on Cabinet's budget proposals for the coming financial year, which are contained within "Money Matters" Cabinet reports and can be viewed [here](#). We apologise that this is later than in previous years as the timing of the consultation has been affected by the General Election, however unlike recent years we are proposing a budget for 2020/21 which will not require the use of reserves to support any funding gap and we are not proposing any specific savings proposals for Cabinet and Full Council to consider as part of the budget setting process. This reflects that we are implementing and delivering a significant savings programme running over several financial years, which has been agreed in previous years' budget processes, and the impact of the one-year finance settlement which has recognised the significant pressures on social care, particularly with additional funding for social care and the temporary continuation of the revenue support grant. One aspect of this additional funding is the continuing flexibility granted on council tax for adult social care and we are proposing to apply a 3.99% council tax increase, with 2% of this to be used for adult social care.

We would like to hear your thoughts on this proposal.

Your feedback will be considered and reported to our Full Council meeting on 13 February when the budget is set.

Planters – the number of planters along the road side is to be reduced, and the school will be asked if they would like to have any in the playground for the children to plant up. Three will be loaned to Preesall Town Council, with the rest forming part of a student dissertation project on sustainable environmentally friendly planting.

163(13) Date and time of next meeting

Councillors are 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 28 February 2020**). A summary of the reason for raising the matter should be provided.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 10 March 2020** at 7.00pm.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.