

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12 June 2017 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stalmine

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

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council

019(2017-18) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Forshaw and the reason accepted.

020(2017-18) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

021(2017-18) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2017 be agreed as a true record.

022(2017-18) 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 May 2017.

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

023(2017-18) Appointment of New Clerk

Councillors **resolved** to formally appoint Alison May to the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on the terms and conditions agreed with effect from 18 September 2017.

024(2017-18) Internal Audit Report

Councillors noted the internal audit report and considered the response, prepared by the Clerk, to the one recommendation made. Councillors **resolved** to accept the response and to not introduce the initialling of invoices and bills for payment on the basis that they were satisfied with the audit trail already in place. Councillors further noted the three noted points made.

025(2017-18) Parish Councillor Vacancy

Councillors noted that an advert had been placed in the Over Wyre Focus for a replacement for former Cllr Walmsley with a deadline for expressions of interest by the end of June and that Wyre Council had been notified of Cllr Jackson's resignation but the parish council could not fill this vacancy with a volunteer until the end of June. Councillors **resolved** to see any volunteers for both vacancies immediately prior to the July meeting.

026(2017-18) Changes to Bank Mandate

Councillors **resolved** to remove former councillor June Jackson from the bank mandate and further **resolved** to add Cllrs Forshaw and Williams to the mandate. Councillors therefore **resolved** that "the authorised signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2, be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended. (Section 5 is removal of a signatory and 6 the addition of one or more signatories). Councillors further **resolved** to add the new Clerk to the mandate in time for her taking over the role.

027(2017-18) Playing Field Hedge

Councillors noted that, while the fence panel was finally replaced early this year there has been no progress in replanting the hedge. Councillors **resolved**, in principle, to replace the hedge subject to

approval of the costs at the next meeting.

028(2017-18) Planning Applications

17/00445/REM

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the erection of one dwelling following planning permission 14/00228/OUT (resubmission of application 16/01047/REM)

Location: Bowland View, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

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

029(2017-18) Finance

a) Receipts this month

LCC – PROW opt in payment	£250.00
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b) Payments to be approved:

1382/83/84	Staff costs	£1014.38
1382/83	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£32.72
1385	Fylde Mowercare (mower repair)	£92.35
1386	Mrs E Parry (internal audit)	£100.00
1387	Preesall Auto Discount	£20.98
1388	Wyre Building Supplies	£3.00

Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

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

The statement of accounts for the month ending 31 May shows

Business Current Account	£5,315.11
Business High Interest Account	£37,439.52
General Reserve Account	£3,394.54

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

030(2017-18) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

031(2017-18) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

New Campaign for Foster Carers

Lancashire County Council is asking people to consider if they could help a child or young person achieve their dreams by becoming a foster carer.

The new campaign focusses on the need for new foster carers to help children in care reach their true potential. The county council has recently raised their allowances for new foster carers in recognition of their valuable role and rising costs. This means that newly approved foster carers can expect to receive between £241 and £415 to meet the needs of each child they care for.

The council is currently recruiting new foster carers to look after around 20 children a week who come into their care and a package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers in their role, including

local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training. If you have a spare room and want to make a difference to a young person's life, could you be a foster carer for your local authority?

For more information, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering or call their friendly team on **0300 123 6723**.

Speed Limit on Carr Lane

Neil Stevens, Highway Development Control Manager at LCC, has confirmed that he is looking into the idea of reducing the speed limit on Carr Lane following representations made by the parish council and will respond shortly.

Play Area for Older Children - Grant Applications

The parish council was not successful in its bid for funding from the Walney Community Fund but has got through the first round of bids for funding from the Lancashire Environment Fund. The main grant application has to be submitted by 14 July with the outcome known in mid-October.

Proposed Temporary Closure of Brick House Lane

LCC is proposing to close Brick House Lane from Carr Lane to Eldersfield to allow utility works to be carried out. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 3rd July 2017 until 1700 hours on Wednesday 5th July 2017 or until completion of the works within this period. The diversion is via Staynall Lane and New Road.

032(2017-18) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 11 July 2017** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.