

STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs D Forshaw (Chairman), A Haydock, K Jenkinson, S Pelham and T Williams

In Attendance: Jan Finch, Clerk to the Council; Alison May, Clerk (designate) and three police officers for item 4 (Public Participation including Police Report).

045(2017-18) Apologies for Absence

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

046(2017-18) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

047(2017-18) Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2017 be agreed as a true record.

048(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 August and again noted the anti-social behaviour in Stalmine. As a result of the public concern expressed at the last meeting, representations were made to the police who had attended tonight's meeting to reassure councillors that steps had been taken to tackle the problems and councillors acknowledged that there had been few problems in September so far. The police officers urged members of the public to report any problems to them as police resources now had to be targeted at areas where there were known problems. If problems are not reported the police cannot know about them and cannot therefore allocate resources to tackle them.

Sgt Freaney briefed councillors on changes within the Neighbourhood Watch scheme both in Lancashire and locally. Within Lancashire the Scheme now comes under the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership who will send out information from partner organisations such as Police, Fire and Rescue and Trading Standards. At a local level there are schemes in many villages and towns and they will now be organised at a Wyre level. Neighbourhood Watch schemes are based on a street or small area level, each with a co-ordinator who gathers and disseminates information to residents in that area. Anyone wishing to set up a scheme in their street or small area should contact the Garstang, Over Wyre and Poulton Neighbourhood Policing Team on 01995 607869 or email garstangoverwyreandpoulton.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

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

049(2017-18) Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

The external audit has now been completed and councillors **resolved** to accept and approve the Annual Return. Councillors noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be displayed on the notice board and the Annual Return uploaded on to the website.

050(2017-18) New Flower Bed

Councillors noted a request from a resident for a low wooden bed in which to plant wild flowers on Staynall Lane, subject to LCC Highways granting a licence. Councillors **resolved** to agree to the request and further **resolved** to put money into next year's budget to fund the project, the cost of

which is likely to be £100-£150. Councillors noted that the resident had agreed to buy the plants.

051(2017-18) Litter Bin on Playing Field

Councillors **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting so that a brochure could be obtained.

052(2017-18) Appetite for Establishment of a Police Forum

Councillors considered an email from Preesall Town Council on the subject of their frustration with the lack of a police presence at its monthly meetings and its increasing concern at the perception within the community that there is no any point reporting crime as nothing will happen. They had written to neighbouring parishes to enquire whether there was any appetite for the establishment of a 'police forum' to meet monthly or quarterly. Councillors **resolved** that the parish council did not wish to participate in such a meeting on the basis that councillors would prefer that police resources were used to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour rather than attend meetings. Furthermore, as evidenced earlier, the police will attend a meeting when there is a particular matter of concern.

053(2017-18) Christmas Tree Lighting

Councillors considered a request from church asking whether the parish council wished to contribute anything towards the catering on the night of the Christmas Tree lighting. Councillors noted that the parish council already supplies the Christmas Tree and lights each year and arranges the band and gives them a donation for playing. They further noted that last year the cost of the Council's contribution had been £330. On that basis councillors **resolved** not to contribute to the catering.

054(2017-18) Planning Applications

17/00723/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a covered manure store with underground effluent storage

Location: Bridge Farm, Back Lane, Stalmine

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

17/00709/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to 4no dwellings

Location: Fox Fields, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council objects to the proposal on the grounds that traffic from the site will need to exit onto the very busy main road where there is a 60mph speed limit. The parish council is also aware that the access road to the site is in private ownership.

17/00756/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 11 of planning consent 14/00403/FUL to allow changes in the layout and design of the dwelling at Plot 1

Location: Murldale, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

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

17/00572/FUL (amended)

Proposal: Erection of 2no detached dwellings and new access onto Back Lane

Location: Land adjacent to Moor End Cottages, Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

The parish council stated in its initial response to this application that it had no objection to the proposal other than to express concern about the drainage infrastructure in this part of the village. It was agreed that this continues to be the case. Councillors also asked that the significant increase in traffic on this narrow rural lane as a result of recent planning approvals be pointed out.

17/00757/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension with first floor balcony above and alterations to front, rear and side elevations to include the addition of windows and a Juliet balcony

Location: Plantanside House Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

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

17/00726/FUL

Proposal: Construction of seven detached bungalows with integral garages and access road to the rear of Trevelyan and Rathsheen

Location: Land to Rear of Trevelyan, 19 Stricklands Lane, Stalmine

It was agreed that the parish council objects to the proposal on the grounds that the drainage infrastructure in this part of the village is inadequate.

17/00762/REM

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the erection of one dwelling (following outline application 16/01067/OUT)

Location: Land Adjacent to Meadowcroft, Moss Side Lane, Stalmine

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

055(2017-18) Finance**a) Receipts this month**

None

b) Payments to be approved:

1401/02/03	Staff costs	£1619.48
1401/02	Staff expenses on behalf of the Council	£41.45
1404	BDO LLP (external audit)	£240.00
1405	Wyre Building Supplies	£120.00

c) Payments by Standing Order for Noting:

Easy Websites (monthly hosting fee)	£24.00
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d) Statement of Accounts – August 2017

The statement of accounts for the month ending 31 August shows

Business Current Account	£494.28
Business High Interest Account	£37,240.49
General Reserve Account	£3,398.77

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

056(2017-18) Reports from Outside Bodies (for information)

None.

057(2017-18) Clerk's Report (for information)

Councillors noted the Clerk's report in respect of:

NW Air Ambulance Mission Walk

North West Air Ambulance Charity is inviting local people to take part in its annual Mission Walk on Sunday 17th September to raise funds to keep the North West Air Ambulance Charity's helicopters in the air. Participants can choose between two scenic routes - a challenging 10km hike or a gentler 8.5km family walk – both of which will take place in beautiful Wyresdale Park near Preston. The walk will begin at 1pm, with registration open from 12pm. Participants will have the chance to meet paramedics and to chat to members of the fundraising team. All walkers who complete their mission will receive a special edition t-shirt they can wear with pride on the day and medal as a reward. Entry fee is £15 for an adult raising sponsorship, and £7.50 for children aged 6-15 years. To register for the Mission Walk please visit www.nwaa.net/missionwalk or call the team on 0800 587 4570.

Shared Ownership Properties in Pilling

Redwing Living, part of the Regenda Housing Group is offering 6 two bed and 7 three bed new build properties in Memorial Road, Pilling on a shared ownership basis and is looking for people from the local community, who may be struggling to get onto the property ladder, who may benefit from this scheme. You must be a first time buyer or first time buyer after a relationship breakdown and your household income must be under £80,000 per annum. The scheme offers purchasers the potential to buy a share ranging from 40-75% (initially, based on an affordability assessment) of the value of the property, meaning they require less deposit but will be living in a property valued at considerable more than they may be able to initially afford. There will be a reduced rent payable on the share owned by Redwing Living. The intention of the reduced rent is to allow the purchaser to save up to buy more shares in the future with the overall goal of eventually owning 100% of the property and the freehold. For further information contact Redwing Living on 0344 7360063.

Free Training for Prospective Volunteers

Lancashire Adult Learning is offering free 8 week training programme for new and existing volunteers aged 19 and over. The course includes an Introduction to Volunteering; Personal and Organisational Standards; Health and Safety; Equality and Diversity, First Aid and Food Hygiene with free accredited training in First Aid and Food Hygiene for eligible participants. For more information contact Helen Pass on 01282 508236; 07387 103246; h.pass@lal.ac.uk; www.lal.ac.uk

Halite Community Liaison Panel

Halite is setting up a Community Liaison Panel and has invited relevant planning officers at Wyre Council and LCC, County and Borough councillors, local parish councils and a number of local community groups and residents in the vicinity of the project to attend. The first meeting will be held in the North Euston Hotel on 2 October at 7pm.

058(2017-18) Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 10 October 2017** at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.