

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 11 November 2003 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

Cllr Peter Adams (Chair)
Cllr Roy Hewson
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Cllr Frank Hayes
Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr Ken Simpson

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)
1 Member of the public

03.94 Apologies

Cllr Dave Pearson

Business Commitments

03.95 Minutes of Meeting held on 14 October 2003

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Cllr Adams stated that the letter referred to under 03.87 Matters Arising (03.70 Planning) referred to a letter from Joan Walley MP to John Prescott. Cllr Adams also clarified that the website referred to in the Public Section of the meeting was already in existence. With the above explanation the Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

03.96 Matters Arising

03.43 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance Committee

A letter has been received from the Highways Department stating that consideration for inclusion in the programme of footway reconstruction for the coming year is being given for the footways in Bagnall. Official notification of inclusion is awaited.

03.62 – Any Other Business

Cllr Hayes reported that the signs had now been repositioned and a new 'S' bend sign installed. A new directional signpost for Bagnall has also been installed on the A52.

03.70 Planning – Highlands Hospital

The Clerk advised that no replacement letter had been received from the District Council, the Parish Council requested that this be followed up. Cllr Hayes read out a draft letter to the Secretary of State dealing with the Hospital site in support of the development at the hospital site and requesting notification of the current position. This letter will be copied to the District Council.

03.78 Development of Playing Fields

- Cllr Hayes has spoken to the County Council regarding the lease on the playing fields. A report has been presented to the Education Committee with a recommendation to lease to the Parish Council the playing fields. The lease is for a 20-year period with an option to purchase at any time during this period. The terms indicated within the letter were accepted and the Parish Council now awaits formal confirmation.
- Cllr Simpson has obtained samples of ground cover chippings and these were tabled for comment. The Clerk advised that this project could be funded through existing Parish funds, however, it was agreed in the first instance to resource grants to take this work forward. Consideration was given to additional equipment being installed and the Clerk will investigate prices.

Public Section

Cllr Hayes brought to the attention of the Editor of the Leek Post and Times, a number of inaccuracies within an article. In response the Editor would like to meet with the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Cllr Hayes to discuss this matter further. Cllr Hayes will confirm arrangements.

03.81 Report from Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance Committee

No further communication has been received from the County Council regarding Footpath 25, the Clerk will chase this up.

03.90 Report from Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance Committee

- The 30mph sign near the Hospital entrance to the village has now been repositioned.
- It was agreed to include the verge outside Mr Gregory's premises within the Lengthsman's agreement

03.97 Website

Mr Houston-Brown gave an overview of the site he had developed for the Village Hall Committee and how the Parish Council could utilise space upon the site for the publication of its Minutes. One of the criteria for Quality Council status is the publication of information, including Minutes, upon a website, however, Cllr Hewson expressed concerns that the site was specifically for the Village Hall and not more generic in nature to the Parish. Following discussions, it was agreed that whilst this was not an ideal situation the Parish Council was not currently in a position to commission a website. Therefore, for a trial period of twelve months the Parish Council would make use of the web site at the next meeting and the proposed links / layout, etc.

03.98 Report from Finance and Planning Committee

Finance

- An invoice from Town and Country Services in the sum of £156.27 has been received. This related to cutting village greens and some lengthsman work. Payment was agreed.
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council has submitted an invoice for uncontested election fees in the sum of £21.90. Payment was agreed.

Planning

Planning permission has been granted for:

- Woodlands, 11 Moorhead Drive, Bagnall
First Floor front and side extensions
- Westview, School Lane, Bagnall
Two storey side and single storey rear extensions
- Lime Tree Farm, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Erection of single storey farm building
- Tompkin Chapel, Tompkin Lane, Stanley
Single storey front extension and ramp access

Refusal of Planning permission has been received for:

- Luzlow Nursery, Thorney Edge, Bagnall
Erection of dwelling to support horticulture business
- Endon Riding School, Stanley Moss Lane, Stanley Moss

Extension to staff accommodation

- Orchard Lee, Clewloes Bank, Stockton Brook
Refusal of certificate for use of land to the rear as a domestic garden

Planning Applications have been received for:

- Wayside, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Detached garage
- Lime Tree Farm, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Double garage and single storey extension
- Beech Haye, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Extension to detached garage
- Lime Tree Farm, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Agricultural livestock building

All the above applications were supported.

Notification of work on trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders:

- Chestnut House, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Crown raising on four trees, with one having lower lateral branches removed which overhang neighbouring property.

03.99 Report from Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance Committee

- The Highways Department has requested suggested highway schemes to be considered for inclusion within the Local Transport Plan. Our suggestions covered:
 - Installation of a kerb and appropriate delineation of the footway by the former hospital site
 - Traffic calming measures on the narrow stretch of road outside the Village Hall
 - Yellow lines outside the Rose and Crown Public House
 - Remedial work to the road surface on Bagnall Road between the Parish boundary and School Lane
 - Remedial work to avoid water collection on School Road
- Discussion around the provision of a Burial Ground within the village took place. Cllr Simpson has spoken to the Land Registry office regarding the ownership of one piece of land on the outskirts of the village; however, Cllr Simpson was unable to establish ownership of this land. Cllr Simpson will make further investigations and report back in due course.

03.100 Report from Environmental Issues Committee

There were no items to report.

03.101 Correspondence

- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Expansion of the current recycling facilities within the district
- Staffordshire County Council – Waste Local Plan 1998-2011
- RBS Auditing Solutions – Letter of introduction
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Council Tax Direct Debit campaign: Christmas 2003-11-15 Patient and Public Involvement in Health Staffordshire – Nominations for forums requested
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Notification of Grand Charity

Concert

- Gravity Engineering Ltd – Skatepark catalogue
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Request for recreational Walk Leaflets. The Clerk will forward copies
- Staffordshire County Council – Budget Consultation Questionnaire
- Staffordshire County Council – Winter Driving Leaflet
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Countryside Activities and Events Programme: Winter 2003/4
- Staffordshire County Council – Public speaking leaflets
- Staffordshire County Council – Newsletter
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – Annual Report
- Staffordshire Police Authority – Annual Report

03.102 Any Other Business

- Concerns were expressed regarding building developments at The Hollies, The Green, Bagnall. Cllr Ralphs was asked to investigate this with the Planning Department

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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15 November 2003