

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 9 December 2003 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

Cllr Peter Adams (Chair)
Cllr Roy Hewson
Cllr Dave Pearson

Cllr Frank Hayes
Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr Ken Simpson

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)
0 Members of the public

03.103 Apologies

Cllr Sybil Ralphs

03.104 Minutes of Meeting held on 11 November 2003

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as a true and accurate record.

03.105 Matters Arising

03.70 Planning – Highlands Hospital

Cllr Pearson declared an interest and did not participate in the discussions. Cllr Hayes advised that prior to his submission of the letter to the Secretary of State a report appeared in The Sentinel advising that the plans sent to the Secretary of State had been withdrawn, Cllr Adams spoke to the District Council and this fact was confirmed. Concern was expressed that the District Council had not kept us informed. Following discussion it was agreed to keep the letter on file.

03.78 – Development of Playing Fields

A catalogue of play equipment has been received, however, in view of the cost implications it has been decided to review the purchase of additional equipment at a later stage. Applications for a grant in the region of £1,200 to finance the work will be made and upon receipt of acceptance work on re-instating the swings together with the groundwork will commence. It is hoped to have the work completed in March / April 2004.

03.99 – Report from Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance Committee

Cllr Simpson had ascertained that the field currently being looked at for a burial ground was passed over to a friend upon the death of the owner. A copy of the Probate will be obtained. Investigations into other suitable plots of land within the Parish will continue.

03.106 Precept for 2004 / 2005

The Clerk tabled a paper outlining all the anticipated expenditure for 2004 / 2005 and recommending an increase in the Precept to £3,683 and an increase in the Clerk's salary to £84 per month, plus expenses. Following discussion these recommendations were accepted.

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03.107 Parish Plans Initiative

The Parish Plans documentation is with a Parishioner and we are awaiting confirmation that he is interested in initiating discussion within the Parish to take this initiative further.

03.108 Report from Finance and Planning Committee

Finance

- An invoice from the lengthsman has been received in the sum of £64.62. Payment was agreed.
- The subscription for 2004 / 05 is now due for Staffordshire Playing Fields Association. This is in the sum of £15.00. Payment was agreed.
- On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Adams purchased flowers at a cost of £20.00 for a Parishioner, agreement to reimburse him was given.
- The Audit Commission has invoiced us for £58.75 for the external audit. Payment was agreed.
- The Subscription for the Society of Local Council Clerks is now due in the sum of £45.00. Payment was agreed.
- A cheque for £5.15 has been received in respect of rental for the erection of an electricity pole nr the Poplars.

Planning

Planning permission has been granted for:

- Green Shutters, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Single storey front, side and rear extensions
- Beech Haye, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Extension to detached garage
- Bank Farm, The Green, Bagnall
Alterations to Listed Building (two storey side extension)
- Wayside, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Detached garage

Refusal of planning permission has been received for:

- Greenway Hall Golf Club, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Golf Club house, parking, maintenance shed and new access, redesign of sections of golf course
- Greenway Hall Golf Club, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Outline application for residential development

Planning Applications have been received for:

- Houghwood Gate, School Road, Bagnall
Extension to dwelling

The above application was supported.

- Cotslow Corner, Stanley Road, Stanley
Erection of a bungalow (outline)

Although the above application was supported in principle, concerns were raised that change of use would be required and that the development may be within Green Belt. If the latter was the case the Parish Council could not support the

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application.

- Bagnall Hospital, Bagnall Road, Bagnall
Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use

Cllrs Pearson declared an interest and did not take place in discussions. The above application was supported. However, concerns were again raised about the increase in traffic on what are essentially village roads. The Clerk to write to the District Council to request consideration be given to an additional entrance on School Road being made a condition of acceptance for any development on this site.

03.109 Report from Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance Committee

- Cllr Simpson proposed a number of sites that could be tidied up by the Lengthsman and these were agreed.
- A lorry has caused some damage to the soft ground by the ford, it was agreed to asked the Lengthsman to infill this area with hardcore.
- The depositing of rubbish has been reported by the ford, Cllr Simpson will report this to the appropriate authorities
- A caravan has been sited across Footpath 14. This has been reported to the appropriate authority.
- A vehicle has caused damage to the bench opposite the Golf Club. Cllr Simpson will obtain a quotation for its replacement. The Insurance Company has been advised.

03.110 Report from Environmental Issues Committee

There was no report.

03.111 Correspondence

- The Community Chest Scheme – Notification of the availability of small grants relating to economic, environmental and social issues
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – Consultation on their Integrated Risk Management Plan
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Parks and Countryside Service Strategy 2003 to 2007
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Initiation to attend the Chairman of the Council's Charity Ball
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Minutes of Council meetings

03.112 Any Other Business

It was agreed not to hold a meeting in January 2004. The next meeting will therefore be on Tuesday 10 February 2004 at 7.30pm.

The Parish Council takes this opportunity to wish all its parishioners a happy and prosperous New Year.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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29 December 2003