

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 10 February 2004 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

Cllr Peter Adams (Chair)
Cllr Roy Hewson

Cllr Frank Hayes
Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Cllr Ken Simpson

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)
2 Members of the public

04.01 Apologies

Cllr Dave Pearson

Family commitments

04.02 Minutes of Meeting held on 9 December 2003

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

04.03 Matters Arising

03.78 – Development of Playing Fields

The Clerk has approached Market Towns Initiative and The Foundation for Sport and the Arts for a grant. However, neither of these organisations is in a position to offer a grant to take forward the work on the playing fields at this time. Cllr Ralphs suggested that we contact the Village Agent Project for funding. Following further discussions, it was agreed that the process of securing a grant would take some time and would not enable us to have the work carried out speedily with a view to having the play area ready for the Spring. The Clerk was therefore asked to ascertain if the Parish Council was able to finance this project, she agreed to check the accounts and advise accordingly.

03.109 Report from Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance Committee

- Cllr Simpson has approached the owners of the caravan that is across Footpath 14. The owners have indicated the circumstances for this and given assurances that it will be moved in the very near future. Cllr Simpson will monitor the situation.
- Discussion about the soft ground by the ford took place. Cllr Simpson has been unsuccessful in procuring a contractor to carry out the work; however, he has been in contact with Mr Pytlik from the Highways Department who has agreed to include this work within his schedule for 2004/05.
- A quotation for the replacement of the seat opposite the Golf course has been received and forwarded to the Insurance Company. We await their further advice. Cllr Hayes asked for the bush immediately behind the bench to be removed prior to the new seat being position, Cllr Simpson will arrange.
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04.04 Parish Plans Initiative

Mr Neats has indicated his interest in organising a public meeting to discuss this issue further. We await further information.

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04.05 Report from Finance and Planning Committee

Finance

There were no items for consideration.

Planning

A letter has been received from Mr Breakwell explaining that our considerations would be taken into account on future applications, but were not applicable to this current application.

Planning applications have been received for:

- Reacliffe House, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook
First floor rear extension over kitchen

This application was supported.

- Greenfields, Thorney Edge Road, Bagnall
Use of land as 3 x 9 hole golf course, alteration, extension and conversion of existing farmhouse into club house and driving range, conversion of existing workshop into maintenance/storage facilities and car park

This application was brought to the attention of the Clerk late in December 2003, but no paperwork was received until February 2004. This paperwork did not include any plans and despite several telephone calls by the Chairman these plans were not available for discussion at the meeting. In view of the fact that not all the relevant information was before the Parish Council it was agreed that no comment could be made and that a request for the application to go before the Planning committee be made.

A full letter expressing our concerns over planning issues generally is to be forwarded to the Chief Executive of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

Public Section

Mr Lovall gave an overview of the plans appertaining to the application for a golf course at Greenfields, Thorney Edge Road together with his observations and concerns on this development.

04.06 Report from Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance Committee

- i. Litter is again becoming a problem on the car park opposite the golf course. Cllr Simpson has arranged for this to be collected on a regular basis.
- ii. The condition of Footpath 28 is deteriorating and Cllr Simpson asked that a grant be obtained to enable work to improve the condition be undertaken. The Clerk will obtain relevant information on suitable grants. The County Council has agreed to cut back vegetation on this footpath.
- iii. The damaged posts around the village green are being replaced.
- iv. Cutting back the verges / overhanging bushes at the top of Clewlovs Bank will be undertaken.
- v. Cllr Simpson will chase up the District Council regarding the removal of leaves on the roads.

04.07 Report from Environmental Issues Committee

There was no report at this time.

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04.08 Correspondence

- Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – Notification of a website domain name. It was agreed to adopt this name, but redirect the site to the one we are currently setting up.
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Best Kept Village 2004. Entry declined
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Promotion of Walks Leaflets
- Staffordshire County Council – Invitation to Chairman's Informal Charity Reception
- Leek and District Civic Society – Annual Awards Scheme
- Staffordshire County Training Partnership – Notification of training courses available
- RoSPA – Information in Annual inspections for Children's playgrounds
- Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – Seminar on Chairmanship and Conduct of Meetings

04.09 Any Other Business

- There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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14 February 2004