

# **Bagnall Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 13 July 2004 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall**

### **Present**

Cllr Peter Adams (Chair)  
Cllr Peter Lawley  
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Cllr Frank Hayes  
Cllr Dave Pearson  
Cllr Ken Simpson

### **In Attendance:**

Denise Cooper (Clerk)  
1 Members of the public

### **04.56 Apologies**

Cllr Roy Hewson

### **04.57 Minutes of Meeting held on 8 June 2004**

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

### **04.58 Matters Arising not on agenda**

#### **04.39 – Village Road Name Signs**

Cllr Ralphs clarified where the signs would be placed, stating that work will be carried out as swiftly as possible.

### **04.59 Parish Plans**

Mr Neat thanked members of the Parish Council who attended the meeting in May and the Clerk for taking Minutes.

The number of parishioners who attended the meeting pleasantly surprised him, but unfortunately only two people had volunteered to be involved. It was therefore his opinion that at the current time the development of a Parish Plan was not viable. Following further discussion Councillors and Mr Neat agreed that rather than have a blank canvas, if there was an issue to be focused on then the concept of the Parish Plan could be adopted. Cllr Pearson thought that a popular initiative would be the purchase of the playing fields and this issue will be taken forward at a later date.

Members of the Council thanked Mr Neat for his involvement.

### **04.60 Finance issues**

A cheque for £305.00 has been received from Staffordshire County Council being the first two quarters of the Lengthsman's Scheme.

An invoice has been received from Town and Country Services for £341.92. This covers cutting of the village greens and some Legthman work. Payment was agreed.

## **04.61 Planning Applications**

Planning applications have been received in respect of:

- The Nook, Old Mill lane, Bagnall  
Alterations and first floor rear extensions
- Mobile Home, Jack Hayes Farm, Jack Hayes Lane, Armshead  
Front sun lounge

The above applications were supported.

### Tree Preservation Order - Modification

Notification to remove lower secondary branches on the north side of a tree located on the boundary of Hillside Cottage, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook

The Clerk had written to the Planning Department querying the plans for a proposed development at Moorlands House, Clewlovs Bank. A letter has been received from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council stating that whilst the plans were not professionally drawn, they provided enough evidence for the Case Officers to make a decision.

Councillors stated that whilst Case Officers are able to verbally liaise with applicants, the Parish Council does not have this facility and where plans are ambiguous the Parish Council is hampered in making a valid decision.

## **04.62 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues**

### **03.109(i) – Footpath 14**

Cllr Ralphs reported that the owner of the caravan has been approached. Some confusion had arisen which has now been resolved and an amicable agreement reached. The situation will be monitored.

### **04.42(i) – Fencing**

Cllr Simpson has arranged for the Lengthsman to undertake repairs to the fencing around the green. Although the posts have been re-instated they have not been sufficiently secured. Cllr Simpson will ensure that this is carried out.

### **04.52(i) – Ruts, Lawn Lane**

No response has been received from the Highways Department regarding the ruts. The Clerk to follow up.

### **Footpath 12**

Cllr Simpson has been liaising with George Shufflebotham of the Ramblers' Association with regard to the condition of Footpath 12. An Officer from Staffordshire County Council will be asked to inspect and provide a report.

## **04.63 Environmental Issues**

Cllr Hayes reported that the LA21 and the Countryside Committees will be walking the Churnet River with a view to tackling the Himalayan Balsam that is encroached along the riverbank.

Cllr Pearson advised of a large gangs of young people who have been seen over the past few weeks and who have caused damage within the village. The Clerk was asked to contact the local Police station to request a police presence in the village as a deterrent.

## Public Section

A member of the public queried the designation of Footpath 32. The parishioner was happy with the clarification given.

### 04.64 Correspondence

- Staffordshire Moorlands District council – Consultation on draft supplementary planning guidance. Councillors will read the documentation and comment at the next meeting.
- Werrington Parish Council – Invitation to Civic Service
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Partnership – Notification of the 'Dob a Dealer' anti-drugs campaign
- Cheddleton Open Gardens – Notification of the annual Open Gardens event.
- BT – Notification of a national campaign to rationalise pay phone boxes. Locally this will involve the removal of the phone box at Tompkin.
- Wetley Moor Joint Committee – Programme of meetings

### 04.65 Any Other Business

- Cllr Adams thanked all who assisted with the Summer Fete. This was a very successful event although he was not aware of the total funding raised.
- Cllr Adams stated that the Church, with regard to notices they were required to put in the Community notice boards, had contacted him. The notices were too large for inclusion in the Parish Council's notice boards and an amicable solution was found.
- A member of the public has requested the use of our playing fields during the summer for football practice. The Parish Council is not able to comply with this request because of the remedial work scheduled. However, Cllr Hayes was asked to obtain further information with a view to the facility being available in future years.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed  (Chairman)

Date: 10 August 2004

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18 July 2004