

Bagnall Parish Council

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

Present

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

Cllr Frank Hayes
Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)
0 Members of the public

04.67 Apologies

There were no apologies

04.68 Minutes of Meeting held on 13 July 2004

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed as an accurate record.

04.69 Matters Arising not on agenda

04.39 – Village Road Name Signs

Cllr Ralphs reported that the signs had now been re-positioned as agreed. The Clerk has received a letter requesting the Parish Council's definitive name for one of the roads within the Parish. The road runs from the junction of Salters Wells and Thorney Edge Road down to the Cheshire railings. Following discussion Councillors agreed on Luzlow Lane.

04.65 – Any Other Business

Cllr Hayes has been unable to obtain further information regarding the use of the playing fields during the summer months.

04.70 Consultation on draft supplementary Planning Guidance

- i. Public Open space
- ii. Affordable Housing
- iii. Developer Contributions

Parish Councillors felt that the content of the document amounted to an additional burden upon local communities. Residents pay taxes for adequate service provision within their vicinity, and by requesting that developers pay for these improvements it is merely imposing indirect taxation, which developers will inevitably pass onto residents in the price of their houses. Concern was also expressed at the encroachment into greenbelt as central government thinks appropriate and further removes power from Parish Councils.

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04.71 Finance issues

A cheque in the sum of £5.00 has been received from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council for posting Notice of Poll in relation to the European Parliamentary election.

- Town and Country Services has requested £132.77 in respect of cutting the village greens and Lengthsman work. This was agreed.
- An invoice for £100.00 has been received from Forrester's for the internal audit of the Parish Council's accounts. This was agreed.
- Rees Jones, Solicitors, has invoiced £217.25 for legal work in respect of the lease for the playing fields. This was agreed.

04.72 Planning Applications

Planning Consent has been received for:

- Field House, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Rear conservatory
- The Nook, Old Mill Lane, Bagnall
First floor / ground rear extensions
- Bagnall Hospital, Bagnall Road, Bagnall
Redevelopment of former hospital site for residential care complex, closure of vehicular access and construction of new access

Councillors raised concerns that alterations had been made to the vehicular access at Bagnall Hospital without the full consultation of the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that she had been notified by telephone and had duly reported this change to the Chair. Unfortunately, the Chair was unable to speak to the Planners regarding this amendment. The Clerk was requested to write to the Planning Department to express Councillors concerns.

Planning applications have been received for:

- Newstone Lodge, The Green, Bagnall
Garden room
- Tompkin Head Farm, Tompkin Road, Stanley
Conservatory

The above applications were supported.

Application to fell trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders have been received for:

- St Chads Churchyard, Bagnall
Remove young Cypress tree which is obstructing graves and headstones
- Newstone Lodge, The Green, Bagnall
To remove lower secondary branches of an Ash tree to address encroachment onto the roof of the house and to remove a young Sycamore growing within the Ash tree.

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04.73 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

03.109(i) – Footpath 14

This issue has now been addressed and the owner has been requested to remove the caravan.

04.52 – Playing Fields

Cllr Hayes has received notification from Rees Jones, Solicitors that our option to purchase has been registered with HM Land Registry. The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council signed the Inland Revenue Land Transfer Return. A copy of the lease will be received in due course.

Cllr Simpson reported that a local resident has complained about the lack of facilities during the summer months on the playing fields. Cllr Pearson requested that the Clerk liaise with Cllr Christina Jebb to ascertain when notified of the grant decision will be received.

04.62 – Footpath 12

Cllr Simpson reported that Staffordshire County Council and George Shufflebotham of the Remblers' Association are still investigating this issue.

- i. The Bagnall direction sign by the Hospital Corner is now covered in vegetation protruding from an adjoining property. The Highways Department have been notified and they will approach the owner with a view to cutting this back.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to write to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council regarding the removal of the overhanging vegetation from the Churchyard. Cllr Pearson will also approach the owner of the land on the corner to arrange for this section of the hedge to be trimmed.
- iii. The Clerk was asked to obtain a date for the re-instatement of road markings following the re-surfacing of roads in the village.
- iv. Fly tipping is occurring by the ford. Cllr Hewson will report this to CLARENCE.
- v. The ditch by the ford has become overfilled, the Clerk will write to the Highways Department to have this cleared.
- vi. The boundary sign on Bagnall Road has been damaged. The Clerk will advise the Highways Department.

04.74 Environmental Issues

Cllr Hayes advised that the removal of Ragwort from verges is the responsibility of the Highways Department.

04.75 Correspondence

- Moorlands village Hall – Thank you letter for assistance at the Village Fete
- Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly – Notification of speakers and a request for discussion topics
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Copy of Rural Access Strategy
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Countywide survey of village facilities. The Clerk to complete
- Donna Louise Trust – Request for donation. Declined on this occasion
- Staffordshire County Council - Municipal Waste Management Strategy Consultation
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Notification of Best Kept Village results

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- Community Council of Staffordshire – Notification of 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Minutes of meeting
- Safer Staffordshire – Police Newsletter
- Local Agenda 21 Report

04.76 Any Other Business

- There was no other business discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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15 August 2004