

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 14 December 2004 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

04.105 Apologies

Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Ill Health

04.106 Minutes of Meeting held on 9 November 2004

04.102 – Environmental Issues – item 1

Councillors requested the wording “to ensure steps to prevent these occurrences are put in place” to be removed from the Minutes.

With the above amendment, the Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

04.107 Matters Arising not on agenda

There were no issues raised.

04.108 Precept

The Clerk tabled two papers, the first detailing the tenders received from three contractors for the Lenthsmen’s Agreement and cutting the village greens and the second paper giving an overview of expenditure, both actual and projected, to the year end.

It was agreed that whilst tendering had been close, the Parish Council would continue the contract with Town and Country Services for a further twelve months and review the situation in December 2005.

Discussion then took place on the increase in precept to be requested. It was agreed to increase the precept by £260 to £3,942 and to increase the Clerk’s salary by £2 to £86 per month plus expenses.

04.109 Finance issues

- An invoice for £260.00 had been received from Staffordshire County Council for the rent for the playing fields from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005. Payment was agreed.
- The Audit Commission invoiced for the external audit of the Parish Council’s accounts in the sum of £58.75. Payment was agreed.
- The sum of £800.00 has been received to finance the reinstatement of swings and goal areas on Bagnall Playing Field.

04.110 Planning Applications

04.91 – Letter to Mr Berriman, Planning Department, SMDC

Apart from an acknowledgement of our letter, the Parish Council has received no further communication regarding this matter. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Mr Berriman.

Planning permission has been received in respect of:

- Crib Mount Cottage, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Rear conservatory

A working amendment to plans has been received in respect of:

- The Nook, Old Mill Lane, Bagnall
Two storey / ground rear extension

This was supported

Planning applications have been received in respect of:

- Bagnall Post Office, The Green, Bagnall
Use of Post Office as part of dwelling

This was supported, provided it did not involve the removal of the post box on the fascia of the building.

- Jacksons Nurseries UK Ltd, Thorney Edge Road, Bagnall
Horticultural Glass House

This was supported. Cllr Hewson expressed an interest in this development and therefore took no part in the discussions or decision made.

Concerns were expressed at the developments taking place at Little Foxes, Bagnall.

04.111 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

04.42(i) – Fencing

Town and Country Services have advised that repairs to the fencing on the green will cost £75.00. Cllr Simpson was instructed to put the work in hand.

04.73(i) – Obscured Sign

Cllr Simpson will liaise with the Lengthsman and Mr Pytlik, of the Highways Department, to ensure the work is put in hand.

04.73(v) – Ditch by the Ford

Cllr Simpson reported that this work had not been undertaken as promised by Mr Pytlik, of the Highways Department, and he will follow this up.

04.92(i) – Footpath 28 / Footpath 32

Following discussion, Cllrs will provide costings to enable the Clerk to complete the grant application form from the Community Paths Initiative.

- i. The leaves on the village greens will be collected prior to Christmas by the Lengthsman.
- ii. Cllr Simpson raised concerns that the bins situated opposite the bus stop and in the lay-by opposite the golf course were not adequately anchored. He will liaise with the Waste Management Department regarding this.
- iii. Concerns were raised that the hedge on the corner near the Church was encroaching onto the road and hindering visibility. Cllr Pearson will liaise with the owners.
- iv. Cllr Simpson will raise the issue of bollards on the corner opposite the village hall with Mr Pytlik of the Highways Department

04.112 Environmental Issues

Concerns had been raised at the number of vehicles parking to the rear of the village hall car park. Residents were asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious incidents directly to the Police on 08453 30 20 10.

04.113 Correspondence

- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Notification of a policy to acknowledge the achievement of local people attaining the age of 90 and 100 years, and reaching their Golden Wedding anniversary. If parishioners are aware of anyone who would qualify for the presentation of a small gift to celebrate these achievement please advise a member of the Parish Council or Carol Colley, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
- Standards Board for England – Guidance Booklet on lobby groups, dual-hatted members and the Code of Conduct
- Standards Board for England – Guidance for monitoring offers and standards committees on local investigations
- Staffordshire County Council – Community Paths Initiative grant application
- Staffordshire Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace – Notification of a recruitment drive for Magistrates
- Highways Agency – Notification of alterations to the A50 trunk road between Queensway Roundabout and Heron Cross Roundabout
- Staffordshire County Council – Winter Driving Leaflet
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Minutes of previous meetings
- Staffordshire Police Authority – Annual Report 2003/04

04.114 Any Other Business

- There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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19 December 2004