

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 12 April 2005 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

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

In Attendance: Denise Cooper (Clerk)
1 Member of the public

05.29 Apologies

Cllr Sybil Ralphs Business Commitments

05.30 Minutes of Meeting held on 8 March 2005

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

05.31 Matters Arising not on agenda

04.53 – Playing Fields

Cllr Pearson tabled a quotation for the materials for the work, the price of the bark is additional and some machinery / labour has been offered by local residents. He asked, dependent upon their being a sufficiently dry spell, whether Cllrs wished the work to be put in hand prior to or after the Fete in June 2005. Cllrs felt that if there was a dry spell before the Fete the work should be put in hand, but that it was preferable to wait until after.

05.32 Standards Board of England – Consultation on the Code of Conduct

Members had received the consultation document prior to the meeting, and following a brief discussion gave their views on the questions asked. The Clerk will convey these to the Standards Board for England.

05.33 Beer Festival – Stafford Arms Address by the landlord

Clare Collins and Tony Murphy gave a brief overview of their intentions in respect of the Beer Festival planned for the August Bank Holiday. They propose to erect a marquee at the bottom end of the car park adjacent to the public house. The road outside the public house will be cordoned off at one end and security staff employed to monitor clients together with additional bar staff in the marquee. The marquee will be open during normal working hours and they propose to use plastic glasses for safety reasons, but clients can purchase a half-pint commemorative glass.

Once the Parish Council had given their agreement to the event, they proposed to liaise with local residents to allay any fears. This will be done in the format of a meeting and to also speak to the various statutory bodies to ensure all statutory regulations / requirements are met.

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The Chair thanked them for their presentation and stated that provided all the necessary regulations are met, the Parish Council was unanimous in its support of this venture and wished them well.

05.34 Finance issues

- Invoices in the sums of £122 and £23.50 have been received from Town and Country in respect of Lengthsman's work. Payment was agreed.
- The annual insurance subscription has now been received. This is in the sum of £378.75 and payment was agreed.
- The rent for the playing fields in the sum of £260 is now due. Payment was agreed.
- A request to renew our membership to the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association has been received. This is in the sum of £169.00. Following discussion members agreed not to renew the membership.

05.35 Planning Applications

Cllr Hayes asked that a letter expressing our thanks be forwarded to Mr Sutcliffe, the Planning Department for the work he have put in place at the former Hospital Site.

Planning approval has been received in respect of:

- Fair Haven, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Rear Conservatory /
Alterations of flat roof to pitched room
- Luzlow Nursery, Luzlow Lane, Bagnall
Agriculture / Forestry dwelling and temporary retention of existing mobile home

Planning applications have been received in respect of:

- Bagnall Cricket Club, Bagnall Road, Bagnall
Erection of a safety fence
- Hartshill Farm, Bagnall Road, Bagnall
Two storey rear extension
- Rock Cottage, Bagnall Road, Bagnall
Erection of a detached garage
- The above applications were supported.
- Bagnall Hall, The Green, Bagnall
Two storey side extension

The above plan has been withdrawn

05.36 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

05.25(ii) Telephone Kiosk

BT has advised the Clerk that due to the extremely low usage of this kiosk it is not on their schedules to clean on a regular basis, however, they will ensure that it is cleaned if we advise them. Cllr Hayes asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to the resident who cleaned the kiosk, this was agreed.

05.16 – Environmental Issues – Spring Bank

Cllrs Adams and Hayes met with Mark Preece from the District Council to view the area of land to the rear of the well, following which his recommendations have

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been received in writing. Mr Preece stated that due to budget restrictions he was unable to offer any financial aid, but suggested that the area be surveyed to assess its ecological value before any development work is carried out. This is a wet area of Willow carr with a covering of Shagnum moss and may therefore have wildlife value. The Clerk was asked to ascertain if the area was a designated conversation area / site of special scientific interest and whether or not the well was a listed building.

05.25(iii) – Fly Tipping

Further incidents of fly tipping had been observed around the parish. Any incidents should be reported to Peter Hutchins of the District Council on 01538 483650 and he will arrange for the debris to be removed.

- i. The car park opposite The Cottages, The Green is slowly being washed away to the extent that users are in danger of causing damage to vehicles when they egress the area. The Clerk will report this to the Highways Department.
- ii. Damage has been caused by a delivery vehicle to the trees on the green. As these trees have a conservation order upon them, it was agreed to arrange for a Tree Surgeon to undertake work to rectify the damage. Cllr Simpson will put this in hand.
- iii. Cllr Simpson reported the poor condition of the footpaths in the area and suggested a site visit by the County Council. This was agreed and the Clerk will arrange.
- iv. The issue of the common land within the parish was raised, and Cllrs asked that this form part of a full discussion at the next meeting.

05.37 Environmental Issues

There were no environmental issues raised.

05.38 Correspondence

- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Public Consultation on SMDC's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – Members were in agreement with any mechanisms to increase meaningful consultation.
- DEFRA – Partnership in rolling out broadband to rural communities – Letter and CD-ROM promoting the use of broadband in rural communities
- DEFRA – Quality Parishes and Parish Planning – Letter advising that grants were now available to take forward Parish Plans
- Staffordshire Moorlands Spring / Summer 2005 Countryside Activities and Events brochure
- National Probation Service – Newsletter

05.39 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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