

Bagnall Parish Council

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

Present

Cllr Ken Simpson (Chair)
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Cllr Dave Pearson

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)
0 Members of the public

05.63 Apologies

Cllr Peter Adams	Annual Leave
Cllr Frank Hayes	Ill Health
Cllr Roy Hewson	Annual Leave
Cllr Peter Lawley	Annual Leave

05.64 Minutes of Meeting held on 14 June 2005

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

05.65 Matters Arising not on agenda

There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

05.66 Finance issues

- Invoices in the sums of £109.27 and £218.55 had been received for cutting the village greens. Payment was agreed.
- A cheque in the sum of £5.00 has been received from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council as a contribution towards the conduct of the 5 May elections.

05.67 Planning Applications

A site meeting took place to discuss the erection of a new timber BT pole within the parish adjacent to Altern, Common Lane, Bagnall. The siting of the pole was agreed.

Planning permission for development has been received in respect of:

- Oakland Villa, Houghwood Lane, Stanley
Erection of a detached garage
- Stile Croft, Clewllows Bank, Bagnall
Single storey side extension and rear conservatory

Planning application has been received in respect of:

- Land adjacent to The Gables, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Erection of 2 dwellings (renewal of outline permission 03/00110/OUT)

The above application was supported.

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The Royal Mail has notified the Parish Council of their intent to seal the posting box built in the front of the former post Office and to erect a fee standing posting box in the grass verge at the front edge of the pavement adjacent to the buss stop by the church.

05.68 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

- A letter has been received from Staffordshire County Council regarding their investigations into the alleged publicly maintainable highways at Public Footpaths 12, Public Footpath 28 and Public Footpath 32 within the parish under Section 36 of the Highways Act 1980. The application has been submitted on behalf of the Byways and Bridleways Trust.

Cllr Pearson declared an interest, as part of the area under discussion is adjacent to his property.

Discussion took place on the history and nature of the footpaths in question and whilst Cllrs had no objection to the footpaths being used for vehicular access purposes, concerns were raised the refurbished footpaths would encourage motorbikes to return to this vicinity. Cllrs also felt that the width of the footpaths did not enable its use by horse-riders, walkers and vehicles should any combination of these come into contact with each other. This was a risk that should be notified to the County Council and their agreement to taking full responsibility for any incidents should the work proceed. A meeting to discuss this issue will take place on Thursday 14 July 2005 and Cllr Simpson will report at the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to obtain written re-assurance from the County Council that the footpaths will not be widened or altered in any way, and that any materials used in the refurbishment of these paths was in keeping with the rural surroundings.

- Some tree surgery work is required on the Horse Chestnut trees on the green. It was agreed to ask Roger Jackson to undertake the work.

05.69 Environmental Issues

There were no items for discussion.

05.70 Correspondence

- DEFRA – Notification of the timetable for implementing the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
- Staffordshire County Council – Reminder of the Community Paths Initiative
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Notification of consultation on the Scoping Report for Windows and Doors
- Staffordshire County Council – Notification of the consultation process for the Staffordshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework
- Invitation to Werrington Parish Council Civic Service
- Notification of Cheddleton Open Gardens weekend
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Your views questionnaire. The Clerk to complete on behalf of the Parish Council
- Notification of the Sustainable Staffordshire Awards 2005
- Wetley Moor Joint Committee – Agenda and Minutes
- Wetley Moor News – Newsletter

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05.71 Any Other Business

- A number of residents had raised concerns about abusive and lewd language coming from a function at the Village hall during the afternoon / early evening of Sunday 3 July 2005. Whilst the Parish Council is concerned about the disturbance it was felt that residents should have contacted a member of the Village Hall Committee, contact details should be displayed on the Village Hall notice board, and also reported the incident to the Police, taking note of the incident number. Without either of these actions being undertaken the Parish Council was unable to act.
- The Clerk was asked to obtain an up-to-date copy of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 relevant to Parish Councils.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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16 July 2005