

## Bagnall Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 9 August 2005 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

#### Present

Cllr Ken Simpson (Chair)  
Cllr Frank Hayes  
Cllr Peter Lawley

Cllr Peter Adams  
Cllr Roy Hewson  
Cllr Dave Pearson

#### In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)  
0 Members of the public

#### 05.72 Apologies

Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Other commitments

#### 05.73 Minutes of Meeting held on 12 July 2005

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

#### 05.74 Matters Arising not on agenda

##### 04.53 – Playing Fields

Cllr Pearson advised that work will commence on the playing fields during week commencing 15 August.

#### 05.75 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 relevant to Parish Council

A copy of the document was circulated with the agenda for information. The Act delegates a number of actions formerly the responsibility of the Police onto Parish Councils and members felt that the lines of accountability need to be very clearly defined. It was important to know where the Police linked into each area; Bagnall Parish Council need to have ongoing discussions with the Police rather than just engaging when there is a spate of crime within the area.

Discussion then took place around the re-instatement of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme within Bagnall. The Scheme requires co-ordination by the Police with a network of people from the village. Cllr Hewson will speak to Staffordshire Police to establish who the Liaison Office is and obtain further information. Following these investigations if it is thought that the Scheme would prove beneficial to the village then a Public Meeting will be convened to ascertain levels of parishioner interest. The Clerk was asked to obtain information on the local Community Safety Partnership.

#### 05.76 Finance issues

An invoice from the internal auditors, Forrester's, in the sum of £105.00 has been received and payment was agreed.

Town and Country Services have presented an invoice for cutting the greens and Lengthsman's work. Cllr Simpson stated that monies had been paid in advance to Town and Country for some of these services and requested the Clerk to write for a revised invoice.

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A letter has been received from HM Revenue and Customs, Excise and Stamp Taxes which indicates that the Parish Council is liable for the penalty payment of £100 for the late registration of our intention to purchase the Playing Fields. Cllrs expressed concerns at the unprofessional appearance of the letter and Cllr Pearson and the Clerk were requested to verify its validity.

At the time the Lease for the playing fields was signed, our Solicitors were instructed to register our intent within the 30-day allotted period. Cllr Hayes is pursuing this with our Solicitors but members felt that any onus on the non-compliance with this period must remain with our Solicitors.

**05.77 Planning Applications**

**05.67 – Royal Mail post box**

The post box in the frontage of the former Post Office was closed prior to the installation of the new post box to be situated by the church. Cllr Simpson has reported the matter to Royal Mail who agreed to re-instate the closed post box until the new post box is available. The original box will remain as part of the history of the village.

Full permission for development has been received in respect of:

- Crib Mount, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook  
Two storey front extension
- Rock Cottage, Bagnall Road, Bagnall  
Erection of a detached garage

Planning applications have been received in respect of:

- Bagnall Hall, The Green, Bagnall  
Side extension to form orangery

This application was supported.

**05.78 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues**

**05.50 – Footpath 28**

Mr Lawlor has agreed to action the scraping off of the surface of Footpath 28 and installing boards to hold the footpath in place.

**05.68 – Footpaths 12, 28 and 32 – Change of definition**

Cllr Simpson has spoken to the County Council regarding this application, the matter is under consideration and we await a response in due course.

- i. The Clerk was asked approach the Enforcement Officer to ensure that the work being undertaken at the Stables off Footpath 32 were in accordance with the planning permission granted.
- ii. A letter has been received advising the Parish Council of the proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit in Stanley Road. Following discussion this was agreed.
- iii. A copy of a letter forwarded to the Highways Department regarding the condition of the pavements within the village has been received by the Parish Council. Cllr Simpson will speak to Mr Pytlik to ascertain when these works are being implemented.
- iv. A parishioner has reported a delay in an ambulance reaching his premises due to damage to the fingerpost by the former hospital site. The Clerk will write to the ambulance service to ascertain if any problems had been encountered in locating properties within the village. Cllr Simpson will

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- action the re-instatement of the fingerpost.
- v. The Clerk was requested to write to the District Council to ensure that the hedge bordering the church is cut.

**05.79 Environmental Issues**

Himalayan Balsam is again causing problems within the village, Cllr Hayes will obtain further information on means of eradicating the plant.

**05.80 Correspondence**

- Landscape Access Recreation – Conclusive map of Open Country and Registered Common Land in West England (Area 7)
- Staffordshire Moorlands District council – Invitation to facilitate neighbourhood recycling centres. Declined
- PPI Forums Staffordshire – Information on the Community First Responder Scheme in Staffordshire. Parishioner interest will be canvassed should a public meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Watch Scheme be convened
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Re-advertisement of the Community Involvement consultation. The Parish Council has already responded
- Staffordshire County Council – Summary Corporate Strategy 2005-2008
- Rural Education and Arts Project – Notification of the Harvest Moon Fayre on 17/18 September 2005 in Blackwell, Nr Taddington.

**05.81 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed .....(Chairman)

Date:

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17 August 2005