

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 13 September 2005 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

Cllr Peter Adams (Chair)
Cllr Roy Hewson
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Cllr Frank Hayes
Cllr Peter Lawley

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)
2 Members of the public

05.82 Apologies

Cllr Ken Simpson	Annual Leave
Cllr Dave Pearson	Annual Leave

05.83 Minutes of Meeting held on 9 August 2005

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

05.84 Matters Arising not on agenda

04.53 – Playing Fields

Cllr Adams reported that the swings had now been re-instated. We are awaiting delivery of the bark before the area can be used.

05.75 – Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 relevant to Parish Councils

Cllr Hewson reported that in company with Cllr Simpson he attended a meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch Out, Leek Forum and ascertained that Stuart Smith is working part-time with the Police specifically looking after the Neighbourhood Watch aspect. Neighbourhood Watch Out is a scheme that the Police have recently launched to replace the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. This new scheme is currently being piloted and is open to all individuals. Subject to the individuals agreement his/her telephone number is entered into the Police database and when the Police receive notification of anything unusual within the locality a message is forwarded to the registered individual. Cllrs Hewson and Simpson have registered their details. Further information on the scheme will be included within the Newsletter due to be issued during October 2005 and if sufficient interest is shown a public meeting will be convened and Mr Smith invited to give a presentation on the scheme.

05.85 Finance issues

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Cllr Hayes advised that he has spoken with our Solicitors regarding the letter received from HM Revenue and Customs, Excise and Stamp Taxes. The Solicitors have confirmed that all appropriate fees were paid within the timescales allotted. Cllr Hayes has written to HM Revenue and Customs, who have responded that all fees have been paid and that the matter is now closed.

- Wm Burton and Sons has invoiced us for materials in respect of work to the playing fields in the sum of £386.49. Payment was agreed.
- Town and Country has revised the invoice presented in August 2005 to £133.00. Payment was agreed was agreed.

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- A further invoice in the sum of £247.92 has been received from Town and Country, once verified by Cllr Simpson, payment was agreed.

05.86 Planning Applications

05.67 – Royal Mail post box

Cllrs reported that a new mail box has now been installed within the village.

Outline Planning Permission has been granted for:

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

Notification to carry out work to trees in a conservation area in respect of:

- Bagnall Hall, The Green, Bagnall
Fell 3 beech, 4 small conifers and a Maple tree

Planning application has been received in respect of:

- Woodlands, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Single storey side extension with loft room

The above application was supported.

05.87 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

05.78 – The Stables, Jack Hayes Lane

The Clerk reported that there had been some confusion over the exact location of the development with the Planning Department, this has now been resolved and we are awaiting a response.

05.78 – Stanley Road speed limit

An acknowledgement of our letter has been received.

05.78 – Pavements within the parish

This issue is being pursued by both Cllr Simpson and Cllr Ralphs. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Highways Department to express our concerns that not only this work, but a number of other projects, had been agreed by Mr Pytlik but work had not been put in place within the timescales indicated. Many of these projects now represent a health and safety risk.

05.78 – Church Hedge

This has now been cut back.

- i. Cllrs asked that the weeds under the hedge bordering the churchyard and by the playing fields be removed. This matter will be reported to Cllr Simpson for action.
- ii. The Clerk has received notification of the Staffordshire Highways Remodelling, a copy will be forwarded to Cllr Simpson
- iii. Cllr Adams reported that water had again appeared on the road opposite the golf course after the recent heavy rains. It was agreed that further investigation work is required to ascertain why this area floods. Cllr Ralphs will pursue. It is the responsibility of Parish Councillors or the Clerk to advise the Police who will erect a 'Flood Hazard' sign.

The meeting was suspended and opened to the public:

A member of the public has received notification from the Planning Department of a complaint against a development within his garden and asked if this had originated from the Parish Council. Parish Councillors confirmed that the

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complaint had not originated from them.

05.88 Environmental Issues

Cllr Hayes is attending a meeting in October 2005 and will provide feedback.

05.89 Correspondence

Staffordshire County Council – Notification of requirements for the installation of decorations on or above the highway
Staffordshire County Council – Review of local bus services in the Staffordshire Moorlands Area. This did not affect any buses coming through Bagnall
Staffordshire County Council – Invitation to the Chairman's Informal Charity Reception on 14 October 2005
Staffordshire Moorlands – Information on the issue of Temporary Event Notices under the Licensing Act (2003)
Environment Agency – Notification of a consultation on The Staffordshire Trent Valley Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy
SMP – Invitation to a Play and Leisure Provision event
Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – Local Development Framework training event
Parish Assembly – Notification of meeting and agenda
Local Works – Request to support the campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill. This will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting
Community Council of Staffordshire – Annual General Meeting notification
Citizens Advice Bureau – general information on the service
Wetley Moor Joint Committee – Notification of meeting schedule. Passed to Cllr Adams for information
Neighbourhood Forum in Endon – Minutes of previous meeting and agenda for forthcoming meeting. Passed to Cllr Hewson for information

05.90 Any Other Business

- Cllr Hayes advised that a draft Newsletter will be presented to the Council for approval.
- Parish Councillors were asked to give consideration to the seat located at the top of Clewloes Bank, Bagnall. It is proposed to either turning the seat around, or relocate it

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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14 September 2005