

## Bagnall Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 11 October 2005 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

#### Present

Cllr Ken Simpson (Chair)	Cllr Peter Adams
Cllr Frank Hayes	Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr Dave Pearson	Cllr Sybil Ralphs

In Attendance: Denise Cooper (Clerk)  
2 Members of the public

#### 05.91 Apologies

Cllr Roy Hewson Business

#### 05.92 Minutes of Meeting held on 13 September 2005

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

#### 05.93 Matters Arising not on agenda

##### 04.53 – Playing Fields

Cllr Pearson asked that the Clerk order the bark once he has advised of the tonnage required. This was agreed. The seat has been removed and this will require replacing, Cllr Pearson will make suitable arrangements. It is anticipated that the area will be usable by early Spring 2006.

##### 05.90 – Newsletter

A draft Newsletter was tabled and duly approved. Discussion on the best method of circulating this within the parish took place and it was agreed that the Newsletter would be posted to all residents.

#### 05.94 Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill

Local Works is an organisation that has written to the Parish Council asking for support in trying to get through parliament the Sustainable Communities Bill which provides a wholly 'bottom up' approach to preventing ghost towns by promoting thriving local communities within Britain. It provides for a statutory participation process that will empower parish and community councils.

The paper work provided by Local Works had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting and following a brief discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to support this campaign.

#### 05.95 Finance issues

An invoice from the Clerk for expenses for the half-year to 30 September 2005 had been received in the sum of £55.70. Payment was agreed.

Town and County had invoiced for cutting the village greens and some lengthsman's work in the sum of £126.90. Payment was agreed.

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**05.96 Planning Applications**

Refusal of planning permission have been received in respect of:

- Woodlands, Stanley Road Stockton Brook  
Single storey side extension with loft room
- Bagnall Hall, The Green, Bagnall  
Side extension to form orangery

Planning applications have been received in respect of:

- Quarry Cottage, Old Mill Lane, Bagnall  
Erection of a summer house (retrospective)
- Hartshill Farm, Bagnall Road, Bagnall  
Two storey rear extension

The Parish Council gave its support to the above applications.

- Greenway Hall Golf Club, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook  
Alterations and extension to golf clubhouse

Whilst the Parish Council had no objections to the above application, some clarification on the roofing material was requested – clay tiles being preferred.

**05.78 – The Stables, Jack Hayes Lane**

The Parish Council had been requested by a resident to investigate alleged additional works to that originally approved on planning permission. The Clerk advised that this had been put in hand.

**05.97 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues**

**05.78 – Pavements within the parish**

Cllr Simpson advised that he had spoken to the new Highways Co-ordinator for this area, Mr Greatbatch, regarding this and a number of other issues that the Parish Council has requested attention on over the past couple of years. A site visit is being arranged. However, Parish Councillors felt that should the various issues not be resolved following this site visit then a letter should be sent to the Director of the Highways Department, copied to Cllr Christina Jebb, expressing our concerns and requesting immediate action.

**i. Litter Bins on the Playing Fields**

As the litter bin is located on land owned by the Parish Council a mechanism to ensure the bins are emptied on a regular basis needs to be implemented. Various options were discussed and it was agreed that Cllrs Pearson and Simpson will make further investigations and report back to the next meeting.

**ii. Seat opposite the Golf Course**

The builders have positioned a port-a-loo adjacent to the seat, and Cllr Pearson agreed to liaise with the builders to have this re-located. Also the seat has been substantially damaged, presumably when a vehicle collided into the port-a-loo knocking it into the seat, Cllr Pearson will liaise with the builders to ascertain if they would be willing to re-instate the seat when they vacate the site.

**iii. Memorial Seat**

A resident has approached the Parish Council to ascertain if a memorial

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seat could be installed on the village green. Cllr Lawley agreed to liaise to obtain full details to enable a decision to be reached.

**The meeting was suspended and opened to the public:**

A local resident raised concerns about the tipping soon to take place as part of the landscaping exercise by the Golf Course owners and the amount of traffic that will be using Bagnall Road.

Cllr Ralphs gave a brief overview of the history behind this application and stressed that the contractors were showing a willingness to co-operate to reduce the amount of in-fill, number of journeys on Bagnall Road, and the hours that the work can take place. However, reminders were given that the majority of Bagnall Road was under the jurisdiction of Stoke City Council and therefore this Council had little influence over its usage. Approximately 50 vehicles per day will visit the site over a five month period, working Monday –Friday 8am to 5pm. The drive-way constructed as access to the site is only temporary and will be removed once work is completed. The public footpaths will remain in their current positions, but it was emphasised that people walking these should take great care as lorries will be criss-crossing them.

Cllr Ralphs gave her assurance that the site is being closely monitored to ensure that only appropriate in-fill is used, and that the landscaping falls within the planning permission granted.

**05.98 Environmental Issues**

There were no environmental issues raised.

**05.99 Correspondence**

- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Draft supplementary planning document consultation – It was agreed that the Clerk would response as appropriate.

**05.100 Any Other Business**

- There was no other business raised.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed .....(Chairman)

Date:

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16 October 2005