

## Bagnall Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 17 January 2006 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

#### 06.01 Apologies

Cllr Sybil Ralphs

District Council business

#### 06.02 Minutes of Meeting held on 13 December 2005

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

#### 06.03 Matters Arising not on agenda

##### 04.53 – Playing Fields

Cllr Simpson tabled samples of bark for consideration. A large, play grade was agreed and Cllr Simpson was asked to proceed with ordering this, together with the under-membrane, through Jackson Nurseries. Discussion took place on how best to get the bark on site to avoid damage to the playing fields by tractors, Cllr Simpson will liaise with Jackson's Nurseries.

#### 06.04 Finance issues

- An invoice from Severn Trent for water charges for the Horse Trough in the sum of £9.44 has been received. Payment was agreed.
- Town and Country Services have invoiced for clearing away leaves from the Buttercross Green in the sum of £76.37. Payment was agreed.
- A cheque for £5.38 has been received from Central Networks for wayleave fees in respect of the pole nr The Poplars.

##### *Lengthsman's Agreement*

Cllr Simpson advised that Jackson Nursery's had expressed an interest in tendering. After discussion it was agreed to suspend a decision until their tender had been received.

#### 06.05 Planning Applications

##### Planning application has been received in respect of:

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

This application was supported.

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**06.06 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues**

**05.78 – Pavements within the Parish**

Discussion took place around the installation of a pavement at the corner of Bagnall Road / School Road by the hospital. Mr Greatbatch from the Highways Department had indicated that it may be some time before this work was instigated, however Cllrs felt that an interim measure be put in place and Cllr Simpson will follow this up.

**05.117 – Route 44, First Bus Service**

The Clerk advised that a letter had been forwarded to Joan Walley, MP, copied to Cllr Christina Jebb, and tabled the responses received by Cllr Jebb and Cllr Ralphs both of which indicated that the service had been taken over by D and G.

Cllr Hayes expressed his concern that the letter he compiled had not been used. The Chairman and Clerk explained that to enable our concerns to be raised prior to the Christmas / New Year break it had been indicated at the December meeting that a letter should be posted as quickly as possible and his letter had been received after this deadline.

- i. Cllr Simpson reported that the condition of Footpath 28 had deteriorated considerable, making it unwalkable in places. After discussion it was agreed to await the decision from Staffordshire County Council on the classification of the Footpaths in this vicinity before considering any remedial works.
- ii. Cllr Hewson asked that appropriate measures be taken to remove the lower branches on the trees bordering the Quarry Green. The Clerk will approach the District Council.
- iii. One of the trees on Stanley Road, opposite Houghwood Lane, has developed a disease resulting in a bulbous growth that constitutes a hazard as drivers are forced into the middle of the road. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the Highways Department, asking them to take appropriate measures to remove this hazard.

**06.07 Environmental Issues**

***Report from Wildlife Trust***

A copy of the report received by Cllr Hewson was tabled. In view of its extensive content it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

***Neighbourhood Watch Forum***

Cllr Hewson stated since the meeting in November 2005, the Forum had not met. However, at this meeting it had been suggested that a meeting to which residents would be invited was set up to establish interest. Cllr Hewson agreed to compile an invitation letter for consideration at the next meeting. In respect of signage in the village, Cllr Hewson stated that it was permissible for 'wrap around' signs to be erected on MEB poles and suggested a site at each of the entrances to the village. These sites were agreed and Cllr Hewson will over see fixture of the signs.

***Anti-Social behaviour on the Village Hall Car Park***

Cllr Adams advised that the Village Hall Committee had not yet convened to discuss this matter. He will keep the Parish Council informed of any decisions taken by the Village Hall Committee.

**06.08 Correspondence**

- Endon with Stanley parish Council – Invitation to become involved in the Canal Project. Cllrs requested the Clerk express their interest
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Offer of support and funding for Parishes wanting to proceed with the development of a Plan

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- Staffordshire Moorlands PCT – Notification of public meetings to discuss Commissioning a Patient-led NHS
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Best Kept Village Competition 2006 entry forms
- Staffordshire Moorlands – Recreational Walks Leaflet from Forsbrook Parish
- Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future

**06.09 Any Other Business**

- No other business was raised.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed .....(Chairman)

Date:

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19 January 2006