

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 14 February 2005 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

Cllr Ken Simpson (Chair)
Cllr Roy Hewson

Cllr Peter Adams
Cllr Peter Lawley

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)
0 Members of the public

06.10 Apologies

Cllr Frank Hayes	Annual Leave
Cllr Dave Pearson	Annual Leave
Cllr Sybil Ralphs	Business commitments

06.11 Minutes of Meeting held on 17 January 2006

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

06.12 Matters Arising not on agenda

There were no matters not on the agenda arising.

06.13 Finance issues

An invoice in the sum of £141.00 has been received from the Audit Commission for externally auditing the Parish Council's accounts for the year 2004/05. Payment was agreed.

Lengthsman's Agreement

A tender has been received from Jackson Nurseries against this contract. Full discussion took place and it was agreed to award the contract to Jackson Nurseries, the other contractors who tendered will be advised accordingly.

06.14 Planning Applications

Following the discussions at the December 2005 meeting around the landscaping being undertaken at Greenway Golf Course, a response to the queries raised has been received from Mr Green.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department to ascertain if the development at Bagnall Heights was still within the conditions set out in the Planning permission.

06.14 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

05.78 – Pavements within the Parish

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Greatbatch to ascertain when the interim road marking to the corner by the hospital is being undertaken. The development of Bagnall Heights is progressing and it is envisaged that people will take up residence during the summer months and this is a dangerous area for pedestrians.

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05.117 – Route 44, First Bus Service

Joan Walley, MP has written to both the Parish Council and a local resident attaching a response from First. A bus service is being provided to the residents of Bagnall by D and G.

06.06(i) – Footpath 28

A decision has now been reached regarding the designation of Footpaths 28, 12 and 32 from Staffordshire County Council. These are all defined as footpaths with the exception of the first 50 metres of Footpath 32 which is being added to the Section 36 list as a publicly maintained highway. This alteration will be added to the Definitive Map.

In view of the above decision the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to ask that 'kissing gates' be installed on Footpath 28.

06.06(ii) – Trees bordering Quarry Green

The District Council has requested clarification of the height to which the trees need cutting back and the reasons, the Clerk will advise that a height of 3 metres from ground level is required to enable the green to be cut on the grounds of health and safety.

Staffordshire County Council has notified the Parish Council of a temporary closure of the footpath across the golf course during the landscaping work. This is the first that the parish Council knew of this closure and whilst welcoming the decision, concerns were expressed that we were not notified previously.

06.16 Environmental Issues

Report from Wildlife Trust

Copies of the report received by Cllr Hewson were tabled for information. The report indicated an extensive invasion of Indian Balsam and asked that the eradication of this is undertaken by the Lengthsman during June to October. This was agreed.

As you approach the Well there are also some trees which are leaning on the fencing and are in danger of collapsing. Cllr Hewson asked that these be felled. Cllr Simpson will undertake a site visit and report back.

Anti-social behaviour on Village Hall Car Park

Cllr Adams advised that this issue had been discussed by the Village Hall Committee, but no definitive decision had been taken. Consultation with the police is being undertaken and once further information is available he will advise the Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Cllr Hewson tabled a letter which he intended to circulate to all residents of the parish. The Parish Council agreed to make a contribution towards the cost incurred. Discussion followed on the erection of signs, appropriate sites have been identified and Cllr Hewson will now obtain the signs and arrange for them to be fitted.

Correspondence

- Staffordshire Community and Voluntary Services – Notification of Village Agents projects
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Notification of submission to the Secretary of State their Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement
- Lo-Co Motion – Notification of Local Council support services
- Leek and District Civic Society – Notification of their environmental awards

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scheme

- Request from St Chad's Church for a contribution towards the works they are proposing. Following discussion it was agreed not to make a contribution at this stage.

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Any Other Business

- A local resident has raised concerns around the increased development on the field opposite the golf course. This issue has been raised with the Enforcement Officer and she is in liaison with the owner regarding this matter.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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16 February 2006