

## Bagnall Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 9 May 2006 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

#### Present

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

Cllr Peter Adams  
Cllr Roy Hewson  
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

#### In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)  
2 Members of the public

#### Apologies

Cllr Dave Pearson

Business commitments

#### 06.44 Minutes of Meeting held on 11 April 2006

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and a revision to the wording made. These minutes will be verified at the next meeting.

#### 06.45 Matters Arising not on agenda

##### 04.53 – Playing Fields

The bark has been installed and the swings will now be painted and repositioned.

##### 06.27(i) – Landfill Tax Credit Scheme

Cllr Hayes confirmed that he was happy with the Clerk's investigations and expressed his disappointment that we were not able to take advantage of this scheme.

#### 06.46 Football Foundation – further discussions

A new British Standard has come into effect which the goal posts on the playing fields are currently not compliant with. The Goalpost Safety Scheme is an initiative that aims to replace goals which fail to meet the British Standards safety requirements. After discussion, Cllr Ralphs agreed to ascertain further information from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

#### 06.47 Finance issues

An invoice from Staffordshire County Council has been received for the annual rent on the playing fields. This is in the sum of £400.00 and covered the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007. Payment was agreed.

#### 06.48 Planning Applications

##### Consent to fell or prune trees protected by tree preservation orders:

- Quarry Green, Springs Bank / Old Mill Lane, Bagnall  
Bagnall Parish Council  
To remove lower branches to provide maintenance access
- Luzlow Nursery, Bagnall  
To fell tree that is unsuitably close to proposed new dwelling

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Planning applications have been received in respect of:

- Land opposite Greenway Cottage, Bagnall Road  
Side extension to agricultural building
- Harthill Farm, Bagnall Road  
2 Storey rear extension

The Parish Council was in support these developments.

**06.49 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues**

The Clerk reported that yet again no response had been received to her communications regarding a number of outstanding issues. Cllr Ralphs stated that the Highways Department is faced with having to make substantial savings and this will adversely impact on requests to refurbish highways, pavements, etc across the whole of Staffordshire. Discussion on this issue followed and the Clerk was asked to continue reminding the County Council of the work that is required within the parish. Cllr Ralphs advised that she is accompanying members of the District Council's Planning Department on a monitoring inspection at the golf course and will highlight our concerns specifically around the installation of pavements around the Bagnall Heights development.

- i. A letter has been received from a local resident concerning the recent accident on Clewlovs Bank. Discussion followed on the positioning of speed signs at this point and Cllr Hayes proposed we write to the Highways Department to ask that they review the positioning of the speed sign to the other side of the bend and the word "slow" be painted on both approaches to the bend with curved arrows pointing towards the pavement. This was seconded by Cllr Ralphs.
- ii. Cllr Simpson advised that he had received a quotation for the repairs to the fencing around the greens. In line with Standing Orders comparison quotations were requested and Cllr Lawley agreed to provide the Clerk with contact details of an additional firm.
- iii. Cllr Hayes advised the Parish Council of a vehicular accident that had demolished the well on Thorney Edge Lane. The Clerk advised that the well, because it was classed as a monument, would not be insured. However, she had written to the police to ascertain the owner of the vehicle's details to claim damages. A local resident has made safe the stones to prevent further damage / theft and discussion took place on the best way to restore the well. Cllr Ralphs agreed to ascertain from the District Council details of grants that could be utilised to affect this.
- iv. Cllr Hayes raised the issue of a burial ground within the parish. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

**06.50 Environmental Issues**

There was no report available, however, Cllr Hewson asked that the issue of Himalayan Balsam be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**06.51 Correspondence**

- Stoke on Trent City Council – Notification of a their Draft Statement of Community Involvement Public Participation document
- Staffordshire Moorlands District council – Notice of their direct debit promotion campaign

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- Staffordshire Moorlands PCT – Notification of their “Balancing the Books” consultation meeting
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Calor Village of the Year competition notification

**06.52 Any Other Business**

- There was no other business raised.

The meeting closed at 10pm

Signed .....(Chairman)

Date:

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14 May 2006