

## Bagnall Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 13 June 2006 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

#### Present

Cllr Dave Pearson (Chair)  
Cllr Peter Lawley

Cllr Peter Adams  
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

#### In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)  
0 Members of the public

#### 06.53 Apologies

Cllr Frank Hayes  
Cllr Roy Hewson  
Cllr Ken Simpson

Annual Leave  
Family commitments  
Ill health

#### 06.54 Minutes of Meeting held on

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

#### 06.55 Matters Arising not on agenda

##### 04.53 – Playing Fields

The swings have now been painted and will be installed prior to the Fete. Cllr Pearson was advised at the last Parish Assembly that The Messenger newspaper would be dedicating a page to parish news and suggested an article around the work undertaken in restoring the swings. This was agreed. This page will also provide a format to advise people within the parish of work that is being undertaken.

#### 06.56 Finance issues

Two invoices in the sums of £328.57 each (total £657.14) have been received from Jackson Nurseries in respect of ground maintenance. Payment was agreed.

Cllr Simpson requested reimbursement of £42.45 for the paint used on the swings. Payment was agreed.

#### 06.57 Planning Applications

Planning applications have been received in respect of:

- Highfield House, Bagnall Road, Bagnall  
Single storey extension
- Jacksons Nurseries UK Ltd, Thorny Edge Road, Bagnall  
Change of use of part of existing glass house to coffee shop

The Parish Council was in support of both applications.

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**06.58 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues**

**06.06(ii) – Footpath 28**

A letter has been received from Crispin Percival-Hughes in relation to this footpath and also Footpath 32. The County Council is currently working on the production of a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) and it was agreed to await the County Council's findings before discussing this issue further.

**06.49(i) – Clewlovs Bank road safety**

The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been forwarded to the respective authority, but that no response had yet been received. This will be followed up in due course to ensure it remains on their list of works.

**06.49(ii) – Fencing around greens**

Cllr Lawley had contacted several firms, but expressed his disappointment that none of them were interested in tendering for this work. Therefore it was agreed to instruct Jacksons Nurseries to install the tanalised softwood at a cost of £178.20 plus VAT.

**06.49(iii) – Well on Thorney Edge Lane**

Cllr Ralphs stated that a grant could be made available via Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. The Clerk advised that she had been notified of the contact details for the owner of the vehicle that damaged the well, and a letter has been forwarded to advise that the Parish Council will seek recompense for the reinstatement of the well. The grant would be utilised to install flags to the front together with other aesthetic work.

The Clerk was requested to obtain a quotation for the reinstatement of the well; Cllr Pearson will contact another contractor as ascertain his interest in this project.

**06.58(i) – Football Foundation**

Cllr Ralphs advised that she had spoken to Duncan Cowie at the District Council and he will support any application we put forward. It was therefore agreed to obtain quotations from reputable companies and proceed with the application.

Cllr Pearson had been advised by Mr Quinn that the goal posts were becoming dangerous. Following discussions it was agreed to leave them in-situ and monitor the situation whilst we are awaiting the outcome of our grant application.

**06.58(ii) – Burial ground**

After discussion it was agreed that investigations for a suitable site should be ongoing. In this regard local land owners may be approached.

**06.58(iii) – gullies on Clewlovs Bank**

As a result of debris become lodged in the gullies the Rose and Crown public house is suffering flooding when it rains heavily. The Clerk will approach the Highways Department with a view to having these cleared.

**06.59 Environmental Issues**

**06.59(i) – Himalayan Balsam**

Current advice to eradicate Himalayan Balsam is to cut this plant down before it flowers. Cllr Simpson will ask that the lengthsman undertakes this work at the appropriate time along the verges within the parish. At the same time any ragwort that is found should also be removed.

**06.59(ii) – Lengthsman Agreement**

The lengthsman's agreement has now been agreed for the year 2006/07. Within the agreement some additional maintenance work is covered, namely

- Litter picking

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- Removal of any graffiti
- Removal of fly posting
- Removal of minor fly-tipping
- Sweeping and clearing of leaves
- Clearing overflowing litter bins

Councillors requested full discussion on this issue at the next meeting as it was felt that an additional burden was being placed upon us.

**06.60 Correspondence**

- We have received a copy letter, for information only, regarding the use of Bagnall Road by tipping lorries
- Staffordshire Police – Invitation to a presentation on Neighbourhood Policing. Cllr Pearson gave an overview of a presentation given on this topic at the Parish Assembly
- Endon Neighbourhood Forum – Minutes of the last meeting and invitation to the next meeting on 19 June 2006
- Staffordshire Moorlands PCT – Notification of the new configuration of Primary Care Trusts within Staffordshire and also a breakdown of their efforts to “balance the books”
- Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Local Authority Byelaws in England: A discussion paper
- Charter 88 – campaign against community decline
- Staffordshire County Council – Staffordshire 2012: The Strategic Plan 2006-09
- West Midlands Regional Assembly – Speaking Out newsletter
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – Annual Report 2006

**06.61 Any Other Business**

- The water in the horse trough is not suitable for horses to drink. Some resolution to this situation need to be found and a full discussion will take place at the next meeting.
- The hedge around the MEB sub-station in Stanley Road has become overgrown and the Clerk was requested to contact them.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed .....(Chairman)

Date:

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14 June 2006