

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 12 September 2006 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

Cllr Dave Pearson (Chair)
Cllr Roy Hewson

Cllr Frank Hayes
Cllr Peter Lawley

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)
0 Members of the public

06.80 Apologies

Cllr Peter Adams	Annual Leave
Cllr Sybil Ralphs	Business Commitments
Cllr Ken Simpson	Annual Leave

06.81 Minutes of Meeting held on 8 August 2006

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

06.82 Matters Arising not on agenda

04.53 – Playing Fields

The Clerk advised that the company providing the cradle swing at £75.00 could not guarantee that it would fit our current fittings. An alternative quotation had been obtained in the sum of £101.35 plus VAT. Following discussion Cllrs asked the Clerk to accept the quotation from Wickstead at a cost of £75.00 plus carriage and VAT.

06.83 Finance issues

- An invoice from Jackson Nurseries in the sum of £386.07 has been received for grounds maintenance during August. Payment was agreed.
- The Clerk requested the Council's support in the payment of her subscription of £45.00 for membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks. Payment was agreed.

06.84 Planning Applications

Planning refusal has been received in respect of

- The Mount, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Single/two storey and first floor extensions
- Wayside, Clewloes Bank, Stockton Brook
Alterations and two storey side/first floor extension

Planning applications have been received in respect of

- Limetree Farm, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Change of use of garage loft space to changing facilities, change of use of farm buildings to stables and erection of new stables (retrospective)

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- Lauresa, School Road, Bagnall
Two storey side and single storey rear extension
- Hillcrest, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook
Single storey side extension

The parish Council was in support of all the above applications.

Bagnall Heights

A series of correspondence has been exchange over the past month in respect of the footpath routes around this development culminating in the Planning Department giving their assurance that prior to occupancy all the footpaths, as outlined in the planning consent, will be installed. Work on the footpaths is due to commence very shortly and the situation will be monitored on a continuous basis.

06.85 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

06.06(iii) – Stanley Road – Bulbous tree

Cllr Ralphs advised that the Highways Department has agreed to undertake remedial work to the tree.

06.27(ii) – Common Land

The Clerk will seek a response from the landowners to her previous correspondence.

06.49(i) – Clewlovs Bank – 40mph sign

A further letter is being forwarded to the Highways Department to ascertain the current position regarding this matter.

06.49(ii) – Horse Trough

Cllr Pearson has spoken to his colleague who suggests placing a small cup of lime into the water. This is not dangerous to animals. Cllr Hayes asked if the trough had ever been used as he believed horses would have difficulty in drinking from the trough due to the step at the front. Cllr Pearson will undertake a site visit with his colleague and report back to the next meeting.

06.49(iii) – Well on Thorney Edge Lane

Quotations for the repair of the well are still being sought.

06.58(ii) – Burial ground

A local land owner has expressed an interest in entering into negotiations regarding the sale of his land for use as a burial ground although he has given no guarantee to the sale of the land. Cllr Hayes will make contact and initiate discussions.

06.67(iii) – Spring Bank – Tractors

Cllr Ralphs and Mr Greatbatch, Highways Department are liaising regarding this matter.

06.67(iv) – Chestnut Greens – Concrete Post

This work has now been undertaken.

06.67(v) – Salters Wells – Trees

Cllr Hayes asked whether or not the work to cut back the vegetation was still being undertaken. Cllr Simpson will ascertain the current situation with Jackson Nurseries.

06.76(i) – Corner by the church – Hedge

This work has now been undertaken.

06.85(i) – Bent tree on Greens

Cllr Simpson will liaise with Jackson Nurseries regarding this tree.

06.85(ii) – Corner opposite church

Cllr Pearson reported that yet another vehicle had come into difficulties turning left at this junction. Mr Greatbatch had previously agreed to install bollards and the Clerk was asked to ascertain when this work would be actioned, copying in Cllr Jebb.

06.85(iii) – Spring Bank – cobble sets

Cllrs reported that a number of deep holes had occurred in the road by the cobble sets and asked that the Highways Department undertake repairs as a matter of urgency. The Clerk will write to the Highways Department, copying in Cllr Jebb.

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06.85(iv) – Blue Bridge – Hedge

The hedge at Blue Bridge is in urgent need of cutting back. Cllr Simpson will liaise with Jackson Nurseries to undertake this work.

06.86 Environmental Issues

06.59(i) – Himalayan Balsam

A quotation from Jackson Nurseries for the eradication of this is still being sought. Cllr Simpson will chase up.

06.86(ii) – Village Hall

Yet again complaints have been received following a recent event at the Village Hall as damage has been caused within the local vicinity and our concerns will be conveyed to the Village Hall Committee through Cllr Adams.

06.86(iii) – Sign post

Cllr Pearson advised that the finger post near his property had again been removed. This has now been re-instated and set in concrete by Cllr Pearson.

06.87 Correspondence

- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Letter requesting representation on the Play Partnership
- Brown Edge Parish Council – A request that consideration be given to a donation from next year's precept be given to the First Responder group being established to cover Brown Edge, Endon and Bagnall areas. Cllrs asked the clerk to suggest that they attend the next Bagnall Fete to collect contributions from local residents.
- Ipstones Parish Council – Notification of a meeting to discuss changes to the way the local areas are to be policed and funded
- Staffordshire County Council – Reminder letter on the requirements surrounding the installation of seasonal attachments to street lighting equipment
- Staffordshire Moorlands PCT – Notification that the new North Staffordshire PCT will be formed from 1 October 2006
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Survey of Town and Parish Council on play and youth strategy
- Staffordshire County Council – Copy of their booklet *Changing Lives: Independence, Inclusion and Well-being*
- Stoke on Trent City Council – Local Development framework: Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning document
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Reminder of the Parish Plan funding and notification of their Annual General Meeting
- Wetley Moor Joint Committee – Notification of forthcoming meetings
- Staffordshire Playing Fields Association – Notification of their Annual General Meeting
- Encams – Local environmental quality – a town and parish council guide. It was agreed that this should be circulated amongst Cllrs prior to being retained by the Clerk.

06.89 Any Other Business

- There was no other business raised.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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14 September 2006