

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 10 October 2006 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

Cllr Ken Simpson (Chair) Cllr Peter Adams
Cllr Frank Hayes Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr Dave Pearson Cllr Sybil Ralphs

In Attendance: Denise Cooper (Clerk)
0 Members of the public

06.89 Apologies

Cllr Roy Hewson Other commitments

06.90 Minutes of Meeting held on 12 September 2006

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

06.91 Matters Arising not on agenda

There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

06.92 Finance issues

An invoice in the sum of £386.07 has been received from Jackson's Nurseries (UK) Ltd in respect of grounds maintenance during September. Payment was agreed.

An invoice in the sum of £119.27 has been received for the replacement cradle seat. Payment was agreed.

06.93 Planning Applications

Planning refusal has 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)

Planning application has been received in respect of

- Chez Nous, Clewloes Bank, Stockton Brook
Certificate of lawfulness of existing use of land as garden area

The Parish Council was in support of this application.

Bagnall Heights

Some confusion had arisen amongst some councillors as to the current position regarding the installation of the pavement around the boundary of the Bagnall Heights. This has now been clarified – the pavement will be installed over the next few weeks although it was accepted that due to a senior officer at Staffordshire County Council over stepping his role this will not be prior to the first resident(s) taking up occupancy.

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06.94 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

04.53 – Playing Fields

The cradle seat has now been purchased and will be installed at the earliest opportunity.

06.06(iii) – Stanley Road – Bulbous tree

Cllr Ralphs advised that the Highways Department is in negotiation with the landowner.

06.27(i) – Common Land

No further progress has been made on this matter.

06.49(i) – Clewloes Bank – 40mph sign

The Highways Department has carried out a safety investigation of this site and feel that the change in position of the speed sign would not prevent further accidents. It is their opinion that hazard warning signs should be used to alert drivers of the presence of the potential hazard and to this end will install a new double bend warning sign together with SLOW carriageway markings at this location very shortly. The outcome of these measures will be monitored.

06.49(ii) – Horse Trough

Cllr Pearson has not been able to speak to his contact. However, it was felt that the problem only occurred during the summer months and one solution would be to encourage local residents to use the water to irrigate their hanging baskets, potted plants, etc. This would ensure a steady flow of water and prevent algae occurring.

06.49(iii) – Well on Thorney Edge Lane

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

06.58(ii) – Burial Ground

Cllr Hayes has made contact with the land owner, however, the plot of land is not sufficient for use as a burial ground. Other alternatives are actively being sought.

06.67(v) – Salters Wells – Trees

Jackson Nurseries has given their assurance that this work will be carried out within the next couple of weeks.

06.86(i) – Bent tree on Greens

Jackson Nurseries has given their assurance that this work will be carried out within the next couple of weeks.

06.85(iii) – Spring Bank – cobble sets

Mr Greatbatch has agreed to undertake some remedial work in this vicinity and Cllr Ralphs will chase this up.

06.85(iv) – Blue Bridge – Hedge

Jackson Nurseries will undertake the cutting back of the willow at a cost of £60.00. Cllrs felt that the problem was more with the hedge which is the responsibility of the Highways Department, Cllr Simpson agreed to speak to Mr Greatbatch.

06.94 Environmental Issues

06.59(i) – Himalayan Balsam

Jackson Nurseries have advised that to cut down prior to the flowering stage next June would cost in the region of £480.00; alternatively the area could be sprayed at a cost of approximately £240.00. Cllrs felt that unless Himalayan Balsam was removed from the whole of the parish and surrounding areas any work undertaken in this small vicinity would be a waste of resources and therefore resolved to take no further action at this time.

06.86(ii) – Village Hall

Cllr Adams asked that any complaints appertaining to the use of the village Hall should be directed to the Village Hall Committee, advising them of the date and time of the incident. Any anti-social behaviour should be reported direct to the Police directly and the Village Hall Committee advised of the 'incident' number. The Parish Council had no powers in this regard. Any unreasonable use needed to be addressed at the earliest opportunity and by involving the Parish Council this was only delaying the matter.

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Correspondence

- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Notification of the Parish Elections on 3 May 2007 and the associated costs that the Parish Council should consider when setting its precept.
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Notification of Parish Council Focus Group in relation to the Staffordshire Moorlands Play and Youth Strategy
- Wetley Moor Joint Committee – Notification of their next meeting
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Reminder of the Rural Community Chest Scheme

Any Other Business

- Cllr Simpson asked that the changes in funding for the police authority is put on next month's agenda, this was agreed.
- The possible change in the frequency of waste collection was raised and it was agreed to include this on November's agenda for further discussion.
- There are a number of residents who currently do not clear up after their dogs and it was agreed to discuss the possible installation of 'dog litter bins' within the parish at the next meeting.
- The Clerk gave six-month's notice of her intention to resign as Clerk / Responsible Officer to the Parish Council. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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14 October 2006