

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 9 January 2007 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

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

Cllr Peter Adams
Cllr Roy Hewson
Cllr Dave Pearson

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)
0 Members of the public

07.01 Apologies

Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Business commitments

07.02 Minutes of Meeting held on 12 December 2006

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

07.03 Matters Arising not on agenda

06.102 – Waste Collection – change in frequency of collection

Discussion on this item has been postponed to the next meeting.

06.104 – Appointment of a new Clerk

The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by a company offering advertising on the JobSpot 'online only' service and asked the Councils views on this. After discussion it was agreed not to proceed along these lines, but to advertise in The Sentinel / Leek Post and Times. The Clerk will progress this.

07.04 Finance issues

- A cheque in the sum of £642.31 has been received in respect of the Lengthsman's scheme
- A cheque for £5.57 has been received in respect of wayleave fees for the pole nr the poplars
- An invoice from Staffordshire Newspapers Ltd in the sum of £64.62 has been received. This is in respect of advertising for a replacement Clerk. Payment was agreed.
- An invoice for £289.00 to cover the period from January 2004 to January 2007 (inclusive) has been received from Moorlands Village Hall for room hire. Payment was agreed
- The Clerk requested the standing order for her salary be cancelled due to a change in her personal banking arrangements. This was agreed
- The Clerk submitted her invoice for £405.07 to cover her salary for the period January to March 2007 and expenses for quarters 2, 3 and 4. Payment was agreed.

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07.05 Planning Applications

Full permission for development has been received in respect of

- Luzlow Farm, Luzlow Lane, Bagnall
Erection of greenhouse

Certificate of existing lawful operational development has been received in respect of

- Land to the rear of Chez Nous, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook
Construction of a pond

Refusal of certificate of lawful use and develop in respect of

- Land to the rear of Chez Nous, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Operational development of the construction of a paved driveway, erection of a brick wall and use of land as a domestic garden and residential cartilage

Notice of Public Inquiry relating to

- Land to the rear of Chez Nous, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Operational development of the construction of a paved driveway, erection of a brick wall and use of land as a domestic garden and residential cartilage

Planning applications have been received in respect of

- Meadow Brook, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Single storey side/rear extensions

The Parish Council was in support of this application.

Bagnall Heights

Cllr Simpson has spoken with representatives from Staffordshire County Council Highways Department and has received an assurance that work on the pavements will commence late February / early March 2007 unless any unforeseen complications arise.

Old Reservoir, Bagnall Road

Cllrs discussed works undertaken at this site that do not enhance the aesthetics of either the site or the entrance to the village. Cllr Simpson will liaise with the Enforcement Officer and ask for the situation to be reviewed.

07.06 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

06.49(iii) – Well on Thorney Edge Lane

Cllr Hayes advised that the stone mason has taken annual leave and is therefore unable to provide a quotation. Cllr Hayes will pursue this upon the stone mason's return. Cllr Pearson also agreed to progress the obtaining of a quotation from Mr Weston. The Clerk was asked to let the insurance company of the vehicle that damaged the well know that quotations will be forthcoming shortly.

06.06(ii) – Stanley Road – Bulbous tree

Progress is still being monitored

06.58(ii) – Burial Ground

Work is still ongoing

06.67(v) – Salters Wells – Trees

Cllr Simpson will follow up to ensure the work is progressed.

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06.85(iii) – Spring Bank – cobble sets

This work is still pending.

06.86(i) – Bent tree on Greens

Work to straighten the tree has taken place

07.06(i) – Pavements within Bagnall

The Parish Council has been lobbying the Highways Department for the past three years in an effort to improve the condition of the pavements within the Parish. A further request will be forwarded to enable this to be considered within the forthcoming financial year's projects.

07.06(ii) – Seat opposite golf course

Cllrs Pearson and Lawley will arrange to have this seat cordoned off for safety reasons, assess the damage and provide a brief report to enable appropriate repairs to be undertaken by the Lengthsman.

07.06(iii) – Fencing around the Quarry, Spring Bank

It was agreed that a quotation from the Lengthsman be sought to rectify the damage to this fencing.

07.06(iv) – Seat by the Church

The Council was advised that this seat had sustained some wear and tear damage which will be repaired as soon as possible.

07.07 Environmental Issues

Cllrs raised concerns about the insufficient level of lighting in the vicinity of the old Post Office. The Clerk was asked to enquire of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council if a light could be fixed to the telegraph pole to improve the situation.

07.08 Correspondence

- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Notification of a possible change to the day of household rubbish collections in the parish
- D and G Coach and Bus Ltd – Service 44 – Letter responding to the enquiries made by the Parish Council, suggesting we raise our queries with Staffordshire County Council
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Notification of the Best Kept Village Competition 2007
- Eric Roy, Consulting – offering web site design
- Bagnall Conservation Area Appraisal – Notification of a consultation. This will be discussed in full at the next meeting
- Staffordshire County Council – Making a Difference: Scrutiny at Staffordshire County Council
- West Midlands Regional Assembly – speaking Out Newsletter

07.09 Any Other Business

- There was no other business raised.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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11 January 2007