

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 10 April 2007 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

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

Cllr Peter Adams
Cllr Roy Hewson
Cllr Dave Pearson

In Attendance:

Dennis Boulton (Clerk)
Denise Cooper
3 Members of the public

07.29 Apologies

There were no apologies

07.30 Minutes of Meeting held on 13 March 2007

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as a true and accurate record, with the following amendments:-

After his presentation Mr. Drage left the meeting.

Re 7.24. "Hill View, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall – There has been some work done on these trees.

7.28 Staffordshire should read Staffordshire

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07.31 Matters Arising not on agenda

06.104 – Appointment of a new Clerk

Chairman welcomed to the meeting Dennis Boulton, as a Clerk to the Parish Council.

Following the visit of Mr Drage, Cllr Sybil Ralphs suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to him – agreed. She also suggested that other officers could be approached and their knowledge and expertise used by the Parish Council.

07.32 Finance issues

- A quote had been received to repair Thorny Edge Well for £575, a further £200 will be required to pave around the well. It had been impossible to obtain another quotation as there is a shortage of specialist masons willing to take on this work and, as this is a health and safety issue, it was agreed to proceed with this quotation. Cllr Dave Pearson commented that blocks could be stolen if action was not swift. A copy of the quotation will therefore be forwarded to Norwich Union.
- An invoice has been received from Staffordshire County Council in the sum of £400 for the playing fields rent. Payment was agreed.
- An invoice in the sum of £397.96 has been received from Allianz Cornhill for the insurance premium. Payment was agreed.

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The meeting was opened to the public

Local residents expressed their concern at the propose development at Luzlow Anglers Fishing Club. The residents gave an overview of the planning history relating to this development in that planning permission had not been granted for the original fishing pool. It was also claimed that the owner, in defiance of an enforcement notice, had continued to import material and use the land for tipping which has raised the ground level considerably. The Parish Council refuses to support this application.

07.33 Planning Applications

Full permission for development has been received in respect of

- 17, Bagnall Heights
Conservatory Extension to rear of dwelling

Planning applications had been received in respect of

- Lauresa, School Road, Bagnall
Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions
- Little Brookhouse Farm, Thorney Edge Road, Bagnall
Conservatory and single storey side extension

The Parish Council supported the above applications.

- Luzlow Anglers Fishing Club, Jack Haye Lane, Armshead
Creation of 28-bay car park and hardcore roadway

The above application was not supported

Mount Pleasant Farm Development.

We have received a request from a potential purchaser of the premises for the Parish Council's comments on his intended use of the premises. Although concerns were raised around access and egress to the site, it was agreed that there were no issues.

07.34 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

06.49(i) – Clewlovs Bank – 40mph sign

Cllr Ralphs would attempt to put this on the Priority list. There were two small 30mph signs, which were in keeping with the other village signs.

06.49(iii) – Well on Thorney Edge Lane

Agreed to go ahead with repairs. (see 07.32)

06.06(ii) – Stanley Road- Bulbous tree

Progress is still being monitored

06.58(ii) – Burial Ground

This to be discussed at the next meeting

06.06(i) – Pavements within Bagnall

Cllr Ralphs reported that the pavement would come up to the village but no further.

07.06(ii) Seat opposite golf course

Cllr Adams informed the meeting that he was waiting for quotes. There were also approximately 20 posts, which need inspection – Cllrs Lawley and Pearson to inspect and report.

07.06(iv) – Seat by the Church

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07.34(i) – Lengthmans Agreement

It was agreed that the 1st mowing be brought forward.

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07.35 Environmental Issues

There were no issues raised.

07.36 Correspondence

- Greenway Hall Golf Club – Premises licence application. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council was writing to ask if the Parish Council had any objection to this application. The meeting agreed that they had no objections.
- Christopher Drage - Letter from Christopher Drage, saying that he enjoyed the meeting on the 13th March. Six copies of the Bagnall Conservation Area Management Plan were enclosed. Clerk to respond asking about the Public Meeting and for Mr Drage to suggest a timetable and the parameters of any public discussions proposed. Also to try and confirm a date for the "Walkabout".
- Youth Service – Letter received concerning availability of a Youth Worker. Denise Cooper will email the named contact in this correspondence to see what follow up is possible. In addition clerk to contact Alan Betts.
- City of Stoke on Trent – Inner Urban Core Area Action Plan – Agreed that clerk should contact City Council for more information particularly where the plan affects the boundaries of Bagnall PC.
- Audit Commission Letter informing Bagnall Parish Council that the External Auditor will be Michael Newbury.

07.28 Any Other Business

- Beacon - Cllr Lawley stated that the beacon on the boundary of the village hall car park was leaning. Discussion took place and it was suggested that the clerk approaches BT for sponsorship to repair this.

Swings for toddlers – these will be installed ASAP

Car Parking opposite cottage – it was agreed to obtain a "disclaimer" sign for the car park. Cllr Ralphs to arrange.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date:

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17th April 2007