

Bagnall Parish Council

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

Present

Cllr Dave Pearson (Chair)
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Cllr Roy Hewson
Cllr Ken Simpson

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Minute Clerk)
0 Members of the public

07.62 Apologies

Cllr Frank Hayes	Annual Leave
Cllr Peter Adams	Annual Leave
Cllr Peter Lawley	Annual Leave

07.63 Minutes of Meeting held on 12 June 2007

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

07.64 Matters Arising not on agenda

Cllr Lawley reported that he had read Staffordshire County Council's Strategic Plan "*What does it mean for you? 2007-2010*" and advised that there is nothing that directly relates to this parish.

Cllr Hewson gave an overview of the West Midlands Regional Assembly Newsletter – Speaking Out.

07.65 Parish Clerk

Cllr Pearson stated that he has taken external advice on governance issues relating to the finance of the Parish Council. The consensus view is that this should be overseen / monitored by a third person, removed from the electoral system. Another issue to be borne in mind is that it is best practice for finances to be recorded electronically. It was therefore proposed and agreed that Denise Cooper retain this element of the work.

Denise Cooper stated that she would be on holiday for the next Parish Council meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that the meeting date be changed to Tuesday 21 August 2007, 7.30pm.

07.66 Finance issues

- An invoice in the sum of £398.42 has been received in respect of the Lengthmans contract. Some concerns were raised at the standard of workmanship currently being received. After discussion it was agreed to pay this invoice, but Cllr Simpson will raise our concerns with Jacksons's Nurseries
- An invoice in the sum of £13.01 has been received in respect of the water supply / standing charges for the horse trough. Payment was agreed.
- Denise Cooper requested payment of her fees for July 2007, being £50.00. Payment was agreed.

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07.67 Planning Applications

Refusal of Planning Permission for

- Stables, Lime Tree Farm, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Retention of livery stables, staff mess and changing facilities, tack room, storage and drying room

Planning Applications received for

- Little Brookhouse Farm, Thorney Edge Road, Bagnall
Replacement of existing outbuilding for residential purposes
- Edgeley, School Road, Bagnall
Replacement garage
- Blakewell Cottage, Clewloes Bank, Stockton Brook
Single storey side extension
- The Mount, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Single / two storey and first floor extension

The Parish Council supported the above applications

- 2 Bagnall Heights, Bagnall Road, Bagnall
Rear Conservatory

Although the Parish Council supported this development in principle, it would like to see some consistency in design / material to avoid a mismatch upon this new development

Bagnall Heights

Cllr Simpson advised that the drawings have now been approved by Staffordshire County Council and the matter is now with the developer to progress the installation of footpaths around the development.

07.68 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

07.06(ii) – Seat opposite golf course

There is no further news from Jack Barber Golf Club, Cllr Hayes will pursue upon his return from holiday. In the interim it was suggested that the area around the seat be trimmed back by the Lengthsman and Cllr Simpson will progress this.

07.48(i) – Road Erosion

The Highways department has undertaken a site visit and Cllr Ralphs will obtain their report.

07.48(iii) – Bin by the Ford

Cllr Pearson proposed that the existing bin be covered by a plinth upon which could be set a map of Bagnall, depicting all the walks in the area and other points of interest. A sketch will be prepared by Cllr Pearson and Cllr Ralphs will liaise with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council on our behalf to ascertain the cost of this venture and also the possibility of obtaining a grant towards the costs.

07.58(i) – Footpath 14

Cllr Lawley reported that although there was an electronic fence bordering the footpath this did not impede walkers, although he did consider some of the styles too high for dogs to use easily. Cllr Hayes stated that he had been approached by residents who had been verbally abused when using the footpath. The residents also felt that the electric fence was dangerous and have reported this to the local authority who have agreed that the fence is too close to the footpath. Cllr Ralphs confirmed that the Enforcement Officer from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council is looking into this matter.

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07.68(i) – Village Signage

Cllr Pearson stated that a number of other villages have an ornate village sign or some other type of structure / mark at the entrance to the village to denote entry into the village. Cllrs were asked to give this issue some consideration.

07.68(ii) – Fencing around Greens

Cllr Simpson reported damage to some of the fencing posts around the green and also to the reflective bollard by the cottages. Cllrs felt that there is a growing culture of vandalism within the village which needs addressing. It was therefore suggested that Mark Cliff, the new police officer with responsibility for Bagnall to attend a Parish Council meeting. Cllr Ralphs agreed to liaise with him a convenient date for him to attend a meeting. Alongside this Cllrs requested regular patrols within the village.

07.69 Environmental Issues

There were no issues raised.

07.70 Correspondence

- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Information on the Licensing Act 2003
- North Staffordshire Core Spatial Strategy – Revised preferred options. Cllrs Pearson, Simpson and Hewson will provide feedback at the next meeting.
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – notification of recycling and waste road shows
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Local Government Act 2000: Ethics and Standards briefing for Town and Parish Councils
- Ipstones Parish Council – Donations request for Safety Scene Exhibition. Declined on this occasion
- LaMIS – Promotional information
- NALC – Notifications of a conference on new Model Code of Conduct
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Notification of grant towards Parish Plans
- Moorlands Together – Sustainable Community Strategy 2007-2010 – already read by Cllr Lawley
- Notification of an event to promote Endon and Brown Edge First Responders
- Wetley Moor Joint Committee – agenda for their next meeting

07.71 Any Other Business

- There were no issues raised.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date: 21 August 2007

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