

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 12 February 2008 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

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

Cllr Peter Adams
Cllr Roy Hewson

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Minute Clerk)
6 Members of the public

08.10 Apologies

Cllr Dave Pearson
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Business commitments
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08.11 Minutes of Meeting held on 8 January 2008

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

08.12 Matters Arising not on agenda

There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

The meeting was opened to the public

A number of residents from Bagnall Heights had attended the meeting to ascertain the Parish Council's perspective on the installation progress for the footpath around the development. They had been advised that all the documentation had now been completed and that the County Council and legal representatives from Bagnall Heights were in discussion, particularly around when the County Council will adopt the footpath, ie take up responsibility for its maintenance.

A brief discussion took place around the speed limit on Bagnall Road took place, and the monthly meetings of the Local Area Group where this had been discussed.

A request was made that the Parish Council write to D & G to ensure that the bus stops in School Road rather than outside Bagnall Heights, on the grounds of health and safety. This was agreed.

08.13 Finance issues

Invoice for £50.00 for Mrs Cooper's fees was submitted. Payment was agreed.

Staffordshire County Council has notified us that the rent for the playing fields will increase to £460.00 per annum with effect from 1 January 2008.

08.14 Planning Applications

Correspondence from Staffordshire County Council had been received in respect of changes to the planning application process. Cllr Lawley agreed to read and report back to the next meeting.

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Full permission for development has been received for

- Stables, Lime Tree Farm, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Change of use of barn to 12 stables, retention of stable block of 4 and proposed ménage and reinstate field area.

Bagnall Heights

An acknowledgement to Cllr Pearson's letter to Mr Green has been received. Some background research is taking place and we will be notified of the findings in due course.

08.15 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

06.49(ii) – Well on Thorney Edge Lane

Cllr Hewson advised that he had obtained information on the expenditure involved in using the Small Claims Court. The information will be circulated to Councillors to enable a full discussion at the next meeting.

07.77(i) – Bagnall Road – Local Action Group

Cllr Hayes advised that he had received the Minutes of the December 2007 meeting of this group. He felt that there appeared to be confusion as to the role of community groups; they undermine and attempt to duplicate the work of the democratically elected Parish Councils. The Minutes contained a number of discussions / decisions that had been made concerning Bagnall Parish. Councillors felt concerned that the Local Area Group was operating beyond its terms of reference as a vehicle for moving forward work that should have been directed to the Parish Council. Councillors expressed their great concern and disappointment that there had been no liaison whatsoever over these issues and would not wish this situation to continue. It was suggested that Cllr Christina Jebb attend the next meeting to explain the situation.

07.95(i) – Pot Hole road repairs

Cllr Simpson will review the work recently carried out to ascertain it is fit for purpose as it had been reported that the work showed signs of breaking up.

07.113(i) – Concrete posts around the Horse Chestnut green

Problems in matching the existing posts had delayed the installation of the replacements. Cllr Simpson suggested that as all the posts will have to be replaced in due course, we should commence this process now by purchasing the new shape post. Cllr Lawley will advise the contractor accordingly.

08.15 – Letter on the condition of the parish

A letter has been received from a resident pointing out deficiencies in the Parish, a number of which have previously been discussed by Councillors. It was agreed that as finance became available, remedial work will be put in place. Cllr Lawley will respond.

08.16 Environmental Issues

08.06(i) – Parish Spring Clean (Put Pride in the Parish)

Cllr Adams advised Councillors that the Chestnut Queen has suggested a sponsored 'Litter Pick'. It was suggested that Cllr Pearson obtain further information for the next meeting.

08.17 Correspondence

- Communities and Local Government – Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England: Consultation
- Staffordshire County Council – Local Services: Staffordshire Moorlands Area Initial Consultation
- Moorlands Village Hall – Request to utilise the village greens for the Bagnall Chestnut Queen fete as in previous years. Permission granted.
- Staffordshire County Council – Community Paths Initiative Bids for 2008/09

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- Leek and District Civic Society – Awards Scheme for the Enhancement of the Environment
- Stoke PCT – Local Health Services Survey

08.18 Any Other Business

- There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed(Chairman)

Date: 11 March 2008

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