

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 9 September 2008 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

Cllr Dave Pearson (Chair)	Cllr Peter Adams
Cllr Andrew Batson	Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr Sybil Ralphs	Cllr Ken Simpson

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

08.82 Apologies

Cllr Frank Hayes Annual Leave

08.83 Minutes of Meeting held on 12 August 2008

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

08.84 Matters Arising not on agenda

08.44 – Bagnall Heights

Cllr Batson has received a response to his letter requesting further information, which, after discussion was felt irrelevant to our discussions and Cllr Batson will respond to this effect.

08.70 – Future of the Playing Fields

Cllr Hayes is still waiting a response from the Solicitors, once this has been received a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee will take place.

08.84 – Clerk

Mrs Cooper advised that due to other commitments she would not be able to attend future meetings on a Tuesday evening. After discussion it was agreed to change the night of forthcoming meetings to the second Monday in each month as an interim measure. In the long term it was agreed to advertise the position, with a view to recruiting for April / May 2009.

08.85 Footpath 32

Cllr Ralphs advised that the Head of Legal and the Head of Countryside services from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council accompanied Cllr Ralphs and representatives from local residents on a site visit of this area. The representatives from the District Council stated that they would deal with the situation in a fair way and were supportive of the residents' views. It was agreed to wait the outcome of this visit before discussing the issue further. Cllr Pearson requested a copy of the letter being forwarded to local residents, and this was agreed.

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08.86 Finance issues

- An invoice for £50.00 has been received from Mrs Cooper for Minute taking for September. Payment was agreed.
- Jackson's Nurseries have forwarded an invoice for £410.38 in respect of the Lengthsman's Agreement. Cllr Simpson will clarify that the works have taken place prior to the invoice being paid.

08.87 Planning Applications

Planning consent has been received in respect of

- Lock 9, Top Lock, Cauldon canal
Installation of cill hazard warning sign on lock gates
- Land adjacent to The Gables, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Erection of two storey dwelling (outline)
- Canal Cottages, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Replacement two storey side extension and first floor rear extension

Planning applications has been received in respect of

- Lock 9, Cauldon canal, Stockton Brook
Installation of cast iron bollards
- Grove farm, Thorney Edge Road, Bagnall
Certificate of existing lawful use as a livery with associated buildings

The Parish Council was in support of the above applications.

- The Mount, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Erection of a replacement dwelling

Concerns were raised in respect of this application and some clarification will be sought from the planning department prior to a decision being made

Cllr Adams stated that the stables on Mill Lane have not been erected in accordance with the planning application. He agreed to liaise with the planning department regarding this matter.

08.88 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

06.49(ii) – Well on Thorney Edge Lane

Cllr Pearson agreed to submit a grant application for the cost of the remedial works (including work I kind).

08.88(i) – Highway Issues

A site visit of a number of sites within the parish has taken place and steps to resolve these are in place. These include the removal of the bulbous tree on Stanley Road, a number of areas where flooding is an issue and general maintenance of the roads.

08.88(ii) – Fencing on the greens

Cllr Lawley agreed to obtain prices for the replacement of posts and cross bars.

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08.89 Environmental Issues

07.78 – Dog Bins

Cllr Ralphs confirmed that the bins were now available for installation. Cllr Simpson will confirm the sites and advise the district council accordingly.

08.90 Correspondence

- City of Stoke on Trent – Core Spatial strategy – Submission Draft
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Staffordshire Moorlands Project Carbon
- Letter from resident regarding the pavements around Bagnall Heights. This was read out and and Cllrs acknowledged that the content reflected the views of a number of residents and the Parish Council. Mrs Cooper was asked if she could email Cllr Jebb to obtain a copy of the County Council's official specification for footways, together with that issued for this project.
- Tinsdills – The Parish Council had express interest in a parcel of land for use as a burial ground. The Solicitors requested the exact location to enable this to be deal with appropriately.

08.91 Any Other Business

- There was no other business raised.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date: 13 October 2008

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