

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Monday 13 October 2008 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

Cllr Dave Pearson (Chair)
Cllr Andrew Batson
Cllr Peter Lawley

Cllr Peter Adams
Cllr Frank Hayes
Cllr Ken Simpson

In Attendance:

Denise Cooper (Minute Clerk)
5 Members of the public

08.92 Apologies

Cllr Sybil Ralphs

District Council commitments

Cllr Pearson, as Chair of the Parish Council, expressed the Parish Council's heartfelt sympathies to the Vincent family for their recent loss.

08.93 Minutes of Meeting held on 9 September 2008

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

08.94 Matters Arising not on agenda

08.44 – Bagnall Heights

Cllr Batson has been in correspondence with Bagnall Heights and it is hopeful that the location of the bus shelter has been identified. This information will be verified and Cllr Batson will report back to the next meeting.

08.90(i) – Bagnall Heights – Pavements

Cllr Pearson confirmed that he has written to express our concern regarding the specification for the pavements around Bagnall Heights.

08.90(ii) – Burial Ground

A couple of potential sites have been identified and the solicitor advised. We await a response. In the interim Cllr Adams has obtain information on the statutory dimension for a grave plot (9' x 4' – 6' x 2' being the actual hold). It was therefore felt that an area of approximately 2 acres will be required.

08.95 Finance issues

- An invoice has been received in the sum of £141.00 for the audit commission external audit of the account. Payment was agreed.
- Mrs Cooper submitted her fees for the October meeting in the sum of £50.00. Payment was agreed.
- Staffordshire Playing Fields Association annual subscription in the sum of £15.00 is now due. Payment was agreed.
- An invoice from Jackson's Nurseries in respect of the Lengthsman's Agreement in the sum of £410.38 has been received. Payment was agreed.
- It was agreed to pay the invoice from Jackson's Nurseries submitted last month but to monitor the number of grass cuts carried out during the year to ensure this was in line with the Lengthsman's agreement.

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08.96 Planning Applications

Planning applications have been received for

- Land adjacent to The Gables, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Erection of dwelling (outline) (two applications)
- Houghwood Cottage Farm, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Conversion of garage and outbuildings to form residential annex
- The Mount, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Erection of a replacement dwelling (amendment to original plans)

The Parish Council supported the above applications.

With effect from 1 October 2008 some changes to the Planning laws took effect. Cllr Batson provided a one-sheet overview of the most significant changes for information.

To further clarify these changes, Mike Green, Head of Planning and Building Control, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council has asked Bagnall Parish Council to host a presentation to neighbouring Parish Councils. Further details will be made available in due course.

08.97 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

06.49(ii) – Well on Thorney Edge Lane

Cllr Pearson confirmed that the grant application has been submitted and we await a decision.

08.88(ii) – Fencing on the greens

Cllr Lawley has identified that only one post is required and is in the process of obtaining a replacement.

08.97(i) – Proposed speed limit on Bagnall Road / School Road

In response to local concerns a 40mph speed limit is proposed along Bagnall Road from the boundary with Stoke on Trent for approximately 1,500 metres towards Salters Wells and along School Road from its junction with Bagnall Road for a distance of approximately 250 metres. Cllrs expressed disappointment that the speed limit fell short of the hazardous bend at Salters Wells and will request that the limit is extended to include this area.

08.98 Environmental Issues

07.78 – Dog Bins

Cllr Simpson has ascertained that the site visit to identify suitable positions for the visit will take place on 20 November 2008.

08.98(i) – Quarries

It has come to the Parish Council's notice that one of the common land quarries is inadvertently being filled in. Cllr Batson is currently investigating this issue.

08.99 Correspondence

- Communities and Local Government – Consultation on making and enforcing byelaws
- Staffordshire Moorlands Local Development Framework – Parish Council Workshops
- Staffordshire County Council – Consultation Workshops on the issues and options for The Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Waste Core Strategy and the Staffordshire Minerals Core Strategy
- Countryside Activities and Events – Autumn winter 2008/09

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- Campaign to Protect Rural England – Newsletter
- Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service Newsletter
- Standards Board – Town and Parish Standard Newsletter
- Staffordshire County Council – Vote for cash in your community. Cllrs stated that they had been inundated with requests for clarity on the process from confused parishioners who had expressed concerns that the process was open to under 18's and that each area had considerably different population sizes which may skew the voting process.

08.100 Footpath 32

As a follow on from item 08.85, a meeting has been held with Mark Trillo, a representative from the Staffordshire Moorlands District Council who has agreed to follow up this issue on our behalf with the County Council. Local residents were also in attendance.

Mark Trillo agreed to provide a report to residents within a week of the meeting, however, this is still awaited and Cllr Ralphs will follow this up. Once the report has been received and a copy made available to the Parish Council further discussions will take place.

Section Open to the Public

A local resident expressed his concern at the discourteous use by the public of the footpath that crossed his land. Cllr Pearson stated the Parish Council's involvement only extended to the preservation of the environment and open access to and across the footpath. Any other issues were for resolution between the land owner, the footpath user(s), and where applicable, the police.

08.101 Any Other Business

- Parish Council meetings will revert back to the second Tuesday in each month with effect from the November meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date: 13 November 2008

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