

Bagnall Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 10 February 2009 Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall

Present

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

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

09.10 Apologies

There were no apologies.

09.11 Minutes of Meeting held on 13 January 2009

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

09.12 Matters Arising not on agenda

08.84 – Clerk

Cllrs Pearson and Lawley stated that the individual identified are no longer interested in the position. Cllr Simpson has received a letter from a Mr Miller and Mrs Cooper was requested to make contact and ascertain if they are still interested with a view to arranging an interview.

09.13 Finance issues

- The Parish Council has received payment of £675.00 being the Lengthsman's Agreement payment for the current financial year.
- An invoice for £50.00 has been received from Mrs Cooper for her fees for February 2009, payment was agreed.
- Reimbursement of £6.00 to Mr Batson for fees in respect of Land Registry investigations.

08.44 – Bus Shelter

An invoice in the sum of £402.50 (including VAT) has been received from Roy Beech (Contractors) Ltd in respect of the installation of a replacement bus shelter. This amount represents 50% of the total costs, 25% of which we are requested to obtain from the County Council. Cllr Pearson stated that he had only agreed to pay £175.00 and a cheque for this amount was forwarded to the contractors with a request for them to recoup the remainder of the outstanding monies from Andy Mason at Staffordshire County Council.

09.14 Planning Applications

Refusal of Planning Permission has been received for

- Hilrae, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Two storey and single storey side extension

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09.15 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance issues

06.49(ii) – Well on Thorney Edge Lane

Our grant application will be reviewed at the March meeting of the relevant committee.

08.88(ii) – Fencing on the greens

The hooks obtained by Cllr Simpson have now been passed to Cllr Lawley for installation when the weather improves.

08.100 – Footpath 32

Cllr Batson has approached the Land Registry and has found evidence which supports Mr Thursfield has having full title to the area of land in question. Cllr Ralphs advised the Parish Council that any issues relating to this footpath should be directed to the County Council. Following contact from Cllr Pearson regarding the removal / prevention of surface water on the footpath, Mrs Moore has undertaken a site visit and reported that the water is the result of either an underground spring or broken pipe work rather than illegal blockage of the gullies. She will put in place a full investigation and appropriate remedial work.

08.116(iii) – Gritting

Cllr Jebb, following contact from Cllr Pearson, has organised for the area around Kerry Hill to be gritted. Unfortunately, due to the current shortage of salt only the major A roads are being gritted. It was suggested that a survey of the parish be undertaken to ensure there are sufficient grit bins and that they are full of salt. This will be undertaken during the summer. The Parish Council extends its thanks to Cllr Jebb for her assistance.

09.06(i) – Footpaths Generally

It was suggested that the Parish Councillors walked all the footpaths in the parish to enable a comprehensive schedule of work required to be provided to the County Council. This will be undertaken in the spring.

09.06(ii) – Armshead junction / Salter's Wells

The District Council will ensure that appropriate notices are erected.

09.06(iii) – Out of Area Issues

A consultation on the best route for the crossing at Dilhorne is being put in place.

09.15(i) – Quarries

Cllr Simpson advised that the quarry opposite Mr Maylands property has been completely filled in by Pointons. Cllr Batson is undertaking some investigative work to ascertain the exact location / size of the various quarries / common land and report back to the next meeting. It was agreed to await Cllr Batson's findings before taken any further action on this matter.

09.16 Environmental Issues

There were no issues raised.

09.17 Correspondence

- Staffordshire County Council – Notification of the Community Paths Initiative 2009/10. This was passed to Cllr Simpson for information.
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Notification about Rural Service Network
- POhWER Independent Complaints Advocacy Service – Information letter re advocacy support to people who wish to make a complaint about the NHS
- Staffordshire County Council – Winter driving information
- QPSMR Ltd – Offer of assistance with Parish Action Plan Survey
- James Hall Contracting – Offering their service re street work projects
- Moorlands Village Hall – Request to use the Parish Field and Village Greens for car parking. Request agreed.
- Time 2 Time – Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service Newsletter

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09.18 Any Other Business

- Cllr Simpson has been approached by a local business if notices could be displayed in our notice boards to promote a specific event. This was agreed.
- Cllr Ralphs advised that the Local Area Groups had now been disbanded and replaced with Locality Working Groups which will be affiliated with local Parish Councils. She asked if Ruth Read could attend the March 2009 meeting to provide an overview. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed(Chairman)

Date: 10 March 2009

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