

**Bagnall Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 9th June 2009
Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall**

Present

Cllr Peter Lawley (Chair)
Cllr Frank Hayes
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Cllr Andrew Batson
Cllr Dave Pearson
Cllr Ken Simpson

In Attendance

Roger Miller (Minute Clerk)

09.51 Apologies

Cllr Peter Adams – holiday

09.52 Minutes of meeting held on 12th May 2009

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

09.53 Matters Arising

08.44 - Bus Shelter

An enquiry to Cllr Jebb had revealed that she was certain it was not the County Council's intention to take over maintenance of the bus shelter. Since the parish council had agreed only to contribute but not to take the shelter onto its asset register it was resolved unanimously that Staffs Moorlands Council be asked to take over maintenance. Cllr Ralphs undertook to attempt to arrange that and confirmed that the waste bin had now been dealt with.

09.32 Insurance

Cllr Batson reported that a review of the insurance schedule indicated that two things should be considered

- More frequent inspection of playground equipment was required. It must also be undertaken by a "competent person". Since the price of such inspection was known to be high, it was agreed that making arrangements to coordinate inspections with others locally with the same requirement and other expedients to obtain best value would be explored.
- The price of items on the schedule for which replacement or reinstatement would be the insured risk required checking periodically.

He would also consider whether a claim could reasonably be made for some at least of the bus shelter costs

09.54 Finance

Lengthsman

It was noted that the annual purchase order for lengthsman highway maintenance services had been received from the County Council and that an invoice was required.

08.84 Clerk

It was agreed that the Parish continue to pay an annual subscription for the Parish Clerk to the Society of Clerks.

09.55 Planning Applications

09/00221/FUL. Noted permission for alterations to 162 Bagnall Road.

09/00366/FUL No objection to extensions at Hedge Croft Farm

09/00433/FUL Strong and unanimous objection to installation of a wind turbine at Greenway Hall on grounds of intrusion into the landscape (with potential for more should this application be approved) and probable noise. It was considered essential that the planning committee make a site inspection to realise just how inappropriate this proposal was.

09.56 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance

(i) Fly Tipping

Cllr Pearson reported that fly tipped tyres had now been removed but considered and deliberate illegal disposal in this way remained a persistent nuisance. Consideration would be given to placing mobile CCTV cameras at favourite spots but meanwhile Cllr Ralphs agreed to ask for police patrols at night for a few weeks to attempt to catch or deter what are suspected to be serial offenders. In addition a notice on all three parish Council boards would invite popular reporting to any Parish Councillor or the County hotline.

(ii) Posts

It was noted that a post by the memorial cross was broken and that a review of all the posts could usefully be undertaken.

(iii) Trees on the Green

One in particular of the trees on the green appeared to be degenerating. Cllr Ralphs would ask the SMDC tree officer to arrange for all the trees to be inspected.

06.49 Well

A satisfactory discussion had taken place with Mr Bettany about dealing with trees.

09.25(i) –Footpath 28

It was noted that the help of local riding schools in encouraging reasonable use of this path had been sought.

09.57 Environment

Scramble bikes had been heard in the parish and watchfulness was required to ensure this did not get out of hand.

09.58. Correspondence

- Notice of Parish Assembly 11th June
- Notice of County Council seminar 17th June on how to engage with the public and media
- Copy of County strategic plan 2009-12
- Notice of availability of SMDC Recycle scheme posters
- Invitation to contribute to SMDC guidance on the design of new developments with form to do so
- Request from *Beat the Cold*, working with SMDC, for an opportunity to address the Parish Council with a view to getting the scheme endorsed
- Invitation from Community Council of Staffordshire to participate in the 2009 Calor Village of the Year competition

09.59 Other Business

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed(Chairman)

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