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**Bagnall Parish Council  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall**

**Present**

Cllr Peter Lawley (Chair)  
Cllr Andrew Batson  
Cllr Ken Simpson

Cllr Peter Adams  
Cllr Dave Pearson

In Attendance

Roger Miller (Minute Clerk)  
2 members of the public

**09.78 Apologies**

Cllr Frank Hayes Holiday  
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

**09.79 Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

After amendment to recognise that Cllr Adams, not Cllr Lawley, was dealing with the war memorial, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**09.80 Matters Arising**

**08.120** Playing Field

It was now desirable to make the future of the playing field a matter of public discussion and advantage would be taken of what was intended to be a well publicised event preceding the October meeting of the Parish Council to introduce the matter.

**09.32 Insurance**

The Clerk understood that RoSPA had inspected the playground equipment. A report and invoice was expected shortly.

**09.56(iii) Trees on the Green**

One quotation, for £510, had been received from Westlands Tree Services to undertake the remedial work necessary to trees on the green. It was resolved that two other quotes be sought. Once a contractor is selected and a price known the Highways department will be asked if it will pay the bill. Verbal permission to do the work had been received and Cllr Simpson had asked without success for permission in writing. He would do so again.

**09.66 (ii) Field 1685**

Mr Green, Head of Development Services at SMDC, had written on 26<sup>th</sup> August to say that a planning enforcement file (No 09/00083/BOC) had been opened and Miss Howard, Planning Enforcement Officer, would be handling the case.

**09.73** Wind Turbine

Cllr Hayes had written and spoken to SMDC about the recent unexpected, unwelcome and in the view of Bagnall Parish Council unjustified consent to erection of a wind turbine at Greenway Hall and had sent relevant papers for consideration by the Parish Council. The chairman of the relevant SMDC planning meeting had told Cllr Hayes he had not been aware of objections at the time, although they were very

clearly expressed in a report by officers that unequivocally recommended rejection of the application as an unwarranted intrusion into the green belt and contrary to policy. Other parish councillors had reviewed the process of the planning meeting and were surprised at the outcome. Some doubt was expressed about the possibility of appeal in the ordinary sense against an approval, as distinct from refusal, but there was a determination to seek whatever redress might be available in the light of what might have been a flawed process as well as a perverse decision. The Parish Assembly later in the week was selected as the next opportunity to make representations and establish what redress might be available. Several Councillors would attend and establish what could be done.

#### **09.81 Finance**

Staffordshire Playing Fields Association sought renewal of a subscription. Since that would cost £80 for the coming year the Clerk was asked to summarise for the next meeting what benefits membership might confer, as a basis for a considered decision.

#### **09.82 Planning Applications**

Lime Tree Farm, beef rearing building – no objection

Rock Cottage, The Green, replacement side and rear extensions – no objection

Manor House Farm, agricultural livestock building – no objection

#### **09.83 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance**

##### **(i) Pavement**

The pavement by the church continued to be in a bad condition and possibly a danger to elderly or infirm users. Earlier requests for remedial action by the Highways department had had no effect. The Clerk would try again to get something done.

##### **(ii) Heavy vehicles**

There was some discussion of what might be done, without cluttering the village with unwanted signs, to stop heavy goods vehicles attempting to travel through the village and along Spring Bank, a route that apparently some satnavs suggest. No satisfactory suggestion was made but it remained desirable to find a solution to this problem.

#### **09.84 Environment**

No new matters were presented.

#### **09.85 Correspondence**

- Publicity for a presentation by *Beat the Cold* at 7pm on October 16<sup>th</sup>, before the next meeting of the Parish Council, was desirable. The Clerk would request leaflets that could be widely distributed in the village.
- Endon and district heritage and environment project had sent a general invitation to a community barbecue on 12<sup>th</sup> September
- Werrington Parish Council had sent invitations to a civic service on 13<sup>th</sup> September to Chairman and Clerk.
- The Energy Saving Trust had sent an invitation to a launch of a Green Communities initiative on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
- The Community Council of Staffordshire had sent a general invitation to its AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> September at Gnosall memorial hall.
- The Society of Local Clerks had announced a training day on human resource management on October 5<sup>th</sup>

- Staffordshire Parish Councils Association, of which it was noted Bagnall Parish Council is not a member, had sent notice of its AGM and conference on 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- The Rural Development programme for England had sent a notice about funding for rural heritage projects, not applicable to Bagnall
- Vitalise, a charity concerned with breaks for carers, had asked that a local coffee morning scheme in aid of Macmillan be publicised in Bagnall. It was agreed that their small poster be displayed on the notice board for a month.

**09.86 Other Business**

There were no other matters

The meeting closed at 9 pm

Signed .....(Chairman)

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