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**Bagnall Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall**

**Present**

Cllr Andrew Batson, Cllr Frank Hayes, Cllr Peter Lawley, Cllr Dave Pearson, Cllr Sybil Ralphs, Cllr Ken Simpson  
In Attendance Roger Miller (Clerk) and 10 members of the public

**10.28 Apologies**

Cllr Peter Adams

**10.29 Minutes**

Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March meeting were approved and signed.

**10.30 Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

06.49 Well

It was noted with pleasure that repairs to the well had been completed to a good standard but there appeared still to be some necessary work to adjacent trees. Also a pipe that was seeping water identified last month now appeared to be associated with the well. Cllrs Lawley and Simpson would investigate

08.120 Playing Field

Staffs CC had asked for two months to respond so this matter was carried forward for consideration at the May meeting.

09.56 Trees on the Green

Hillside Tree Care was awaiting clearance from the electricity authority, whose wires run across the Green, to complete the contracted work. The Clerk would check progress.

09.66 Survey

There was no further news of the survey.

**10.31 Finance**

Year End

Draft year end accounts were provided to the chairman. Formal presentation to the Council was delayed by absence of a final bank statement needed to make a secure bank reconciliation.

Payments

Payment due for hire of the village hall room for meetings was agreed.

Lengthsman

A quotation to undertake the Lengthsman programme this year had been received from Jacksons Nurseries but not from another contractor that had expressed interest in tendering and been sent the programme specification. If no other tender had been received by the end of the current week the Clerk was to accept the Jacksons tender for £2,518 including some activity only to be undertaken when directly requested.

### **10.32 Planning Applications**

A presentation immediately preceding this meeting, by Mike Green, Head of Development Services at SMDC, had been useful and would be separately summarised by the Clerk.

The Clerk circulated a suggested register of planning applications that could easily be consulted and added to as time allowed for comment on format and content. It was approved and the Clerk is to add progressively to the record.

There was strong objection to SLW/10/00234/FUL for two stables on land off Jack Hayes Lane. The Clerk was to register this at once with SMDC and then provide jointly with Cllr Batson a more detailed rationale for the objection.

There was no objection to WJOHNS/10/00193/F pitched roof to Pool Bungalow nor to LG/10/00247/FUL, a replacement garage at Altens on the Green or SLW/10/00214/FUL, walls and other adjustments at Jack Hayes Farm

### **10.33 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance**

#### 09.112 Parish Online Maps

The Clerk and Cllr Adams had attended a briefing meeting at the SMDC offices on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Adams' summary of results and conclusions was circulated. It was concluded that the parish would benefit from the use of this service but a decision was withheld until the financial implications are definitely known.

#### 10.15(i) Footpath Repairs

It is expected that efforts to get the footpath from the church and past the cottages repaired will soon be successful.

#### 10.24 Footpath Maps

The Clerk supplied fresh copies of the footpath map.

#### Footpath Condition

Some footpaths in the parish can only be walked with difficulty, for different reasons in different places. Parishoners had supplied several instances. It was resolved that a comprehensive review leading to such remedial action as might be possible was desirable. Cllr Simpson agreed to introduce an SMDC officer to the footpaths. It might be possible to look for a contribution to any remedial work requiring a public action to the community paths initiative announced last month by Staffs CC.

### **10.34 Environment**

#### 10.25(ii) Stony Edge Quarry

Further discussion was required with the owner of a stone pile that should not be in Stony Edge Quarry.

#### Fly Tipping

Fly tipped rubbish had again been removed from the parish during the past month, especially a great number of tyres. CCTV protection of the most affected spots was still being considered.

### **10.35 Correspondence**

Chestnut Queen Fete Committee requesting permission to use the Parish Field for this year's fete and Village Green for car parking. Clerk to write to agree.

Community Council of Staffordshire announcing an intention to consult groups and individuals about their experience of health and social care services in the county and seeking an invitation to any meetings that might help it do this.

Community Council of Staffordshire questionnaire about the existence of parish plans and prospects for their creation. Clerk to respond.

Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly to report opinion on why attendance had been poor and how Parish Councillors thought the Assembly might be improved and to announce the next meeting, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Moorlands Together to announce opening of a women's refuge and request wide publicity for an associated helpline. Agreed that the helpline number be shown on the website and the refuge poster supplied be placed on a notice board.

Staffordshire County Council noting success of a campaign to reduce sand and gravel extraction in the county.

Joan Walley MP wishing the parish well on its imminent transfer from what has been her Stoke North parliamentary constituency to Staffordshire Moorlands. Noted that she had been very supportive when necessary and Clerk to write to thank her.

### **10.36 Other Business**

There was none.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed..... Chairman

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