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**Bagnall Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Moorlands Village Hall, Bagnall**

**Present**

Cllr Andrew Batson, Cllr Frank Hayes, Cllr Peter Lawley, Cllr Dave Pearson

In Attendance Roger Miller (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

**10.28 Apologies**

Cllr Peter Adams, Cllr Sybil Ralphs, Cllr Ken Simpson

**10.42 Minutes**

Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> April meeting were approved and signed.

**10.43 Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

06.49 Well

It was noted that work to trees next to the well would be completed by Mr Bettany, since they stood chiefly on his land. He would landscape the area by the well and assume maintenance responsibility thereafter. The Council was grateful to him for this offer. The pipe that was seeping water had been investigated by Cllrs Lawley and Simpson and appeared not to need immediate attention

08.120 Playing Field

It was noted that Staffs CC two months to respond had now elapsed so Cllr Hayes would enquire what progress had been made.

09.56 Trees on the Green

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

09.66 Survey

It was reported that survey results were about to be generally published.

**10.44 Finance**

Year End

As reported at the AGM final year end accounts were still delayed by absence of a bank statement needed to make a secure bank reconciliation.

Payments

Repair of the well (£575.00). This sum was fully recoverable from insurance money held by Staffs CC. The Clerk was to seek relevant paperwork to make a claim.

Annual insurance premium to Aon (£467.18).

Clerk's invoice for time and expenses for the quarter February to April (£279.35)

All were approved for payment

Lengthsman

A second quotation to undertake the Lengthsman programme this year had been received, but Jacksons Nurseries tender for £2,518 including some activity only to be undertaken when directly requested had been the cheaper, had been accepted and had resulted in a first grass cut.

## **10.45 Planning Applications**

10.32 Objection to SLW/10/00234/FUL for two stables on land off Jack Hayes Lane had been lodged.

There were no new applications for consideration.

It was agreed that the register of planning applications approved in April was to be posted on the website so as to be generally accessible.

## **10.46 Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance**

09.112 Parish Online Maps

No further news on the price and availability of this service had been received from SMDC.

10.15(i) Footpath Repairs

It was still expected that efforts to get the footpath from the church and past the cottages repaired would soon be successful.

10.33 Footpath Condition

Provisional arrangements had been made for the SMDC footpath officer to walk a number of the Parish footpaths (probably 28,32 & 48) together with Councillors, though one of a number of possible dates had still to be chosen. This would allow discussion of condition, use, obstruction and any other relevant matters and result in a report to the Parish Council, bearing in mind that it might be possible to look to the community paths initiative, announced in March by Staffs CC, for a contribution to any remedial work.

The Chairman reported that he had been asked about recent application for conversion of footpath 32 to a bridle path, a process that even if successful normally takes years. He had discussed the matter with Staffs CC and discovered that an application was being considered seriously and apparently favourably. A proposal to add adjacent land to widen the pathway was being considered. He had also asked the parish's nominated County Councillor what light she could throw on what appeared to be an unusually speedy determination that favoured an applicant without due consultation, especially since some horse riders already created a hazard on this path. It was agreed that he write formally to Staffs CC asking for a report in time for the Parish Council to influence the outcome and preferably attendance by an officer of the County Council to explain their thinking.

## **10.47 Environment**

10.25(ii) Stony Edge Quarry

No more progress had been made with the owner of a stone pile that should not be in Stony Edge Quarry.

Fly Tipping

More tyres had been observed near the ford. CCTV protection of the most affected spots was still being considered.

## **10.48 Correspondence**

SMDC advising that it proposed to promote in 2010 Moorlands together action days that would involve working together with local communities to improve an area and asked for suggestions for projects.

Community Council of Staffordshire asking for an opportunity to talk to the Parish Council about health and social care services. The Clerk was asked to make arrangements.

Parish Assembly notice of meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June and request for confirmation of those likely to attend on behalf of the parish this year. Clerk to confirm that Cllrs Batson, Lawley & Simpson would share attendance between them as last year.

Letter from Emma Sams who declared herself to be a resident of Yorkshire visiting the parish deploring the visual impact of a collection of placards she had seen at the top of Jack Hayes Lane. No address was supplied so no acknowledgement was possible.

**10.49 Other Business**

There was none.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed..... Chairman

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