

# BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 8 February 2018

Village Hall  
School Lane  
Bagnall  
Staffordshire Moorlands

### Present:

Cllr Andrew Batson (Chair)  
Cllr Peter Lawley

Cllr David Pearson

### In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)  
Cllr Keith Flunder, SMDC

### Apologies

Cllr Mark Butler  
Cllr Sybil Ralphs  
Cllr Ken Simpson

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations made.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

### 17.111 Finances

#### 17.79.01 – Playing Fields: Hire charges/purchase of goal posts

Following previous discussions, a paper had been circulated to Cllrs for their attention providing details around the proposed hire charges.

Cllr Andrew Batson agreed to revisit the purchase of goal posts and bring back to the next meeting associated costs for consideration.

As attendance was low at this meeting, discussion around hire charges was deferred to the next meeting. In the interim the Clerk was asked to liaise with the Village Hall Committee regarding use of the car park.

#### 17.111.01 – Invoices / Receipts

The following invoice were received and payment agreed:

- Staff costs for February 2018 - £115.00

## 17.112 Planning

### SMDC Planning Decisions

- SMD/2017/0511 – Greenway Hall Golf Club, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook  
Installation of floodlighting to driving range  
*Despite the Parish Council's objection to this application, SMDC gave planning approval with a number of conditions. The Golf Club requested an amendment to Condition 4 of the approval under DOC/SMD/0110 (Specification on the type of lighting to be used and a request for an impact report before first commercial use. The report was submitted on 04.01.18) and SMDC gave full approval.*
- SMD/2017/0630 – Saddlers Cottage, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook  
Detached garage, addition of two number roof lights and increased size of ventilation grills, ref. SMD/2013/0102
- SMD/2017/0718 – Old Mill Farm, Old Mill Lane, Bagnall  
Two-storey extension with pitched roof  
*The Parish Council supported the above two application, SMDC gave planning approval*

### New Applications

- SMD/2017/0817 – Linden, 1 the Avenue, Stanley Moor,  
Double-storey extension  
An amendment to the planning application discussed at the January 2018 meeting has been received. The Parish Council re-iterated that it had no objections to this application, but added that the extension was quite large and the building is very close to the neighbouring boundary.

Members of the public had no concerns around planning issues.

## 17.113 Footpaths

### 17.71 – Quarry adjoining Pointon's land

The Clerk was asked to continue pursuing the request for the Clerk of Cheddleton Parish Council to meeting with Carl Pointon to discuss this issue.

As an alternative measure Cllr Andrew Batson proposed that a Surveyor be asked to peg out the quarry area and for the Parish Council to plant trees on it in liaison with the Woodland Trust. Cllr David Pearson suggested having a stone plaque engraved with details/trig point of the quarry, positioned by the side of the road to lay claim thus preventing an area of common land being lost. Cllrs felt that as we were unlikely to come to a satisfactory conclusion on this matter as Pointon's was unwilling to enter into discussions this could be a step forward.

## 17.114 Highways

### 17.96.01 – Pot Holes

Cllrs are still awaiting an update on repairs to pot holes within the Parish from Cllr Ralphs.

### 17.105.01 – Pot hole: Junction of Armshead Road / Thorneyedge Road

Cllr Pearson notified the Highways, via their on-line AMEY facility, of the pot hole, which was promptly filled in. He stated that the process is quite simple and Cllrs were urged to report defects in this way rather than waiting for the next meeting.

## **17.115 Maintenance**

### **17.79.01 – Playing Fields**

Jackson's Nurseries were again asked to undertake a one-off cut of the playing fields.

### **17.82.02 – Benches on playing fields**

The siting of two of the seats had provisionally been agreed at the November meeting. It was now becoming a priority to ensure these seats were put into position and a site meeting will take place to mark their exact positions and to also clarify where the third seat is to be fitted.

Cllr Simpson has not advised as to whether or not he has received a quotation for installing a concrete plinth for them to sit on and affix the seats. This will be pursued outside of this meeting.

### **17.106.01 – Purchase / planting of Walnut tree**

The sapling Walnut tree was planted on 3 February 2018, 1.30pm and past Chestnut Queens were invited to the event.

### **17.106.02 – Dangerous use of Footpath 28**

Cllr Flunder advised that funding was available through the DHP fund for some permanent signs to warn against the dangers of galloping on the footpath and that the use of motor cycles was prohibited. A site meeting will be convened to agree the exact location and wording

### **17.115.01 – Satellite Navigation Signage**

Some 12-18 months ago the Parish Council suggested the positioning of signs to prevent large lorries using inappropriate roads through the village. Cllr Fuller was asked if permanent signs could be purchased through the DHP fund. This was agreed and positioning will be included within the site visit for the Footpath 28 signs.

### **17.115.02 – Footpath outside the Church**

Cllr Peter Lawley advised that a strip of land between the pavement and wall which had originally been grassed over was now becoming very muddy and requested that some cobbles be put in this area for safety reasons. Cllr Flunder stated that provided a quotation could be obtained within the next couple of weeks, he would be able to provide funding for this work. The Clerk was asked to pursue this.

## **17.116 Environment**

There were no issues raised.

## **17.117 Correspondence**

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **New Issues**

- Support Staffordshire – Leek Funding Fair. Details of an event on 15 February 2018 for local organisation to pursue funding for projects. This will be passed to the Village Hall Committee for information.
- Banijay UK – Big Things Project. A project to fund public art projects and vi to win the chance to create a new landmark for their community. Cllrs felt

- that we did not wish to urbanise the village and would not be pursuing this.
- Theatrediner.co.uk – Notification of a seminar on Neighbourhood and Urban Renewal in post-Brexit Britain. Events had been held in large cities, (ie Liverpool, London, Birmingham, etc) over May/June 2018.
  - Moorlands Radio – we have been asked to provide information on events/news from the Parish for broadcasting. This contact will be passed to the Village Hall Committee for information.
  - Canal and River Trust – letter encouraging our support in planning issues where canals cross into our Parish.
  - Overview of Data Protection Act 2018 which is effective from 24 May 2015. This amendment gives people more powers around the data that is held by organisation. The Clerk was asked to review our Code of Conduct and Standing Orders in line with this and advise any amendments that are required.

**17.118 Any Other Business / Issues for Further Discussion**

**17.118.01 – Litter Pick**

Vicki Vincent has organised a litter pick for 4 March 2018, 10am-12noon.

**17.118.02 – Meeting Dates**

Cllr Ralphs had communicated that she was finding it very difficult to attend meetings scheduled for the second Thursday in each month and requested that meetings revert back to the second Tuesday of the month as per our Standing Orders. The original change had been necessitated by the sick leave of the Clerk to accommodate the Acting Clerk's other commitments.

After brief discussion this was agreed and will be effective from the April meeting. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Village Hall booking clerk.

**17.119 Public Section**

There were no issues raised by members of the public.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 8 March 2018, 7.30pm.**

Signed  
(Chairman)

Dated: 8 March 2018