

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 19 February 2019

Village Hall
School Lane
Bagnall
Staffordshire Moorlands

Present:

Cllr Andrew Batson (Chair)
Cllr Sally Brown
Cllr Mark Butler
Cllr Les Knowles

Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr David Pearson
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)

Apologies

None.

Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interest

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

18.82 Elections 2019

Elections across Staffordshire Moorlands are scheduled for Thursday 2 May 2019, as a result the first meeting of the Parish Council following the elections has to be held on or within 14 days of the election. Therefore this meeting will take place on the second Tuesday of the month rather than the usual third, ie on Tuesday 14 May 2019. As this will be the Annual meeting of the Parish Council the meeting will commence at 7pm.

18.83 Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan

SMDC has submitted the Local Plan for scrutiny and the inspector has asked them to review all its Local Green Space designations. There are two in Bagnall – the village green where the Buttercross is, and lands encompassing the Stafford Arms play area and car park. To assist in this process the Parish Council is being asked to determine that the proposed sites are demonstrably special to our local community. Responses to be received by 8 March 2019.

Cllrs felt that the various parcels of Common Land and the Quarries within the parish should be included within the Local Plan and these will be added to our response.

18.84 Finances

18.15.01 – Building Society Account

Cllr Andrew Batson has not yet been in touch with Frank Hayes regarding the closure of the building society account.

18.35.01 – Playing Field – Use / Hire Charges

Following the review of the maintenance schedule the maintenance of the playing field now falls within the Precept allocation. The Playing field has been included on the Staffordshire Football Associations' website and Cllrs felt that charges for external use of the field, bearing in mind our current lack of changing facilities, should be in the region of £25 bi-weekly and £40 weekly for professional teams. Use by other smaller non-professional groups would be £10 weekly. Use by parishioners is free of charge.

18.84.01 – Invoices / Receipts

There were no receipts in the current month.

The following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Staffing costs (December-January) - £236.00

18.84.02 – Funding Opportunity

Cllr Flunder, SMDC, has advised us that there is funding for small projects available. After discussion Cllrs felt that we should submit a request for funding to cover the replacement of the fence posts / cross members on the village green; repairs to the footbridge over the Ford on Spring Bank; and the installation of kissing gates from the road to the footpath that passes Oak Barns. The Clerk will process this.

18.85 Planning

SMDC Planning Decisions

- TPO SM.309 (2018)
Land adjacent to Hunters Lodge, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook.
Effective from 22 January 2019 with some minor amendments
- SMD/2018/0747 – Luzlow Nursery, Luzlow Lane, Bagnall
Erection of single storey side extension to form garage/store
Bagnall PC No Objections – SMDC refused planning permission
The application constitutes inappropriate development in a green belt area. The development, by virtue of its height and dimension, constitutes a poor form of design which does not relate to existing buildings. Applicant had been provided with solutions, but declined to submit revised drawings.
- SMD/2018/0748 – Red Ridge, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall
Rear extension to existing dwelling.
Bagnall PC no objections – SMDC refused planning approval
The application constitutes inappropriate development in a green belt area (disproportionate additions over and above original dwelling) and would adversely impact on the openness of the area. The proposed extension would result in the overall development being out of scale with the host building and therefore detrimental to the character of the area.

New Applications

- None for consideration

There were no comments raised in relation to planning from the public present.

18.85.02 – Earth Works on fields off Salters Well

The Parish Council has become aware of extensive earth moving activity on the

fields near Newhouse Farm. It is understood that this is for the installation of a new pool for fishing. No planning application for these works has been submitted to the Parish Council for consideration and therefore it has been raised with SMDC. Enforcement Officers will be visiting to ascertain the situation and take whatever actions are required.

18.86 Footpaths

18.46.01 – Footpath 28

The situation is being monitored, but since the last meeting there has been no apparent activity.

18.55.04 – Footpath 14

The Rights of Way officer has informed the landowner that a number of complaints have been received and the potential for prosecution should his horse injure footpath users. To avoid this situation SCC has requested permission to access the land to install kissing gates or other barrier to prevent livestock from accessing the footpath and endangering walkers.

18.86.01 – Footpath 12

A tree has fallen blocking the footpath; this will be removed shortly.

18.87 Highways

There were no issues raised.

18.88 Maintenance

18.78.01 – Fence Posts to the Green

A brief survey has been carried out and there are approximately six posts in need of replacement with the corresponding cross members. Funding is being sought to undertake the work.

18.89 Environment

There were no issues raised.

18.90 Correspondence

- Children's Air ambulance – Request to host clothing banks on a site in the village for fund raising.
- Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean – Invitation to hold an event between 22 March 2019 – 23 April 2019. *An event is being organised locally by Vicky Vincent.*
- Morelock Ltd – Promotional information on Speed Radar Signs
- Staffordshire Parish Council Association – Green Spaces for Good initiative. *As the Parish Council is in the process of purchasing our Playing Field this was not applicable.*
- Civic Voice – Building Better Commission Survey.
- Society of Local Council Clerks – Update. *A report by the Independent Committee on Standards in Public Life (previously the Nolan Committee) on Ethical Standards in Local Government has been published. The specific recommendations include:*
 - *There should be a new national model code of Standards for Local Government*
 - *All towns and parishes should follow the Code of their relevant principal authority or the new model code*
 - *Regulations should be amended to clarify that a councillor need not include*

- their home address in the Register of Interests*
- *A principal authority's decision on sanctions for a parish councillor should be binding (at present it is only a recommendation to the parish to consider)*
 - *Parish Clerks should hold an appropriate qualification (some clerks who are untrained or inexperienced are facing problems particularly with unruly councillors)*
 - *Formal standards complaints about the conduct of a parish councillor towards a clerk should be made by the chair or by the parish council as a whole, rather than the clerk in all but exceptional circumstances.*
 - *Monitoring Officers should be provided with adequate training, corporate support and resources to undertake their role in providing support on standards issues to parish councils, including in undertaking investigations and recommending sanctions*
 - *Sanctions for contravening the Code should include suspension of the councillor, subject to appeal*

18.91 Public Section

Residents from Clewloes Bank raised concerns at the increase in vehicles using the road and exceeding the speed limit on this road and through the village; they are currently looking into Community Speed patrols. Cllr Ralphs advised that she is aware of the situation and has requested mobile CCTV to be put in place, but cautioned residents that this process could take some time and to be patient.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 19 March 2019, 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Dated: 19 March 2019