

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 17 July 2018

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

There were no apologies tendered.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Cllr Sybil Ralphs expressed a pecuniary interest and therefore abstained from discussions around the plans before this meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

18.35 Finances

17.79.01 – Playing Fields: Purchase of goal posts

The Parish Council had been allocated the sum of £1,000 towards the costs from SMDC. The Clerk was asked to raise an invoice for reimbursement.

17.82.02 – Benches on playing fields

The Clerk was advised Jackson's Nurseries had not yet sited the benches. Cllrs felt that the weather conditions were not conducive to this work being undertaken currently, however, it was recognised that one of the seats was owned by a resident and at least this one should be put in place as a priority.

17.129.04 – Commemoration of World War 1

Cllr Peter Lawley advised that the cleaning of the gilding on the pulpit was still with the Church faculty. The Clerk stated that a decision would be required as soon as possible, but by the September meeting at the latest otherwise we would miss the opportunity to secure funding from SMDC.

18.15.01 – Building Society Account

Cllr Andrew Batson has not yet closed the building society account in liaison with

Frank Hayes.

18.35.01 – Playing Field – Use

The Clerk was asked to compile some financial information around the cost of maintaining the playing field. She confirmed that to ensure that the football area was maintained to a high standard a specialist groundsman had to be contracted; the current greens maintenance contractor did not possess the necessary equipment to undertake this work. The contract for the playing fields came in as £5,000 - £3,000 of which has been secured through the Precept leaving a shortfall of £2,000. The Parish Council does have a small 'reserve' fund to meet this shortfall within the current financial year, but had hoped to fill the gap by charging external organisations for the use of the field. Our desire was to ensure that the facility was free to parishioners.

To cover the shortfall through the Precept the Parish Council would need to raise its Precept at a rate of 5-10% over the next few years. As an example, a 10% increase would only raise an additional £800 in the first year.

Cllr Ralphs suggested that we open discussions with SMDC's Sport and Recreations Department to look at ways to better use the playing field; the Clerk was asked to make contact. Once the outcome of these discussions is known, the Parish Council will make a decision regarding use of the field and corresponding charges to external organisations/events.

18.35.02 – Playing Fields – Damage

At the village fete some damage was caused to the pitch by a mini-quadbike. The Clerk has ascertained from the groundsman that the area will need to be reseeded, at a cost of £60.00. The Village Hall Committee will be invoiced once the repairs have been instigated.

18.35.03 – Invoices / Receipts

The following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Staffing costs for July 2018 - £118.00
- Jackson Nurseries – Green Maintenance - £540.00
- Derek Mawby Paving Ltd – Pavement repairs - £900.00

18.36 Planning

SMDC Planning Decisions

- SMD/2018/0259 – Houghwood House Farm, Houghwood Lane, Stockton Brook
Single Storey side extension
Bagnall PC had no objections- SMDC approved
- SMD/2017/0794 – Land to the southwest side of Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Formation of farm vehicular access
Bagnall PC had no objections – SMDC refused permission. It was considered that the removal of hedgerow and replacement with a concrete slab would have a harmful impact upon the surrounding visual amenity and would result in an urbanising effect upon this semi-rural area. The concrete slab would have a negative impact upon drainage, despite the applicant seeking to culvert the drain. There is alternative access to the field in existence which could be upgraded to meet the applicant's requirements.

New Applications

- SMD/2018/0373 – Coltslow Farm, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook
Application for approval of reserved matters relating to SMD/2014/0838 and

SMD/2017/0470

- SMD/2018/0381 – Coltslow Farm, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook
- Outline planning permission with details of access, appearance, layout and scale (other matters reserved) for demolition of existing buildings and their replacement with a detached dwelling
- SMD/2018/0397 – Gleneig, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Proposed rebuilding and extension to the existing single storey utility room
- SMD/2017/0806 – Jack Hayes Farm, Jack Hayes Lane, Armshead
Application for ménage to exercise horses

A parishioner advised that one of the applications in respect of Coltslow Farm (SMD/2018/0381) was going before SMDC's planning committee in early August 2018. She raised an issue around the movement of materials off and onto the site using the agricultural entrance to the site, stating that this was inappropriate as access is very tight. Cllr Butler thought that builders were not able to use an agricultural access for these purposes, and Cllrs agreed to add this to the Parish Council's comments on this application.

It was also noted that in the ecology report provision will be made to stop water running off the site into the stream. The Parish Council was advised that over the past 2-3 years there had been an increase in water escaping down the road causing flooding. Cllrs felt that when the issue of flooding at the Rose and Crown was addressed, pipes were put in place to carry the water away and it is assumed these had become blocked. The parishioner was advised to contact the Highways department.

The parishioner stated that the plans did not show the size or elevations, etc of the replacement dwelling, which it was understood was a requirement of the outline planning application. The Parish Council felt that this would be dealt with under "other matters reserved" during discussions by the Planning Committee.

Taking into consideration the comments made above, the Parish Council had no objections to the above applications.

18.37 Footpaths

There were no issues raised.

18.38 Highways

17.129.01 – Parking, Clewloes Bank

The Parish Council has been unsuccessful in getting Highways to put yellow lines on the dangerous bend at the top of Clewloes Bank. The Clerk was asked to ascertain Highway's rationale regarding this decision.

18.39 Maintenance

17.115.02 – Footpath outside the Church

This work has been completed to a very high standard. Highways have agreed to pick up maintenance of this site.

17.126.01 – Notice Board

The erection of the notice board is currently being pursued by Cllr Brown.

17.129.02 – Bulbous Tree, Stanley Road

The Parish Council is still awaiting the outcome of the survey scheduled by Highways. Cllr Ralphs agreed to request a report from Steve Massey.

18.29.01 – Playing Fields

The undulations that have occurred as the land has settled on the playing fields have been reported to Push-Lewis via SMDC. Pugh-Lewis has agreed to undertake remedial repairs, which will be undertaken when the weather is more conducive.

18.39.01 – Playing Fields – Gate Lock

The Parish Council has been made aware that the lock on the gate at the bottom of the field has gone missing. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of the groundsman, but Cllr Butler agreed to obtain a replacement.

18.40 Environment

18.40.01 – Village Hall Storage Facility

Cllr Knowles asked the Parish Council's view on the Village Hall Committee's proposal to erect a storage facility at the side of the village hall. Cllrs felt that provided this did not adversely impact on neighbouring properties and the rural character of the area they would have no objections in principle, subject to further detailed information.

18.41 Correspondence

- Derbyshire Economic Forum – Funding opportunity to enhance visitor economy that benefit the local community. The Parish Council will ascertain further information on this project.
- Douglas MacMillan – Request for donation. The Parish Council does not make donations.

18.42 Any Other Business / Issues for Further Discussion

18.42.01 – Holiday cover

The Clerk advised that due to holiday arrangements she will be unable to attend the September meeting. Sally Brown agreed to take notes and forward these to the Clerk to compile the minutes.

18.42.02 – Barn Owl Trust

Cllr Butler advised that a 3-year project to reintroduce Barn Owls to the facility was proving to be successful, with one pair raising chicks.

18.42.03 – Leek Show

Cllr Butler stated that the show was taking place on Saturday 28 July 2018 and Bagnall will be represented by some quality livestock.

18.42.04 – Seedling Trees

In the vicinity of Salters Wells a number of seedling trees have been noticed that require removal by Highways at the earliest opportunity. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways.

18.42.05 – Bridge by Greenways Golf Course

Cllr Ralphs advised that a survey had been undertaken by Highways and due to damage being cause by large vehicles a width (and possibly a weight) restriction is to be put in place.

18.42.06 – Bus Service

The Parish Council has been advised that a partial bus service has been reinstated to Bagnall. Although the timings are not ideal, it is an improvement on the previous non-service.

18.42.07 – Blocked Drainage

The gullies by Wren Cottage have become blocked resulting in the ground under the tarmac becoming saturated. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways to get the gullies cleared.

18.42.08 – Playing Field – fencing

The fence on the playing field surrounding the swings has been damaged. The affected panel has been removed and will be repaired/replaced as quickly as possible.

18.43 Public Section

There were no issues raised by members of the public.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 18 September 2018, 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Dated: 18 September 2018