

# BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 18 June 2019

Village Hall  
School Lane  
Bagnall  
Staffordshire Moorlands

### Present:

Cllr Sally Brown (Chair)  
Cllr Roger Jackson  
Cllr Les Knowles

Cllr Peter Lawley  
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

### In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)

### Apologies

Cllr Andrew Batson – Holiday  
Cllr David Pearson – Business Commitments

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

### Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest

Cllrs Brown, Jackson and Knowles declared a pecuniary interest in discussions around payment of invoices for training with SPCA, and took no part in the decisions made.

Cllr Jackson declared a pecuniary interest in the removal of weeds from the base of the playing field wall, and took no part in decisions made.

### 19.22 Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns

- **Parishioners Concerns**  
There were no concerns raised.
- **District Councillor Report**  
There were no reports submitted

### 19.23 D-Day Celebrations

Jackson's Nurseries had offered a tree to commemorate D-Day. Cllrs felt that a potential site would be to replace the Cherry tree on the playing field boundary which is subject to a survey by Steve Massey. A final decision will be made upon receipt of this report.

## 19.24 Themed Meeting

In previous years the Parish Council has held one meeting each year at Bagnall Heights. It was proposed that a meeting be scheduled for either September or October 2019 with a possible theme being 'what residents can do to attract and sustain wildlife in their own garden'. The Clerk will make the appropriate arrangements and advise accordingly.

## 19.25 Finances

### *Matters Arising from Previous Minutes*

#### **18.84.02 – DHP Funding Opportunity**

Cllr Flunder has advised that our submission for replacement of fencing on the village green has not been successful. However, remedial works to the footbridge/footpath over the ford on Springs Bank has been successful. Cllr Jackson agreed to look into the best means of effecting improvements and obtain quotations for the work.

### *New Issues*

#### **19.25.01 – Membership of Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association (SPCA)**

Cllrs had queried the benefits of membership of the above organisation. The Clerk advised that membership would cost £240.00 per annum, but as she was already a member of the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC) at a cost of £60.00 per annum which provided the same advice/support she did not feel membership of SPCA was cost effective. Cllrs were in agreement with this, but felt that the Clerk's membership of the SLCC should be paid by the Parish Council rather than by herself. When membership is renewed the Clerk was requested to submit a reimbursement claim.

SPCA has organised training for new councillors and Cllrs Brown, Jackson and Knowles had expressed an interest in attending. As we are not a member of the organisation the cost would be in the region of £90.00. A query was raised as to whether or not the Parish Council was in agreement to the payment of this sum. This was agreed.

#### **19.25.02 – SMDC: Lengthman's Agreement**

SMDC has advised the Parish Council that it is included within its Lengthman's Agreement. The Parish Council is therefore entitled to £400 per annum towards activities that are undertaken in the public realm, and not on Parish Council land. This includes litter picking, bulb planting, mowing grass verges, cleaning village signage or removing leaves in Autumn, etc.

#### **19.25.03 – Invoices / Receipts**

The following payments were received:

- HMRC – Reimbursement of VAT incurred - £1,043.52
- Endon Hall Primary School – Donation towards hire of playing field - £20.00

The following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Remuneration - £150.00
- Denise Cooper – Reimbursement for purchase of replacement padlock for the playing field - £14.08
- Coopers Pitch Maintenance – Playing Field Maintenance (Apr) - £120.00
- Coopers Pitch Maintenance – Playing Field Maintenance (May) - £160.00
- Jackson's Nurseries (UK) Ltd – Greens maintenance (Apr & May) - £600.00
- SMDC – Capital repayment against loan - £1,000.00

## 19.26 Planning

### ***SMDC Planning Decisions***

- SMD/2019/0220 – Langley House, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall  
Single storey extension to rear  
*Bagnall PC had no objections; SMD approved*
- SMD/2019/0004 – Red Ridge, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook  
Single storey rear extension to existing dwelling (orangery) extending beyond the rear wall of dwelling measured externally 3.34m, maximum height measured from natural ground level 3.65m and maximum height at eaves measured from natural ground level 3.65m  
*Bagnall PC had no objections; SMDC refused permission*  
*The proposal does not comply with the limitations and restrictions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended. The assessment has to take account of the existing extension that the proposed extension would be joined to. The overall outcome would be an extension which goes beyond the limitations and restrictions outlined in the Order.*

### ***New Applications***

- SMD/2019/0365 – Houghwood Bottom Farm, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook  
Single storey extension with porch and alterations

This application had only been posted on SMDC's Planning Portal on the day of the meeting; therefore the Parish Council had not received the paperwork.

Cllrs requested a meeting with SMDC Planners to discuss a number of issues. Cllr Ralphs stated that she would be happy to arrange this once Cllrs had informed her of their specific concerns.

## 19.27 Footpaths and Highways

### ***Matters arising from previous minutes***

#### **17.129.02 – Bulbous Tree, Stanley Road**

The Parish Council has received Highway's official report on this hazard, which states that as hazard posts are in place and as the road is not a major 'A' category road, but a quiet rural one, it is felt that due care and attention will address the issue. Therefore the removal of a healthy tree is not justified.

#### **18.46.01 – Footpath 28**

This is an ongoing issue and is currently being monitored. However, since the Section 59 Notices have been erected there have been no reported incidents.

Residents were asked to be vigilant and report all sightings to the Police via 101 as they occur.

### ***New Issues***

#### **19.27.01 – Walks Around Bagnall**

The Clerk felt that copies of the Walks designed by George Shufflebotham should be published on the website. However, she was mindful that these had been developed some 20 plus years ago and some of the landmarks mentioned may no longer be relevant. Cllr Andrew Batson agreed to review them and provide amendments as necessary.

### **19.27.02 – Lack of Footway from Bagnall to Light Oaks**

Concerns have been raised by residents at the lack of a footway between the entrance to Bagnall Heights to the top of Light Oaks. The Clerk will raise this with Highways / Cllr Flunder to obtain their views.

## **19.28 General Maintenance**

### ***Matters arising from previous minutes***

None

### ***New Issues***

#### **19.28.01 – Deteriorating Tree adjacent to playing field**

The Parish Council is awaiting a report from SMDC on the Cherry tree on the boundary of the playing field. The Clerk was asked to chase this up.

#### **19.28.02 – Weeds on pavement by playing fields**

Cllrs asked that the weeds at the base of the playing field wall be removed. The Clerk will instruct Jackson Nurseries to undertake this work.

#### **19.28.03 – Hedges**

Concerns were raised regarding a number of hedges that were encroaching across pavements / the highway. Cllrs stated that landowners were responsible for ensuring the hedges on the boundary of their premises were kept in good repair. The Parish Council will look at cutting back any hedges on public land as part of SMDC's Lengthman's Agreement

#### **19.28.04 – Gullies**

The Parish Council has been made aware that the gullies opposite the village hall are again blocked. Cllr Ralphs will ensure these are cleared.

## **19.29 Environment**

There were no issues raised.

## **19.30 Correspondence**

- Wetley Moor Joint Committee – Invite to attend meeting on Thursday 20 June 2019. *Apologies were tendered as Cllr Batson was on holiday.*
- Parish Assembly – Notification that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18 July 2019.
- Email from resident regarding Himalyan Balsam. *As this is situated on private land it is the landowners' responsibility to remove. Cllr Sally Brown will respond accordingly.*
- Jayne Krawiecka, Village Hall Committee Chair, expressed her thanks to Cllrs for their support towards the village fete.
- Staffordshire County Council – Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement Consultation, closing date 24 July 2019.
- London Heart – Promotional letter regarding the installation of a defibrillator.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 16 July 2019, 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed  
(Chairman)

Dated: 16 July 2019