

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 8 May 2018

Village Hall
School Lane
Bagnall
Staffordshire Moorlands

Present:

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

Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr David Pearson
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)

Apologies

There were no apologies tendered.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations made.

Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

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

18.10 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was tabled and accepted by Councillors and the Clerk. A copy will be published on the website.

18.11 Finance Report

The Clerk / RFO reported that in the financial year 2017/18 the Parish Council added an increase of 2% on the Precept, making our precept for the year £7,880. This equated to a rise of 61p or 0.02% on Band D Council Tax and is based on 359 households within the Parish. In the current year, 2018/19 we have requested a further 2% increase against an average across the County of 5.7%.

Our largest payment for the year was the purchase of seats for the playing field in the sum of £1,440. Other large commitments were the maintenance of the greens, £2,126 and staffing costs at £1,318. A re-claim of VAT paid in the sum of £689 has been made. No capital payments were made towards the purchase of the playing field, leaving our outstanding loan balance at £12,500.

As at 31 March 2018 the monies held by the Parish Council amounted to £16,158,

made up of £15,332 in a bank current account and £825 at the building society. This latter amount is capital funding to be used towards the purchase of the playing fields. However, now that Frank Hayes has resigned as a councillor it is important that the future of this account is reviewed as an agenda item in the ordinary element of tonight's meetings.

It is equally important that we look to securing additional funding from whatever sources we can to enable us undertake the work within the Parish that we wish to do in the forthcoming year. Costs are rising and we are currently walking a fine line between utilising our current incoming resources and having to dip into reserves. There is an election for all Parish Councils (where seats are contested) on 2 May 2019 and this could have an adverse effect upon our reserves.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillors for their kindness, good wishes and understanding during my long sick leave and also thank Zoe Chadwick for her stint as acting Clerk, without whom the Council would have found it difficult to function effectively.

18.12 Allocation of Duties

Chairman – Cllr Andrew Batson

Vice Chairman – Cllr Peter Lawley

Highways – Cllrs Andrew Batson, Dave Pearson, and Peter Lawley

Parish Assembly – Cllrs Mark Butler and Sally Brown

Village Hall Committee – Attendance by Cllr available at the time of the meeting

Wetley Moor committee – Cllr Andrew Batson

Newsletter and Publicity – Ad hoc as required

18.13 Attendance Report

Over the year there has been a total of 10 meetings at which Cllrs attended as follows:

Cllr Batson	6
Cllr Lawley	5
Cllr Hayes	5 (<i>7 meetings available due to retirement in December</i>)
Cllr Pearson	7
Cllr Ralphs	4
Cllr Simpson	7
Cllr Brown	1 (<i>1 meeting available due to co-option in March</i>)

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Dated: 8 May 2019