

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 14 May 2019

Village Hall
School Lane
Bagnall
Staffordshire Moorlands

Present:

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

Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr David Pearson

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr Roger Jackson – Holidays
Cllr Sybil Ralphs – Business commitments

Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

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

19.08 Chairman's Report

The retiring Chairman, Cllr Andrew Batson, read out his report for the year 2018/19. A copy will be published on the website.

19.09 Finance Report

The Clerk / RFO reported that in the financial year 2018/19 the Parish Council added an increase of 2% on the Precept, making our precept for the year £8,003.28. This equated to a rise of point 8% or 18p on B and D Council Tax, based on 362 households within the Parish.

Our largest commitments for the financial year were the maintenance of the playing fields amounting to £1,580, maintenance of the greens totalling £2,460, and staffing costs at £1,416. A re-claim of VAT on invoices paid during the year in the sum of £1,043.42 has been made. No capital payments towards the purchase of the playing field were made, leaving our outstanding loan balance at £12,500.

As at 31 March 2019 the monies held by the Parish Council amounted to £17,121.96, made up of £16,296.48 in a bank current account and £825 at the building society. This latter amount is earmarked capital funding to be used towards the purchase of the playing fields, and steps to close the account and transfer the monies to a more appropriate account are in place.

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 known incoming resources and having to dip into reserves. An election for Councillors to sit on this Parish Councils took place on 2 May 2019 and this could have an adverse effect upon our reserves.

19.10 Allocation of Duties

Chairman – Cllr Sally Brown

Vice Chairman – Cllr Dave Pearson

To prevent a potential conflict of interests, the sub-groups of the Parish Council have been split down and the appointment of Councillors for specific areas of work allocated accordingly. Councillors with a personal or pecuniary interest will not be appointed to areas of work that conflict with that interest.

Planning – All Councillors, with the exception of Cllr Sybil Ralphs

Highways and Footpaths – Cllrs Andrew Batson, Cllr Les Knowles, and Cllr Roger Jackson

General Maintenance (including Greens and Playing Field) – Cllrs Dave Pearson and Cllr Peter Lawley

Parish Assembly – Cllr Sally Brown and Cllr Roger Jackson

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Sally Brown

Wetley Moor Committee – Cllr Andrew Batson

Newsletter and Publicity – Ad hoc as required

19.11 Attendance Report

There are a total of ten meetings through the year, as the Parish Council does not hold meetings in August and December. Full attendance was achieved by Cllrs Batson and Lawley; Cllrs Brown and Butler missed two meetings; Cllr Ralphs three; and Cllr Pearson four. Cllrs Knowles became a Cllr in June 2018, making a total of eight meetings and he achieved full attendance.

19.12 Meeting Schedule 2019/20

The Schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year are as follows:

Tuesday 18 June 2019
Tuesday 16 July 2019
Tuesday 17 September 2019
Tuesday 15 October 2019
Tuesday 20 November 2019
Tuesday 14 January 2020
Tuesday 18 February 2020
Tuesday 18 March 2020

All meetings will commence at 7.30pm and be held at the Village Hall, School Road, Bagnall, with the exception of one meeting which will take place at Bagnall Heights (a date to be confirmed).

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Dated: 19 May 2020