

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 20 November 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

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr David Pearson; Cllr Sybil Ralphs

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.

18.62 Finances

17.129.04 – Commemoration of World War 1

The Commemoration of World War 1 events within the parish went very well with Ben White (ex-forces) lighting the beacon. Across all the events Lynne Thomasson and Marion Armstrong raised £343.76 for the Royal British Legion. In addition there are collection boxes in the Stafford Arms and Bagnal Heights still to be collected and counted. The Parish Council extends its thanks to all those involved in organising these events and overseeing the collection of donations.

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 / Hire Charges

This item will be discussed in detail at a future Parish Council meeting.

18.61.01 – Forward Budget Plan 2019/20

The Clerk/Responsible Officer tabled her proposals for the forthcoming financial year. Cllrs felt that the proposals were very prudent, but were concerned around the costs for the maintenance of the playing fields. The Clerk/Responsible Officer advised that the current groundsman had submitted similar costs to those for the

current year, the groundsman had advised that the year had proved very testing due to the weather conditions and problems encountered on the pitch. Therefore he had not been able to improve the field as he would have liked. The field will need aeration to aid root strength and to prevent sand bands from capping over. The bands may also require over-seeding when conditions allowed.

Cllrs thought that the Parish Council had been left with a maintenance specification that no longer meets our needs. After discussion it was agreed to consult Jackson's Nurseries for their expertise in re-engineering the maintenance specification.

18.61.02 – Invoices / Receipts

The following payment has been received:

- SMDC – WW1 Commemoration Grant - £435.00

The following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Staffing costs - £118.00
- Denise Cooper – reimbursement for purchase of WW1 poppies - £48.48
- Jackson's Nurseries (UK) Ltd – Greens maintenance - £300.00
- Bagnall Village Hall – WW1 Event refreshments - £91.71
- J & S Butler – Removal of storm damaged tree – donation requested to British Legion. Cllrs agreed a £10.00 donation.

18.63 Planning

SMDC Planning Decisions

- SMD/2018/0600 – Red Ridge, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Raise existing roof height
Bagnall PC had no objections – SMDC approved
- SMD/2018/0373 – Coltslow Farm, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook
Application for reserved matters relating to SMD/2017/0470 for eight dwellings
Bagnall PC had no objections. SMDC refused permission. The proposed development by reason of its layout, scale and appearance would be to the significant detriment of the character and appearance of the site and its immediate surroundings by introducing a suburban building form and layout which would be at odds with the local architectural vernacular in the context of a rural settlement.
The land owner has appealed the refusal decision; the appeal is to be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements by the parties and a visit by an Inspector.

New Applications

- SMD/2018/0542 – New House Farm, Luzlow Lane, Bagnall
Proposed extension and new proposed garage
- SMD/2018/0626 – Lime Tree Farm, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Erection of agricultural building
- SMD/2018/0665 – Luzlow Nursery, Luzlow Lane, Bagnall
Proposed erection of garage/store and office for use by horticultural business
- SMD/2018/0683 – Greenways Hall Golf Club, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Proposed erection of single-storey extension to driving range
- SMD/2018/0628 – Mistral, School Road, Bagnall
Proposed detached double garage to garden frontage with associated garden re-arrangement

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

The Parish Council objected to the application for Mistra, but had no objections to the remaining applications.

18.64 Footpaths

18.46.01 – Footpath 28

Cllr Les Knowles advised that the signs erected by the Parish Council had been removed. The Footpath is being used on a regular basis by 2-3 motor cyclists. As the times are early morning and late afternoon, he felt it was being used as a shortcut to and from work. Cllrs felt that to protect pedestrian and horse riders the re-instatement of the poles across the footpath should be undertaken. Cllr Knowles confirmed that each sighting was being reported to the Police, but due to the speed of travel registration numbers were difficult to obtain.

18.55.04 – Footpath 14

The Parish Council awaits the outcome of discussions between the Rights of Way Officer and the land owner regarding the removal of fencing along this Footpath.

18.65 Highways

There were no issues raised.

18.66 Maintenance

18.42.04 – Seedling Trees

The Parish Council has been informed that this enquiry has now been closed. Staffordshire County Council advised that resources are limited and therefore targeted at trees that are diseased, dying or dead. The issue reported is not causing a problem currently, but will continue to be monitored.

18.42.07 – Blocked Drainage

This work has now been undertaken by Highways.

18.67 Environment

There were no issues raised.

18.68 Correspondence

- Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP – Letter of thanks to all those taking part in the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy tree planting on 25 October 2018.
- Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP – Invitation to attend the Staffordshire Moorlands senior Tea Dance, Friday 7 December 2018 at Moorlands House, Leek. Booking through her Leek office (01538 382421)
- SCC – Changes to Older and Disabled bus passes and Your Staffordshire Youth Card. *Due to unprecedented financial pressures and a significant decrease in demand the scheme will end on 31 August 2019. Users are asked to contact their bus operator for the alternative ticket options that best suit their needs.*
- SCC – Notification of Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – The effect of the order will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of The Green in Bagnall from its junction with Fair View to its junction with School Road unless the vehicle is associated with the works or an emergency service. An alternative route for traffic is available via The Green, School Road. For information is available on <https://roadworks.org?tm=111797091>. The order comes into operation on 21 January 2019 and the works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 23 January 2019.

18.70 Any Other Business / Issues for Further Discussion

- **Update from Parish Assembly held on 18 October 2018** – Cllrs Butler and Brown attended the meeting and advised that the majority of the meeting looked at Cyber Fraud, particularly as it affected Parish Councils.

18.71 Public Section

A member of the public stated that the use of a pole across Footpath 28 was a disproportionate resolution. She felt that bike riders would merely carry the bike over the obstacle. The pole would make it difficult for horse riders, particularly those on smaller horses, to negotiate the pole and would make the footpath unusable by disabled or those with challenging mobility.

Roger Jackson advised that Newcastle-under-Lyme Council had installed a low level barrier to prevent similar incidents which had resolved the issue.

Cllrs stated that taking into consideration the public views, the situation would be monitored over the next few weeks and asked residents to advise the Police of incidents, making note of the registration numbers if these can be secured. The issue will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Les Knowles advised that the Village Hall Committee had, over recent months, received a number of complaints of noise when events at the Village Hall were taking place. Unfortunately, on further investigation some of these had proved to be unsubstantiated. The Village Hall Committee confirmed that all events took place within their Licensed and Conditions of Use regulations.

At the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee discussions around the installation of CCTV (both inside and outside the hall) will be discussed in order to have a definitive record of events both during and after. The outcome of discussions will be made available in due course.

The Parish Council offered its support to the Committee in running the Village Hall as a community hub and agreed that all events were within the required regulations. It is hoped that the Hall could be used by the whole community and that its future could be secured. It is important that users of the Village Hall were respectful of residents living within the vicinity of the Hall and that tolerance was shown by all.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 15 January 2019, 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Dated: 15 January 2019