

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 15 October 2019

Bagnall Heights
Bagnall Road
Bagnall
Staffordshire Moorlands

Present:

Cllr Sally Brown (Chair)
Cllr Andrew Batson
Cllr Roger Jackson

Cllr Les Knowles
Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr David Pearson

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)
Cllr Keith Flunder, SMDC

Apologies

Cllr Sybil Ralphs – Business Commitments

Presentation by NatWest PLC – Friends Against Scams

Focus on online security and avoiding scams

Georgina Woodcock, a Community Banker at NatWest plc and gave a brief presentation on the different types of scams that are currently ongoing and the best way to avoid being caught out by them.

- 53% of customers caught out by scams are 65+. This is largely due to them being retired and at home, thus more likely to answer the telephone or the door.
- Between £5-£10 billion is lost to criminals each year.
- Scams can be undertaken via a number of routes, the most popular currently is by telephone, although door, post, and online are catching up.
- Anyone can be the victim of a scam – it just takes a second to be taken in by them, particularly when feeling unwell or pre-occupied.
- Only 5% of incidents are reported properly.

Criminals are out to scam you of your money. They can sound or look legitimate; be persuasive; are friendly and charming; and persistent. They can also be threatening; aggressive or intimidating.

- *Vishing* is voice fraud, an unsolicited telephone call
- *Phishing* is undertaken by email with either a link or attachment
- *Smishing* is a text message (SMS) with either a link or a number for you to call
- *Social media* is the use of Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, etc.

Any links or call back numbers on texts or emails (unless you know the source) should be ignored, as should calls telling you you've won money – put the receiver down immediately. A tell-tale sign on calls is the few seconds before a person responds on the other end of the call (called spoofing). Because a number looks

like a 'local' one, do not assume it is because it probably isn't. Criminals have the technology to mimic local and/or national numbers. You should report any incident when you have been asked for bank details (pin, password, account number, etc) to your bank, using the number on the reverse side of your debit/credit card – but please use another telephone. Criminals are able to hold open the line and intercept your call thus eliciting personal information.

If you feel threatened or pressurised by the caller – put the phone down immediately.

BT and many other broadband/telephone line providers will not ring you to advise you of a fault. They wait until you phone them when you have a problem. Another organisation that will not telephone, email or text you is HMRC. They will write.

Also, just because callers know something about you, ie your name or address, does not mean they are genuine. Over the years there have been many data breaches and due to this criminals may hold some of your information, but would like more so they can access your funds.

Be very wary of 'free trials'. Read the small print very carefully otherwise you could end up subscribing to something you didn't really want. Nothing is free.

Sign up to a telephone blocking service. Your provider may have one, but check out the costs. Alternatively sign up to Telephone Preference Service (TPS) or Postal Preference Service (PPS), these services are free, but you will have to renew your registration annually.

Report all incidents to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or Citizens' Advice Consumer Helpline (03454 040506) are also helpful. If you would like further information access the Friends Against Scams website: www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

You can also get an App for your mobile called Staffordshire Smart Alerts. This is the official Staffordshire Police App giving you the latest crime alerts and appeals directly from the police and can be tailored for special interest groups, such as business, rural, cycle, horse, school or canal. It advises who your local police officers are, what the police priorities are where you live and how to get in touch with the police.

Cllr Brown thanked Ms Woodcock for her very interesting and informative presentation.

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

Pecuniary/personal interests were declared by Cllrs Knowles and Pearson in discussions around Footpath 28.

19.47 Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns

▪ *Parishioners Concerns*

Residents raised concerns that a notice had appeared on the bus advising that the service would be stopped. Staffordshire County Council, as part of their re-organisation of bus subsidies, ceased topping up the costs associated with the

44 route bus from Hanley to Stanley, passing through Bagnall. The route has since been covered at the discretion of service providers. Cllr Flunder agreed to ascertain the current position and report back.

Residents also asked for a survey of the bus stop opposite the entrance to Bagnall Heights to ensure it was watertight. Cllrs Pearson and Lawley agreed to undertake this.

▪ **District Councillor Report**

Cllr Flunder advised that there is still some funding available from the DHP fund to finance small projects, he required nominations by early February 2020.

There is an amount of £250.00 available to kick start new group/community projects. Nominations to be forwarded to him by early December 2019.

Cllr Flunder advised that Highways has decided to call pavements 'Footways' with immediate effect. This is to easily differentiate them from Footpaths, which cut across open countryside, and are the responsibility of a different department.

19.48 Finances

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

18.84.02 – DHP Funding Opportunity

The Parish Council has submitted a claim against SMDC's Lengthman's Agreement for £200 towards the £600.00 for sandblasting and priming the railings. The difference has been provided from Parish Council funds.

A donation of a quantity of white Hammerite paint has been made to the Parish council and once the weather is conducive the railings will be painted.

New Issues

19.48.01 – Quarter 2 Report

The Clerk tabled a breakdown of the receipt and payments undertaken in the quarter 1 July to 30 September 2019. The Parish Council currently has a balance of £22,245.63.

19.48.02 – Invoices / Receipts

The Parish Council was in receipt of the following payments:

- SMDC – Lengthman's Agreement - £200.00

The following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Remuneration - £150.00
- Jackson's Nurseries (UK) Ltd – Greens maintenance (Sept) - £300.00
- Denise cooper – Reimbursement of purchase of Remembrance Wreath - £19.25

19.49 Planning

SMDC Planning Decisions

- SMD/2019/0419 – Hill Crest, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook
Replacement of existing roof with new roof to form first floor living accommodation including dormer windows
Bagnall PC had no objections – SMDC approved planning

New Applications

- SMD/2019/0572 – Edgley, School Road, Bagnall
Two-storey side extension

Bagnall Parish Council had no objections to the above application.

- SMD/2019/0594 – Coltslow Farm, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook
Approval of reserved matters relating to SMD/2016/0561, details of appearance, landscaping layout and scale

This application was erroneously submitted to Endon with Stanley Parish Council who has submitted adverse comments. Bagnall Parish Council in principle has no objections to the application, but does have some concerns regarding the development's impact on Stanley Moss Lane and these have been forwarded to Highways directly.

- SMD/2019/0568 – Land at Rownall Farm, Rownall Road, Armshead
Screening option for proposed development of a ground mounted solar farm.

Bagnall Parish Council has been made aware that the above application has been submitted to ascertain if an EIA (geological investigation) is required prior to a formal application. SMDC has stated that this is not a requirement. There was some concern that the formal application would be dealt with under delegated powers, but the Parish Council has received assurance that once received, the application would be put before the full Planning Committee.

19.50 Footpaths and Highways

Matters arising from previous minutes

19.36.02 – Footpath 24

Cllr Knowles informed the Parish Council that he made contact with the Estate Agents dealing with the sale of the land advising them of our proposals, who agreed to convey this to the owners. To date we have not received a response.

New Issues

19.50.01 – Stanley Moss Lane

In support of local residents, the Parish Council has written to Highways to express our concerns around the potential impact of the development at the former riding stables on road usage. Cllr Knowles has spoken to Cllr Flunder regarding this matter and has been advised that Highways do not share our concerns and that until there is an incident nothing will be done.

19.51 General Maintenance

Matters arising from previous minutes

19.28.01 – Deteriorating Tree adjacent to playing field

The tree will be felled as soon as possible.

19.41.01 – Memorial Garden – 75th D-Day Landings Anniversary

As agreed at the last meeting, Anthony Drakely has provided a draft outline of the metal backing for the seat. The cost of cutting this in steel would be in the region of £200.00. However, it would appear that contrary to the agreement reached at the last meeting Lynne Tomasson has already spent £100 of the £200 grant in the purchase of planters, soil, seeds, etc.

The Parish Council understood that an agreement would be reached at this meeting whether to proceed with the steel cut out or the planters. Cllrs felt that just the use of planters at the side of a bench would not convey its meaning to other people and to utilise both would be too much. The Clerk was therefore asked to request that no further monies are to be spent until further discussions could take place at the November meeting.

New Issues

19.51.01 – Playing Field

Cllr Batson has measured the field and felt that it was more appropriate to make out an under 10's pitch rather than the under 11's we had previously agreed, although we are in possession of nets for an under 11's pitch. After discussion, this was agreed and the groundsman will be notified accordingly, with instructions that lines should be burnt in using weedkiller rather than painted to reduce maintenance costs.

19.52 Environment

Matters arising from previous minutes

None

New Issues

None

19.53 Correspondence

- SMDC – Parish Assembly Agenda for the meeting on 3 October 2019
- Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP – Notification of a private tour of Westminster
- Peak District Housing Association – Homes for Local People – The Association's primary aim is to help sustain rural communities through the provision of affordable housing
- Keep Britain Tidy – Dark Nights = Dog Poo Increase campaign
- Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 20 November 2019, 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed
(Chairman)
Dated: 20 November 2019