

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 19 June 2018

Village Hall
School Lane
Bagnall
Staffordshire Moorlands

Present:

Cllr Andrew Batson (Chair)
Cllr Mark Butler
Cllr Les Knowles

Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr Sally Brown; Cllr David Pearson

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations made.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Welcome to new Councillor

Les Knowles was welcomed to the Parish Council.

18.24 Matters Arising – Review of Meeting Dates / Standing Orders

Cllr Mark Butler expressed his disappointment that his comments were not recorded at the last meeting. He stated that the change in meeting date from the second Tuesday would cause him some personal difficulties, although he would make every effort to attend. The remaining Cllrs raised no objections to the move to the third Tuesday of the month. It was therefore carried that meetings would remain on the third Tuesday of the month.

18.25 Finances

17.79.01 – Playing Fields: Purchase of goal posts

Cllr Andrew Batson has ascertained costs for the purchase a 9-a-side, 2 posts and net configuration for £495.00 plus VAT and a 5-a-side movable 2 goals and nets for £439.00 plus VAT. The Parish Council had been allocated the sum of £1,000 towards the costs from SMDC. The Clerk was asked to proceed with the purchase.

17.82.02 – Benches on playing fields

The Clerk has advised Jackson's Nurseries that they were successful in their tender for this work. It is anticipated that the benches should be in place by the end of June 2018.

17.129.04 – Commemoration of World War 1

Cllr Peter Lawley has approached the church with our suggestion of cleaning the pulpit, which is the Parish's War Memorial. Although, they are delighted with the idea it was felt that cleaning the Portland stone would make it too 'white' and look out of place. Discussions are ongoing around the cleaning of the gilding. We await the faculty's discussion. As soon as we received a response we will submit an application to SMDC for funding.

18.15.01 – Building Society Account

Cllr Andrew Batson has not yet closed the building society account in liaison with Frank Hayes.

18.15.03 – Additional play equipment

The Clerk has obtained some prices for additional play equipment which was circulated to Cllrs. It was felt at this stage that the purchase of additional equipment was prohibitive, and this issue will be reviewed again at a later stage.

18.25.01 – Invoices / Receipts

The following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Staffing costs for June 2018 - £118.00
- Jackson Nurseries – Green Maintenance - £600.00
- Stadia Sports – Goal posts and nets - £1,252.80

18.26 Planning

SMDC Planning Decisions

- **SMD/2018/0072 – Red Ridge, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook**
Proposed raising of existing ridge and single-storey rear extension (re-submission of SMD/2017/0523-refused 18.10.17)
Bagnall PC had no objections – SMDC refused on the grounds that it was an inappropriate development in the green belt as it would adversely impact on its openness. The proposed development was out of scale with the host property and therefore detrimental to the appearance and character of the area.

New Applications

- **SMD/2018/0381 – Coltslow Farm, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook**
Layout and scale (other matters reserved) for demolition of existing buildings and their replacement with a detached dwelling
At the time of the meeting the Parish Council had not received the paperwork and therefore was unable to comment on this application. Once received and reviewed a decision will be notified to SMDC.

No concerns were raised by residents.

18.27 Footpaths

18.17.01 – Hire of Playing Fields

The Parish Council has not received a decision from the party enquiring about hiring the field. The Clerk was asked to chase up.

17.106.02 Dangerous Use of Footpath 28

Cllr Flunder advised that the County Council is willing to contribute towards the cost of permanent metal signage and posts and Cllrs were asked to develop a pictorial design that could be produced and erected. After full discussion, Cllrs felt that we did not wish to go to this extreme; the message could be conveyed by laminated signs produced by the Parish Council. Appropriate signage will be put in place in due course.

18.28 Highways

17.129.01 – Parking, Clewloes Bank

The Parish Council is still awaiting the outcome of the survey scheduled by Highways.

18.29 Maintenance

17.115.01 – Satellite Navigation Signage

Cllr Mark Butler, Denise Cooper, the Clerk, and Cllr Flunder met with Roger Jackson, Jackson's Nurseries in late May to review the incidents of Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling through the centre of the village. Cllr Mark Butler and the Clerk felt that Mr Jackson could do no more than he was already doing to prevent vehicles delivering to his business going through the village. It was, however, acknowledged that there were other businesses within the Parish taking deliveries together with HGV drivers who used the village as a short-cut from the A53 through to the A52. It was therefore felt that the type of signage Cllr Flunder was suggesting would not stop this. Cllr Sybil Ralphs suggested signage to restrict width of vehicles rather than weight may be more useful in preventing vehicles from using the village as a short cut and she will look into this.

17.115.02 – Footpath outside the Church

Cllr Andrew Batson has met with the contractors who have programmed the work for the end of June / early July.

17.126.01 – Notice Board

The erection of the notice board is currently being pursued by Cllr Batson.

17.129.02 – Bulbous Tree, Stanley Road

The Parish Council is still awaiting the outcome of the survey scheduled by Highways.

18.29.01 – Playing Fields

The contractor has highlighted that trenches are occurring on the field where the sand is settling around the draining, causing undulations to occur. He has also removed some stones from around the entrance to the site. This issue has been reported to SMDC who have requested Pugh-Lewis to undertake remedial actions. Cllr Batson will chase this up, giving a timescale for the work to be completed within.

The Parish Council has also received reports that children are throwing stones from the Village Hall car park onto the field. This is a dangerous practice and parents are asked to appropriately supervise children. The situation will be monitored.

18.30 Environment

18.21.02 – Litter Bins on the Playing Field

The Clerk approached SMDC regarding the emptying of litter bins on the landing by the entrance to the playing field from the village hall car park, and as suspected there will be charge of £301.00 plus VAT per annum. Cllr Knowles advised that the village hall has a private contractor empty their bins and he will make enquiries of the Village Hall Committee to ascertain if this bin could be emptied at the same time. He will report back to the next meeting.

18.31 Correspondence

- Rt Hon Karen Bradley, MP – Staffordshire Moorlands Senior Tea Dance on 29 June at Biddulph Town Hall
- Parish Assembly agenda for meeting held on 14 June 2018 together with Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for 18 October 2018. A question raised at the meeting on 14 June was around defibrillator training – contact is Matt Heward (matthew.heward@wmas.nhs.uk – 07793 040310). Cllr Knowles stated that the village hall committee is able to provide such training if required
- Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – Outreach training is being made available on Tuesday 7 August 2018 for new councillors.
- Leek & District Civic Society – Awards Scheme for the Environment for projects undertaken in 2016 or 2017.

18.32 Any Other Business / Issues for Further Discussion

18.32.01 – Verge Re-instatement

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Jim Weston for his work in restoring the verges along Jack Hayes Lane.

18.32.02 – Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt Ball

The Parish Council was advised that the Hunt Ball is taking place within the Parish on Saturday 23 June 2018.

18.32.03 – Ragwort

The Parish Council has been made aware that Ragwort plants are appearing on the verge by the Golf Club on Bagnall Road. The Clerk was asked to notify Highways of the situation.

18.33 Public Section

There were no issues raised by members of the public.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 17 July 2018, 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Dated: 17 July 2018