

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

July 2020

Bagnall Village Hall
School Road
Bagnall
Staffordshire Moorlands

Present:

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

Cllr Les Knowles
Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)

Apologies

No apologies received.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The June minutes, having been distributed to Councillors via email and displayed on our website, will be verified at the next adjourned meeting if deemed to be a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chair.

Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of personal/pecuniary interest were registered.

Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns

As actual meetings have been suspended due to the Coronavirus / Covid-19 there have been no Parishioners' concerns raised.

District Councillor Reports (as at 15 June 2020)

- At 24 July 2020 the number of Covid-19 deaths in Staffordshire was 3,791.
- Libraries in Stafford, Lichfield, Newcastle and Leek opened on 24 July 2020, with those in Biddulph, Kidsgrove, Burntwood and Codsall opening on 27 July 2020. Managed community libraries will open in early August.
- Face coverings are now mandatory in shops, supermarkets, shopping centres and public transport hubs.
- Town centres are busier, but still remain quiet.

20.20 Coronavirus (Covid-19) – Update

In line with the government's guidelines to open playing fields, the Parish Council has allowed the use of the playing field by local organisations for football practice under strict

conditions. The re-opening of the swings is currently being reviewed.

Until notified by the Government, or there is an urgent need to arrange a virtual meeting, the Parish Council has decided to continue its delegation of powers for the transaction of core business to the Clerk, with Parish Councillors being consulted via email for their views before proceeding.

In line with government guidelines around the six month rule, the Parish Council has granted a blanket dispensation to all Councillors regarding the attendance of meetings covering the period without meetings. All Cllrs have been actively involved in taking forward Parish Council business.

20.21 Finances

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

New Issues

20.21.01 – Invoices / Receipts

The Parish Council was in receipt of the following payment:

- Milton Utd FC – Playing field hire - £40.00
- Sporting Biddulph – Playing field hire - £20.00
- Dan Lymer – Playing field hire - £50.00
- Abbey Hulton Under 10's – Playing field hire - £100.00

The following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Remuneration (July) - £152.50
- Andrew Batson – Reimbursement for planning application - £117.00

20.22 Planning

SMDC Planning Decisions

- SMD/2020/0248 – Houghwood Bottom Farm, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Proposed new orangery

Bagnall PC had no objections. SKDC refused permission on the grounds that it would result in disproportionate additions over and above the size of the original building and the design is contrary to core strategy policy.

New Applications

- DET/2020/0027 – Barn A, Bagnall Grange Farm, Tomkin Road, Stanley
Change of use and conversion of a redundant farm building to form two dwellings and the demolition of part of an adjoining building and a second building.

Bagnall Parish Council had no objections to the above application.

- SMD/2020/0357 – Land at Red Bank Farm, Bagnall Road, Bagnall
Proposed hay and haylage

Bagnall Parish Council has only recently received notification of the above application and is currently pulling together its view. Our comments will be advised within the next minutes.

- SMD/2020/0407 – Field at Oak Barns, Bagnall Road, Bagnall

Installation of new field gate/access

As this application has been submitted by the Parish Council a pecuniary interest is declared.

20.23 Footpaths and Highways

Matters arising from previous minutes

20.11.01 – Footpaths

Footpath 24 – The Parish Council has liaised with the owners of the property over which this footpath crosses from its junction with Bagnall Road and agreed a new access point. A planning application has been submitted for the new entrance. The re-routing of the footpath will be undertaken at a later date.

20.17.02 – Stanley Pool

The increased use of Footpaths 7 and 14 has highlighted that there is not a circular route around Stanley Pool. An agreement in principle to the extension of the current paths in liaison with the Canal and Riverside Trust and Endon with Stanley Parish Council has been reached. Meetings to progress this have yet to be arranged.

New Issues

20.23.01 – FP21(A) and (B) – Old Mill Lane

The Parish Council has been made aware that a volunteer from the Staffordshire Moorlands Bridleway Society has applied for its re-designation to a bridleway. This issue will be discussed fully at the next actual meeting of the Parish Council.

20.24 General Maintenance and Other Issues

Matters arising from previous minutes

19.28.01 – Deteriorating Tree adjacent to playing field

The Parish Council received three quotations for the removal of this tree and after deliberation offered the contact to Sam Butler. The work has been completed.

Cllr Jackson, during his inspection of the remaining trees around the playing field, has identified two additional trees that require attention; a small Cherry tree needs removal and the Willow by the entrance requires some either pollarding/removal. A request has been made to SMDC for approval to proceed with this additional work as we are within the Conservation area.

Action: Clerk

19.74.02 – Notice Board

The Clerk advised that she is still awaiting the cork backing to the notice board on the village green. Cllr Brown will chase up.

Action: Cllr Brown

19.74.04 – Website

Cllr Knowles is in the process of preparing a report for consideration by the Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Knowles

19.79.02 – Phone Kiosk, Rose and Crown PH

The tenants of the public house very kindly stepped in to stop the removal of the kiosk by BT. The tenants are in the process of purchasing the kiosk with the intention that this is converted into a defibrillator. Our thanks are extended to the tenants for their timely

intervention. This will be discussed further at the meeting of the Parish Council in September.

New Issues

None.

20.25 Correspondence

- SCC – Information on a virtual parenting courses available.
- Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – Information on virtual courses on website accessibility.
- SCC – Place Branding Staffordshire. Information to promote a series of virtual workshops aimed at businesses to create pride in Staffordshire.

Date of Next Meeting

Notices of any forthcoming meetings, as and when they are convened, will be displayed on the website.

Signed
(Chairman)
Dated: