

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

May 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 Relphs

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)

Apologies

No apologies received.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes for March and April, 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

There are no declarations pecuniary / personal interests.

Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns

As previous meetings had been suspended due to the Coronavirus / Covid-19 there are no Parishioners' concerns or District Councillor Reports to be reported.

20.08 Coronavirus (Covid-19) – Update

Following the review of the current lock down on 7 May 2020, the Government has decided to extend the lockdown to the beginning of June 2020, with certain business being resumed under strict conditions from 1 June 2020. A further review is scheduled after this.

In the interim the Parish Council 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.

20.09 Finances

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- None.

New Issues

20.09.01 – Invoices / Receipts

There were no receipts and the following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Remuneration (May) - £152.50
- Jackson's Nurseries – Greens Maintenance - £300.00
- Zurich Insurance – Insurance Premium - £379.15
- Cooper's Garden & Pitch Maintenance – Playing Field Maintenance - £ 1,420.00

20.10 Planning

SMDC Planning Decisions

- SMD/2020/0023 – Thorney Edge, Thorney Edge Road, Bagnall
Demolition of existing single storey building and replacement with new two storey dwelling
Parish Council had no objections. SMDC refused planning permission on the grounds that the development would be inappropriate and harmful to the Green Belt, and introduce a new building that would be harmful to local distinctiveness.

New Applications

- None

20.11 Footpaths and Highways

Matters arising from previous minutes

None

New Issues

20.11.01 – Footpaths

Over the past month a survey of the footpaths around the parish has been undertaken.

Footpath 24 – The Parish Council has spoken to the new owners of Oak Barns who is in agreement with the re-routing of this footpath to enable safer passage into Light Oaks. Steps to effect this change are on-going.

Footpath 5 – A broken stile has been identified. This will be raised with the Rights-of-Way Officers in due course.

Footpath 26 (N) – An area of saturated ground has been identified. Cllr Batson is ascertaining costs to improve this area.

Footpaths 12 and 25 – where these two footpaths join there is an area of brambles, near Bank Farm boundary stile. Cllrs are currently ascertaining who owns this piece of land to enable discussions regarding cutting back to be undertaken.

Signs will be erected at points along Footpaths 12, 32, 25, 22, 14, 9 and 10 asking people to walk responsibly.

In the future the Parish Council is looking for volunteers to undertake regular clearance of vegetation along the footpaths on an ad hoc basis, rather like the litter pick. This will be looked at further once the current restrictions allow.

20.11.02 – Gully maintenance

Following heavy rain the gully by St Chad's Cottage is again discharging water across the road as a result of being blocked. This has been reported to the Highways Department, who have responded that the gullies are cleared on a regular basis and they currently see

no issues. Cllr Batson has requested from Cllr Flunder a copy of the maintenance records for Bagnall and the schedule for future gully clearance to be forwarded to the Clerk. A link to the overlap map for all known gullies within Staffordshire was also requested.

20.12 General Maintenance and Other Issues

Matters arising from previous minutes

19.28.01 – Deteriorating Tree adjacent to playing field

Cllr Jackson has identified three trees along the boundary with the playing field and Mr Mountford's property. Quotations from a tree surgeon to undertake the works will be requested once the 'lockdown' has been lifted.

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

This issue will be reviewed further when the Parish Council next meets face-to-face.

Action: Cllr Knowles

19.79.02 – Phone Kiosk, Rose and Crown PH

A response from the landowner is still awaited; this is being chased by the Clerk.

Action: Clerk

New Issues

20.12.01 – Monitoring Officer

SCC has written to offer their services in the provision of a Monitoring Officer under the Data Protection Act 2018 / GDPR. After consultation via email, Cllrs decided to retain the current status quo with the Clerk being the Parish Council's Monitoring Officer.

20.12.02 – Meeting Dispensation

The Parish Council has agreed to replicate the arrangements made by SMDC in giving all Cllrs dispensation regarding attendance at meetings; therefore the six-month rule does not apply. The decision to be reviewed when necessary, but certainly by 30 September 2020.

20.13 Correspondence

- John@WalksforEngland.co.uk/staffs – Link to hundreds of free walks to download and print plus details of all walking clubs in the country and loads more information. The link has been added to the Parish Council's website.
- andy@skiphire-nearme.com – information on search engine in connection with fly tipping.
- Staffordshire Police – Notices for display in our notice boards in relation to domestic violence.

Date of Next Meeting

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

Signed
(Chairman)
Dated: