

# BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

August 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 July minutes, having been distributed to Councillors via email and displayed on our website, will be verified at the next actual 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

#### Parishioners' Concerns

- No concerns have been raised.

#### District Councillor Reports

- Confirmed Covid-10 cases in Staffordshire stand at 4,069 (462.6 per 100.000 population) which is below the national and regional average
- Stoke-on-Trent has designated an 'area of concern' following outbreaks at Normacot
- There have been 14 confirmed Covid-19 cases following an incident in Silverdale, cases have occurred across ten venues. Anyone who visited any of the venues between 16-21 August should book a Covid-19 test.
- Home testing kits are accessible via MPFT or the national website.
- Five local testing sites in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent have been set up.
- Children will return to school during w/c 31 August 2020.
- Employees are being encouraged to return to work following discussions with line managers.

- The key message of social distancing, hand hygiene and face coverings is reiterated. The Public is reminded to be a 'responsible visitor' when attending country parks and beauty spots, such as not littering, no BBQs, etc and to remain at home for 14-days if any symptoms are observed.

## 20.26 Coronavirus (Covid-19) – Update

During the month 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. The next actual meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for 15 September 2020, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. To enable appropriate social distancing measures to be put in place could members of the public notify the Clerk regarding their intention to attend.

## 20.27 Finances

### ***Matters Arising from Previous Minutes***

None.

### ***New Issues***

#### **20.27.01 – Invoices / Receipts**

The Parish Council was in receipt of the following payment:

- Milton Utd FC – Playing field hire - £20.00
- Dan Lymer – Playing field hire - £20.00
- Sporting Biddulph – Playing field hire - £10.00

The following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Remuneration (Aug) - £152.50
- Sam Butler – Tree removal - £475.00
- Staffordshire Parish Councils' Assoc – training course - £150.00
- Coopers Garden & Sports Pitch Maintenance – Installation of goal posts - £470.00

#### **20.27.02 – Grounds maintenance**

Tender invite letters have been forward to a number of contractors for the maintenance of the village greens and playing field. The closing date for receipt of quotations is 30 September 2020.

## 20.28 Planning

### **SMDC Planning Decisions**

- SMD/2020/0274 – Boundary House, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall  
Proposed new access off Clewlovs Bank (vehicular and pedestrian)

*Bagnall PC objected. SMDC refused permission on the grounds that necessary visibility splays could not be provided together with the history of a fatal accident at this location. The existing area of hardstanding provides sufficient off-street parking/turning therefore there is no justification for a wider entrance that would off-set the harm to highway safety.*

### **New Applications**

None

## 20.29 Footpaths and Highways

### *Matters arising from previous minutes*

None

### *New Issues*

None

## 20.30 General Maintenance and Other Issues

### *Matters arising from previous minutes*

#### **19.28.01 – Deteriorating Tree adjacent to playing field**

Instruction has been given to Sam Butler to remove the small cherry tree on the playing field and to undertake pollarding/ removal of the willow tree.

**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 Parish Council has now officially adopted the kiosk, having entered into Agreements with Marston's, the landlords, and BT. Discussions to enable the installation of a defibrillator will be undertaken at the next meeting.

#### **20.11.02 – Gully Maintenance**

Highways has been reminded that we are still awaiting their schedule for gully cleaning/maintenance together with a copy of their location plan and details of when the village's gullies were last cleaned.

#### **20.18.02 – Use of Playing Field**

A number of teenagers are using the playing field and leaving large amounts of litter. Cllr Lawley has spoken to the young people involved, and the situation is being monitored. In the interim the goal post netting has been removed.

### *New Issues*

#### **20.30.01 – Speeding**

The Parish Council has been advised that vehicles are speeding on Clewlovs Bank, local residents have requested the installation of speed Humps. To enable a full assessment of the number and speed of vehicles a request has been submitted to SCC for pneumatic tubes to be installed. We await SCC's response.

#### **20.30.02 – Roadside Vegetation**

The issue of overgrown verges, particularly between Salters Wells and Bagnall Heights and

on each corner at the bottom of Clewloes Bank, opposite the Rose and Crown, which are reducing the sightline dangerously.

#### **20.30.03 – Potholes**

The location of several potholes has been advised to Highways to enable them to effect appropriate repairs.

#### **20.30.04 – Ragwort**

The Parish Council has approached Highways regarding the removal of Ragwort on road verges. SCC advised that this is not seen as a dangerous plant in this location and have no plans to remove it.

#### **20.30.05 – Bye Laws**

Notification has been received from SMDC that they are updating all the Bye Laws to Dog Control Orders / Public Space Protection Orders. Notices will be displayed in due course. Residents are asked to note that dogs are not allowed upon the playing field (unless via permission granted by the Parish Council) and it is the dog handlers/owners responsibility to remove dog waste and dispose of either in a suitable bin or taken home.

### **20.31 Correspondence**

- Office of HM Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Mr Ian Duncan – request to forward cards of thanks on his behalf to local residents who have contributed over and above during Covid-19.
- Create Communities – Notification of a platform for community engagement.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a virtual one on **Tuesday 15 September 2020, 7.30pm** via Zoom.

Could any member of the public interested in attending please contact the Clerk for log on details.

Signed  
(Chairman)  
Dated: