

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

15 September 2020

Via Zoom

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 August minutes, along with all the previous minutes, were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

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 (as at 11 September 2020)

- Confirmed Covid-19 cases in Staffordshire stand at 4,359
- The new "rule of six" became law on Monday 14 September 2020, making it illegal to meet indoors or outdoors in groups of more than six. Anyone flouting risk fines starting at £100 and rising to £3,200 for repeat offences. People whose household comprises of six or more can socialise together, but not with other households if all are present
- To help the availability of booking a test via the national portal a pilot has been established with a limit of 100 tests per day for people across Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire. Please book in via the portal <http://www.nhs.co.uk/coronavirus>. The Pilot test centres will be open between 9am-2.30pm and based at
 - Monday – Fenton Manor
 - Tuesday – Fenton Manor
 - Wednesday Red Lion Community Centre, Burton-on-Trent
 - Thursday, St Chads, Burton-on-Trent
 - Friday – Kingston Centre, Stafford

- The incident at Silverdale has been stood down
- Routine testing is now compulsory in care homes
- Home testing kits are accessible via MPFT or the national website.

20.32 Re-opening of Swings

Before the Parish Council can open the swings our insurers have requested a full inspection / risk assessment to be undertaken. The Clerk is currently arranging this.

20.33 Finances

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

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.

New Issues

20.33.01 – Village Hall Funds

Work on the Parish Council becoming custodians of the village hall are on-going and Cllrs have agreed that an amount of £7,000 should be ring-fenced within the village hall funds as a precaution to facilitate day-to-day costs should the village hall committee fail whilst a decision on the future of the village hall is being determined.

20.33.02 – Village Hall Car Park

The Village Hall Committee has proposed a charge of £5.00 per visit for each hirer of the playing field to use their car park. The Parish Council is in agreement with this but felt that collection was the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

20.33.03 – Invoices / Receipts

The Parish Council was in receipt of the following payment:

- Dan Lymer – Playing field hire - £30.00
- Sporting Biddulph – Playing field hire - £10.00
- Abbey Hulton Under 10's – Playing field hire - £50.00
- Rugby Tots – Playing field hire - £70.00
- Milton Utd – Playing field hire - £10.00

The following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Remuneration (Sept) - £152.50
- Hosting Systems – Website hosting - £120.00

20.34 Planning

SMDC Planning Decisions

None

New Applications

- SMD/2020/0492 – New House Farm, Luzlow Lane, Bagnall
First floor extension over garage to form play room.

The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

20.35 Footpaths and Highways

Matters arising from previous minutes

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. Once this application is under consideration by SCC the Parish Council will be contacted for its views.

20.11.01 – Footpaths

Footpath 24

The planning application for the new gate from Bagnall Road onto Footpath 24 has now been submitted. SMDC's decision is expected in late October 2020.

20.17.02 – Footpath around Stanley Pool

Initial feedback from the Canals and Rivers Trust has been received. Concerns were raised regarding the gradient of the land making the grass slope slippery when damp; the transition from the footpath onto the paved areas; and the on-going maintenance of the footpaths. Cllr Batson is establishing the costs associated with the project and will report to the next meeting.

Links with Stanley Pool Sailing Club also need to be established. The Parish Council has been made aware of a proposed footpath alongside the Sailing Club, the purpose of which is not known. Cllr Batson will make enquiries and make them aware of our proposals.

Action: Cllr Batson

New Issues

None

20.36 General Maintenance and Other Issues

Matters arising from previous minutes

18.84.02 – Railings at the Ford

Cllr Pearson agreed to undertake the painting of the railings and surrounding concrete, when weather permits, with the paint the Parish Council has secured.

Action: Cllr Pearson

19.74.02 – Notice Board

Cllr Ralphs has been advised that the cork backing for the notice board on the village green will be installed by the end of September 2020.

Action: Cllr Brown

19.74.04 – Website

Under new legislation the Parish Council has to ensure that its website is accessibility to disadvantaged groups. Cllr Knowles has been working towards identifying where our website falls short and the best ways of address this. Whilst this work is on-going Cllrs agreed to publish an Accessibility Statement.

Action: Cllr Knowles

19.79.02 – Phone Kiosk, Rose and Crown PH

The Clerk was asked to ascertain costs for a defibrillator for review at the next meeting.

Action: The Clerk

20.11.02 – Gully Maintenance

The Parish Council is still awaiting a copy of their gully location plan and details of when the village's gullies were last cleaned and agreed to submit a Freedom of Information request to speed up the process.

Action: Cllr Andrew Batson

Cllr Ralphs is liaising with SCC with a view to SMDC picking up the clearing of gullies across Staffordshire Moorlands. She added that the problems on Stanley Road are historic and until the County replaces the cracked pipework, rather than undertaking cosmetic work, this issue will continue.

20.30.01 – Speeding

The Parish Council raised the issue of pneumatic tubes to enable a full assessment of the problem along Clewloes Bank with SCC and is awaiting their response. In the interim Cllrs requested that residents parked on their drives wherever possible, as vehicles on the roadside are adding to the issue of speeding.

The issue of speeding is an issue across the whole of the parish, with Stanley Road and Luzlow Road (Salter's Wells) being hot spots. Cllrs Ralphs will raise the issue with Staffordshire Police and Highways.

Action: Cllr Ralphs

20.30.03 – Potholes

The location of several potholes was advised to Highways in February 2020, we are still awaiting appropriate repairs. This will be chased.

Action: Cllr Batson

New Issues

20.36.01 – Tree Survey

In line with Health and Safety regulations, the Parish Council is undertaking a survey of all trees within the parish that are on Parish Council owned land. Cllr Jackson agreed to meet up with Steve Massey to undertake an inspection of the Chestnut trees on the village green. The upkeep of trees on privately owned land is the responsibility of the landowner.

Action: Cllr Jackson

20.36.02 – Village Hall Committee Representative

Cllr Sally Brown was nominated as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee with Cllr Les Knowles being the substitute should she be unavailable.

20.36.03 – SMDC's Local Plan

Cllr Ralphs advised that the Local Plan has been approved by the District Council. There is a six-week period where this decision can be challenged under a judicial review. If no challenge is undertaken the Plan will be effective from mid-November 2020.

20.37 | **Correspondence**

- Littlethorpe of Leicester Ltd – Information on hardwood bus shelters

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a virtual one on **Tuesday 20 October 2020, 7.30pm** via Zoom.

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

Signed
(Chairman)
Dated: