

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

19 January 2021

Via Zoom

Present:

Cllr Andrew Batson (Chair)
Cllr Roger Jackson
Cllr Les Knowles

Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr David Pearson
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk)

Apologies

None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The November minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest

Cllr Ralphs declared an interest in an item under correspondence.

Cllrs Pearson and Knowles declared an interest in discussions around Footpath 28.

Cllr Knowles declared an interest under planning and discussions around the village hall.

Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns

Parishioners' Concerns

- No concerns have been raised.

District Councillor Reports (as of 16 January 2021)

- At the beginning of January 2021 the government evoked a third national lockdown. As a result of a new, more contagious, variant was determined. Full details of restrictions are available at <http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- All travel corridors will be closed from 23 January 2021. Travellers arriving in the UK must show a negative test and quarantine for 10 days.
- A vaccination programme is being rolled out nationally. The site for Staffordshire Moorlands is at Biddulph, and residents will receive an invite in due course. Local transport links will be available where necessary.
- There are nationally run testing sites through the national portal www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. Tests for people with or without symptoms can also be booked for local testing facilities.
- The rate of infections in Staffordshire Moorlands is at 261.1, the lowest across Staffordshire. Most cases are in the south of the county.
- The key message is social distancing, hand hygiene and wearing a face mask. People are asked to plan ahead when going out, ie, ensure they have a face mask if intending to enter shops or use public transport.

20.49 Finances

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- None

New Issues

20.49.01 – Invoices / Receipts

The Parish Council was in receipt of the following monies:

- Abbey Hulton Utd – Playing field hire - £20.00

The following invoices were received and payment agreed:

- Denise Cooper – Remuneration (Dec & Jan) - £305.00
- SMDC – Capital Repayment - £1,000.00
- Denise Cooper – Reimbursement for Zoom costs - £28.78
- SLCC – Membership Subscription Renewal - £67.00

20.49.02 – Precept 2021/22

The Clerk submitted a request for a precept of £9,100.00, this equates to a change in Council Tax across B and D bands of £1.03 enabling the Parish Council to undertake the works outlined in the Financial Forward Plan for 2021/22.

20.49.03 – Quarter 3 Financial Report

A copy of the financial report to 31 December 2020 was received by Cllrs. The balance in the current account stood at £13,248.99.

20.44.04 – Community Fund

Cllr Knowles has applied for £300 from the above fund for the purchase of lights for the village Christmas tree. This is currently being processed by SMDC.

Cllr Knowles advised that the lights were well received by parishioners. In relation to potential height of the tree, it was agreed to review this in January 2022.

20.44.05 – Climate Change Community Fund

Funding is available to take forward projects that tackle climate change, closing date is 29 January 2021. Cllr's Flunder's allocation is £1,000 to be spread across a number of parish councils. Cllrs put forward the replacement of the depth indicator at the ford. Cllr Batson will obtain costs.

Action: Cllr Batson

20.50 Planning

SMDC Planning Decisions

- SMD/2020/00541 – Grange View, Tomkin Road, Stanley
Proposed two storey side extension

Bagnall PC had no objections. SMDC refused this application. The scale and design of the development, together with previously extensions to the dwelling, would lead to a disproportionate increase in size of the original dwelling and is therefore deemed inappropriate in the Green Belt and would damage the openness of the area.

- SMD/2020/0594 – Coltslow Farm, Stanley Moss Road, Stockton Brook
Approval of reserved matters relating SMD/2016/0561, details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

Bagnall PC not consulted. SMDC approved this application.

- HNT/2020/0023 – Red Ridge, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Proposed single storey rear extension measuring 8m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, maximum height 2.93m and 2.93m to height of eaves

Bagnall PC not consulted. SMDC refused this application on the grounds the proposed extension would exceed the eaves height of the existing dwelling house.

Four new applications came before the Parish Council since the last meeting, two of which have received a decision from SMDC.

- SMD/2020/0681 – Land off Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Erection of affordable housing with associated access, landscaping and services

Bagnall PC strongly objected to the above application, SMDC refused planning permission. The location, land use and amount of development amounts to inappropriate and harmful development in the Green Belt and the character of the landscape. There is no provision for affordable housing in the development plan for Bagnall.

- SMD/2020/0638 – Rock Cottage, Bagnall Road, Bagnall
Single storey rear extension to form 'sun' room / study

Bagnall PC had no objections, SMDC refused permission. The size and design of the proposed development, together with previous extensions to the dwelling, would lead to a disproportionate increase in the size of the original dwelling; it would not harmonise with the parent building. The development was deemed inappropriate in the Green Belt.

New Applications

- SMD/2020/0731 – Pool Side Cottage, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook
Proposed two-storey extension to existing gable end
- SMD/2020/0710 – Woodlands View, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall
Approval of reserved matters, access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in relation to SMD/2017/0745

Bagnall PC had no objections to the above application

Enforcement

- SMC/2020/0186 – Old Hall Farm, The Green, Bagnall
Erection of hardstanding

Bagnall PC has noticed a development, which does not appear to have planning permission and has asked the Enforcement Officer to investigate.

Other developments that have come to our attention and which will be reported to the Enforcement or Environment Officers are:

- New House Farm, Luzlow, Bagnall
Installation of a bund around the pool.

Concern was expressed at the number of developments that the Parish Council felt would enhance existing properties and enable people to remain in their homes that SMDC refuses permission for. This is in contrast to the number of developments that SMDC grant permission for or which are exempt from planning requirements but which are detrimental to the character of the village, and contrary to the Parish Council's comments. Alongside of this are the numerous

developments that receive retrospective planning approval. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Ralphs to enable her to raise this in the appropriate forum.

Action: Clerk / Cllr Ralphs

20.51 Footpaths and Highways

Matters arising from previous minutes

20.11.01 – Footpaths

Footpath 24

A new gate has been purchased and installed by the owner of Oak Barns across the new entrance. A further gate is being purchased for installation further along the footpath. An application for funding towards the costs of this project is being sourced by Cllr Batson either from SCC or funding streams allocated to Cllr Flunder.

It was agreed to move the existing finger post for the footpath to the new gate to avoid confusion and to look at the purchase of a wooden sign to either sit alongside it or in place of it.

Action: Cllr Batson / Cllr Lawley

20.17.02 – Footpath around Stanley Pool

Cllr Batson advised that the Canals and Rivers Trust are undertaking a staffing review, once this has been finalised a meeting will be arranged.

The installation of the gate across the entrance to the Sailing Club will make the entrance to the footpath clearer, and Mr Batson will chase up the installation of the gate with Mr Weston.

Action: Cllr Batson

New Issues

20.51.01 – Grit Bins

Following the snow fall over the Christmas/New Year period a complaint was received that the grit bins had not been filled. Cllr Ralphs advised that this was now within the remit of Cllr Funder/SCC Highways and was no longer the responsibility of SMDC.

20.51.02 – Egress of water onto carriageway

Residents have raised concerns regarding water and debris egressing the property on Clewloes Bank. The Parish Council has written to the owners asking for mitigating measures to be put in place where possible and raised the issue with Highways.

20.51.03 – Footpaths 12 and 28

The Parish Council has been made aware that Staffordshire Moorlands Bridleway Group has lodged an application with the County Council to redesignate the footpaths into bridleways. This is noted.

20.52 General Maintenance and Other Issues

Matters arising from previous minutes

18.84.02 – Railings at the Ford

Cllrs Pearson and Knowles are awaiting favourable weather conditions to undertake the work.

Action: Cllr Pearson

19.74.02 – Notice Board

Cllr Batson will chase this up.

Action: Cllr Brown

19.74.04 – Website

A revised Accessibility Document has been published on the website.

Cllr Knowles has identified several options that would meet our needs and will initiate some demo versions for the Clerk and him to look at over the coming months.

Action: Cllr Knowles

19.79.02 – Phone Kiosk, Rose and Crown PH

The electricity supply to the kiosk has been cut, and the kiosk itself requires some maintenance. Discussions took place around the best way forward, the outcome of which was to revisit this in the late Spring/early Summer when it is hoped the constraints around Covid-19 are relaxed.

The Clerk has submitted a request for listed building status, as no evidence can be found it was registered at the same time the kiosk in the village centre was.

20.11.02 – Gully Maintenance

Cllr Batson advised that he had received a response to the Freedom of Information request to obtain details of the gully location plan for the village and details of when they were last cleared. Unfortunately, the information received is not in a format easily read, but early interpretation shows that not all the parish gullies are included on the plan, nor have they been cleaned for some time. Cllr Batson asked Cllr Flunder for a full schedule of works as a priority.

Action: Cllr Andrew Batson

20.30.01 – Speeding

Cllr Flunder advised that Covid-19 has slowed down the implementation of measures, but this will be put in place over late Spring / early Summer.

20.36.01 – Tree Survey

On our behalf, Cllr Ralphs is chasing up the report from Steve Massey on the condition of the trees on the village greens.

Cllr Jackson advised that some crowning work is required to the Oak tree on the village green. It was agreed this work be undertaken.

Action: Cllr Ralphs / Cllr Jackson

New Issues

20.52.01 – Resignation / Casual Vacancy

Cllr Sally Brown has, due to personal reasons, resigned from the Parish Council effective from 21 December 2020. SMDC has been informed and notices displayed on our website and in the notice boards to enable parishioners to call an election if they require. If an election is not called, a casual vacancy will be created which Cllrs hope to fill over the summer.

Cllr Lawley will become the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Batson will take up her role on the Parish Assembly.

20.52.02 – Playing Field

The recent heavy rains have highlighted the need for a French drain. Cllr Jackson will obtain the name of specialist organisations who can undertake this work. The Clerk will contact the groundsman for further advice.

Action: Cllr Jackson / Clerk

20.52.03 – Village Hall

The Clerk has not received any information on the future intentions of the Village Hall Committee. Following discussions, it was agreed that Cllr Lawley, as our representative, would open dialogue.

20.53.04 – Croney Bank Farm

The Parish Council has been made aware of environmental nuisance caused by building works. The owner has been reminded to be more conscientious of the impact upon residents in the immediate vicinity.

20.53 Correspondence

- ElanCity – Promotional information on Radar road signs
- Resident's letter raising concerns at the proposed affordable dwelling development on Clewloes Bank.
- SMDC – Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026: Consultation paper.
- SMDC – Parish Assembly – the next meeting is scheduled for 28 January 2021, 7pm

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a virtual one on **Tuesday 16 February 2021, 7.30pm** via Zoom.

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

Meeting concluded at 10pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: