

# BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

16 March 2021

Via Zoom

**Present:**

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

Cllr Peter Lawley  
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

**In attendance:**

Denise Cooper (Clerk); Cllr Keith Flunder (SCC); 2 parishioners

	<b>Apologies</b>
	Cllr David Pearson – Technical difficulties with Zoom
	The Parish Council has been made aware that Barbara Hayes, the wife of one our ex-councillors, passed away recently. In support of Frank, a minute’s silent reflection was held.
	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>
	The February minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record.
	<b>Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest</b>
	Cllrs Pearson and Knowles declared an interest in discussions around Footpaths 12 and 28 and took no part in deliberations.  Cllr Knowles left the meeting at this point.
	<b>Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns</b>
	<b>Parishioners’ Concerns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Parishioners gave their views on the upgrading of Footpaths 12 and 28 and how this would affect them from both perspectives.</li></ul> <b>County Councillor Reports (as of 12 March 2021)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Nationally the number of Coronavirus cases is 70 per 100,000, Staffordshire Moorlands sits at 84.3. Rates for Staffordshire Moorlands are rising, particularly in Leek</li><li>▪ People with or without symptoms are encouraged to get tested by contacting <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus">www.nhs.uk/coronavirus</a> or by phoning 119</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staffordshire County Council has a number of ongoing campaigns to address health and mental health issues</li> <li>▪ The County, District and City Councils are working together to develop more accessible 'Green Corridors' across Staffordshire.</li> </ul> <p><b>District Councillor Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cllr Ralphs advised that SMDC is working with the County and City Councils to organise a Dial-a-Bus pilot in Bagnall. Details, once finalised, will be made available.</li> </ul>
<b>20.59</b>	<b>Finances</b>
	<p><b><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i></b></p> <p><b>20.44.05 – Climate Change Community Fund</b> Grant funding has been received from SCC to enable the replacement of the depth gauge at the ford. The Parish Council will now action this work. <b>Action: Cllr Pearson</b></p> <p><b>20.54.01 – Playing field: Additional Play Equipment</b> Letters from residents in the immediate vicinity in favour of additional play equipment have been received. The Parish Council will now approach providers for ideas and costs for a further consultation process later in the year. <b>Action: Cllr Batson</b></p> <p><b><i>New Issues</i></b></p> <p><b>20.59.01 – Invoices / Receipts</b> The Parish Council was in receipt of the following monies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Endon Sharks FC – Playing field hire - £10.00</li> <li>▪ Bagnall Heights – Donation towards FP24 gates - £200.00</li> <li>▪ SCC – Grant Funding towards depth gauge - £200.00</li> </ul> <p>The following invoices were received and payment agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Denise Cooper – Remuneration (Mar) - £152.50</li> <li>▪ AEDdonate – Purchase of replacement defibrillator pads - £43.90</li> </ul>
<b>20.60</b>	<b>Planning</b>
	<p><b>SMDC Planning Decisions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SMD/2020/0716 – Pool Side Cottage, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook Proposed two sided extension to existing gable end</li> </ul> <p><i>Bagnall PC had no objections. SMDC refused planning permission. The dwelling has already been significantly enlarged via previous extensions and further enlargement would lead to a disproportionate enlargement of the original building and was therefore deemed inappropriate in the Green belt, being deemed harmful to its openness.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HNT/2021/0002 – Red Ridge, Clewlovs Bank, Bagnall Proposed Family Room measuring 8m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, maximum height 2.87m and 2.62m to height of eaves.</li> </ul>

*Bagnall PC was not consulted as this was considered under permissible planning. SMDC refused planning permission as taking into consideration the existing extensions to the property the proposal does not comply with the permitted development order as the overall outcome would go beyond the limitation and restrictions of the order.*

- SMD/2020/0710 – Woodlands View, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall  
Approval of reserved matters, access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in relation to SMD/2017/0745

*Bagnall PC had no objections. SMDC approved the application*

#### **New Applications**

- SMD/2021/0105 – Endon Riding School, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook  
Variation on conditions, 1, 10 and 12 in relation to SMD/2019/0080

*Bagnall PC found the paperwork for this application difficult to navigate and has requested a more user-friendly version. Further details have now been received and Cllrs will review and comment shortly.*

The Clerk presented a Planning Statement for consideration by Cllrs. This will be posted on the website in due course for parishioners who may not be aware of the planning constraints within a conservation area.

**Action: Clerk**

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

*Bagnall PC has been updated by the Enforcement Officers who are overseeing appropriate actions.*

## **20.61 Footpaths and Highways**

### **Matters arising from previous minutes**

#### **20.51.03 – Redesignation of Footpaths to Bridleways**

The Parish Council has received a further S53 notice in respect of Footpath 28, which has been published on the website.

Three letters against the upgrading of the footpaths and one in favour have been received by the Parish Council and together with the comments raised at this meeting, the Parish Council will develop its response to reflect the majority view of parishioners.

#### **New Issues**

##### **20.61.01 – Footpath 28 – Drainage**

Branches from trees have been removed along the footpath but left on the verges. This is causing water to pool on the path in a few places making it almost impassable. Work has been undertaken to remove the debris and a request is made not to leave vegetation on the side of the path.

**20.62 General Maintenance and Other Issues**

***Matters Arising from Previous Minutes***

**19.74.02 – Notice Board**

Work to the notice board have now been finalised.

**20.30.01 – Speeding**

Cllr Flunder advised that a survey had been undertaken along Stanley Road. A further survey will be undertaken along Clewlovs Bank shortly. Cllr Ralphps queried the timing of these surveys, given the reduced levels of traffic during the lockdown and whether further surveys could be delayed to provide a truer picture. Cllr Flunder will pass this onto the Highways Department.

**20.36.01 – Tree Survey**

The removal of the Sycamore tree is scheduled for the end of March. Discussions took place regarding the planting of trees to replace those lost on the greens and playing field with appropriate native species. This work will be schedule during the autumn/winter. It was agreed to continue to monitor the condition of the Chestnut trees and take appropriate action as and when necessary.

**20.52.02 – Playing Field – French Drain**

Cllr Jackson is liaising with a potential contractor with a view to scheduling the work during the summer.

**Action: Cllr Jackson**

**New Issues**

**20.62 .01 – Stanley Road Pavements**

Cllr Ralphps asked if DHP funds could be used to finish the work to the pavements along Stanley Road; a project that is only half finished. Cllr Flunder stated that this work is already on his list and will be dealt with shortly.

**20.62.02 – Dog Fouling**

An increase in incidents of dog fouling has been observed around the village, which presents a health hazard. There is a Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Fouling and Nuisance) 2020 Order (PSPO) in place within Bagnall and offenders can be fined/prosecuted. Cllr Ralphps is looking into the provision of CCTV.

**20.62.03 – Broadband Connectivity**

Residents have raised the issue of ineffective broadband connectivity within the parish, particularly affecting small businesses and people working from home. Parishioners are advised to speak to their providers in the first instance, before escalating this to the Ombudsman Service: Communications or CISAC. The Clerk will raise the issue with our MP.

	<p><b>20.62.04 – Fly Tipping</b> An incident of fly tipping at Blue Bridge has been reported to SMDC and duly removed.</p> <p><b>20.62.05 – Playing Field Hire</b> Bookings from organisations teaching children football skills are now being taken. As the village hall car park may not be available for their use, hirers have been asked to park respectfully within the village.</p> <p>The groundsman has removed the goal posts/nets in preparation for re-seeding in the goal mouth. These will be put in storage and reinstated later in the season.</p> <p><b>20.62.06 – Litter Picking</b> The Parish Council would like to thank Kate Wilshaw for her efforts in removing litter in the village.</p>
<b>20.63</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Road Closure – Old Mill Lane. Effective between 17-19 March 2021. No alternative route has been agreed prior to actioning.</li> <li>▪ Staffordshire Libraries have been working alongside the Reading Agency to develop a Telephone Reading Service for residents of the Moorlands who are unable to visit libraries. Details at <a href="mailto:reading.friends@staffordshire.gov.uk">reading.friends@staffordshire.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>
	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>
	<p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a virtual one on <b>Tuesday 20 April 2021, 7.30pm</b> via Zoom.</p> <p>The Parish Council has taken a view to continue with Zoom meetings for the foreseeable time, until such time as people feel safer with face-to-face meetings.</p> <p>Members of the public are welcome to attend; log on details are available from the Clerk.</p>

Meeting concluded at 9.10pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 16 March 2021