

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

27 July 2021

Village Hall
School Road
Bagnall

Present:

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

Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr David Pearson

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk); Cllr Keith Flunder; 1 parishioner

	Apologies
	Cllr Sybil Ralphs – Covid-19 Self Isolation
	Casual Vacancy
	Following the recent advertisement of a casual vacancy, the Parish Council reviewed the applications received and following a vote, Anthony Drakeley has been co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect.
	Minutes of the Previous Meeting
	The May minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record.
	Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest
	No declarations of personal/pecuniary interest were expressed.
	Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns
	Parishioners' Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No concerns were raised. County Councillor Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cllr Flunder thanked all those who voted for him in the May elections.▪ SCC are in the process of reviewing all its processes now normality is being resumed and new councillors have been appointed.▪ All contact with the county council, including application for the plethora of grants available, is now online only.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Flunder is currently on the Health Care and Overview Committee, Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Strengthening the economy and wealth of the community), and the full council. ▪ A brief presentation is being planned for later in the year to inform parish councils and parishioners the roles the county council holds. ▪ Work to re-establish community groups is taking place. ▪ Cllr Flunder has undertaken a site visit with Cllr Andrew Batson to review the footpaths network and the means to link these up with other local networks. A further site visit is being arranged. ▪ A funded Suicide Awareness and Prevention programme is available, details from lorna.scott@combined.nhs.uk or 07498 731406. <p>District Councillor Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No report
21.16	Finances
	<p><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None <p>New Issues</p> <p>21.16.01 – Quarter 1 Financial Report At the end of the first quarter the balance in our bank account stood at £15,232, all expenses are on target.</p> <p>21.16.02 – Playing Fields – Annual Inspection An inspection of the swings by RoSPA is scheduled for August.</p> <p>21.16.03 – Invoices / Receipts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Receipts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Abbey Hulton FC – Hire of playing field (May) - £10.00 ➢ Dan Lyme – Hire of playing field (May) - £10.00 ➢ Endon Sharks – Hire of playing field (May) £40.00 ○ Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Denise Cooper – Remuneration (June & July) - £337.48 ➢ S & W Grounds Maintenance – June & July - £600.00 ➢ GCP Accountancy Services Ltd – Internal Audit - £250.00 ➢ Hosting Systems Ltd – Renewal of domain name - £33.36
21.17	Planning
	<p>SMDC Planning Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SMD/2021/0285 – White Gables, Clewloes Bank, Proposed single storey side extension ▪ SMD/2021/0105 – Endon Riding School, Stanley Moss Lane, Stanley Moor Variations on conditions 1, 10 and 12 on SMD/2019/0080 ▪ SMD/2021/0345 – Wayside House, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall

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On all the above applications, Bagnall PC had no objections. SMDC granted permission

New Applications

- SMD/2021/0128 – Croney Bank Farm, Bagnall Road, Bagnall
Two storey side extension to link house with barn
- SMD/2021/0345 – Wayside House, Clewlow Bank, Bagnall
Change of use of part domestic garage / garden room with loft over, into proposed living accommodation / annexe
- SMD/2021/0349 – Grafton, Clewlow Bank, Bagnall
Proposed single storey side and rear extension
- SMD/2021/0431 – Greenfields, School Road, Bagnall
Proposed single storey extension to principal elevation and addition of a new first floor dormer bedroom over
- SMD/2021/0462 – Meadow View, Clewlow Bank, Bagnall
Proposed demolition of existing annexe and construction of new single storey one bedroom bungalow
- SMD/2021/0475 – Moorlands House, Clewlow Bank, Bagnall
Proposed side extension to form utility room and rear extension to form sun room

Bagnall PC had no objections to the above applications

- SMD/2021/0454 – Land off Clewlow Bank
Outline application with details of access (all other matters reserved) for an erection of up to 4 single-storey dwelling houses with associated access, landscaping and servicing

Bagnall PC strongly objected to above applications. It was felt that the development impacted adversely on the local environment and the character of the village amongst other reasons.

- SMD/2021/0479 – Land off Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Application for Outline Planning Permission with details of access (all other matters reserved) for a proposed detached dwelling

Bagnall PC objected to this application. Although it is an infill development in line with our planning policy, it is on green belt land and will set a precedence for other developments that will slowly create a ribbon development between the golf club and existing cottages.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SMD/2021/0382 – Land at Greenfields, Thorney Edge Lane, Bagnall Screening option for proposed construction and operation of an energy storage facility <p><i>Bagnall PC made an initial objection, based upon the sparse information available at that time. However, further clarification has been obtained and the PC will make a more informed objection.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SMC/2021/00074 – Clewloes Bank, Stockton Brook Removal of caravan from site <p><i>The Enforcement Officers at SMDC are currently in liaison with the owners regarding the removal of the caravan.</i></p> <p>Monitoring of Planning Approvals The Parish Council agreed to undertake a 4-monthly review of all conditions imposed on planning application approvals within the Parish to ensure these are complied with.</p>
21.18	General Maintenance and Other Issues
	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>18.84.02 – Railings at the Ford Cllr Pearson advised that the railings had now been painted.</p> <p>20.44.05 – Depth Gauge, The Ford Cllr Pearson advised that the depth gauge is now ready for installation.</p> <p>20.52.02 – Playing Field – French Drain Cllr Jackson is still obtaining alternative quotations for this work. Action: Cllr Jackson</p> <p>20.54.01 – Playing Field – Additional Equipment Cllr Batson is awaiting contact with SMDC’s finance department around possible grants. In the interim the sub-group is undertaking a few fund-raising activities and is looking at organising a Ball, to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 5 June 2022. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of new equipment. Whilst Bagnall residents will have first call on tickets, there is no intention to exclude external parties. Action: Cllr Batson / Cllr Ralphs</p> <p>New Issues</p> <p>21.18.01 – Village Hall (Standing Agenda Item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Parish Council has appointed Knights, Solicitors to act on our behalf in relation to the Parish Council being appointed as Custodian Trustees for the village hall. The Village Hall Committee has contacted the Charity Commission asking if they have any objections. ii. Cllr Lawley stated that there is a small amount of walling stone to the rear of the village hall which a resident is interested in purchasing, this was agreed with funds raised going towards village hall costs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. An Afternoon Tea is arranged for 12 September 2021 to raise funds for Breast Cancer Charity. iv. Bookings for the playing field are now through the village hall. Currently only one of the previous users has booked, which has the potential of a budget income loss for the Parish Council. This is being monitored. <p>21.18.02 – Playing Field Maintenance Cllr Knowles felt that a lot of money was being utilised to accomplish a high standard of up-keep that is far outstripping the income received. He felt that the use of the field should focus more on local children, rather than external football organisations. Therefore, a more realistic specification should be drawn up when considering the tendering of contracts in September. This was agreed.</p> <p>21.18.03 – Fencing around village greens Cllr Lawley stated that some of the fence posts needed replacement. He agreed to undertake this work but asked that consideration be given to the future requirement of fencing. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>21.18.04 – Trees opposite Fair View A request to prune the trees opposite Fair View has been received. After consideration approval was given, provided a set criterion was adhered to. All costs to be borne by the resident.</p> <p>21.18.05 – New Bench A request for a bench to be positioned at the quarry on Springs Bank at the top of Old Mill Lane has been received from Bagnall Heights. This was agreed, all costs to be borne by Bagnall Heights.</p> <p>21.18.06 – Thorney Edge Road – Slurry spreading Reports of animal slurry being spread on field off Thorney Edge Road have been reported to the Environmental Agency.</p> <p>21.18.07 – Tree Preservation Order Two trees to the west of Hough Wood Cottage Farm, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook are now subject to a TPO.</p>
21.19	Footpaths and Highways
	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes 20.51.02 – Egress of water onto carriageway, Clewloes Bank Highways have written to the owner and steps have been taken to alleviate the problem in the future.</p>

New Issues**21.19.01 – Road Closures (Tompkin Rd/Wetley Moor & Luzlow Rd/Bagnall Rd)**

As part of a major scheme three power cables are to be installed through the Parish, ultimately connecting Cellarhead and Chatterley Whitfield National grid sub-stations.

The official vehicle diversion route is some eight miles via Limekiln and Werrington and our concern is that unsuitable local routes will consequently be used by large vehicles to avoid such a lengthy diversion.

Cllrs expressed their concern that the Parish Council was only notified of this major project at such a late stage, particularly as there are several other road work projects that will impact upon the area.

Cllr Flunder was asked to convey our concerns to SCC, and to request a weight limit be put on the roads within our Parish and some traffic calming measures given serious consideration to try to mitigate the impact of this project on residents and local businesses. It was also suggested that SCC negotiate with Stoke-on-Trent City Council to reduce the impact they face through Milton/Norton.

21.19.02 – Footpath 12

There is damage to the sleeper bridge. This has been reported to the Rights of Way Officers.

21.19.03 – Footpaths 14 & 15

The Parish Council has been alerted to potential blockage by electric fencing on these footpaths. This matter has been investigated and no blockages have been found.

21.20 Correspondence

- SMDC: Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan and Neighbourhood Development Order
- Cannock Chase AONB – A film to celebrate this area of outstanding beauty is available at <https://youtu.be/OE5Fg3t7EPs> presented by Mike Dilger, Stafford born ecologist, author and TV broadcaster
- HS2 Consultation – The Government response report can be found following the link. Any further questions can be made via their helpdesk on 08081 434 434 or HS2enquiries:hs2.org.uk
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-response-to-the-consultation-under-section-60-of-the-high-speed-rail-west-midlands-crewe-act-2021>
- Mike Deegan Consulting – Introductory letter to the fund-raising services he offers
- SCC – Loneliness and Social Isolation – Looking at ways to extend the online campaign which has now finished
- Community Diagnostic Hubs – Consultation

	Date of Next Meeting
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 7 September 2021, 7.30pm

Meeting concluded at 9.45pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 7 September 2021