

# NEWSLETTER

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## News

The Parish Council has issued a series of Newsletters to provide parishioners with updates on the work being undertaken by Western Power Ltd, their sub-contractors Prysmian Cables & Systems Ltd all overseen by Staffordshire County Council's Highways Department.

Behind the scenes the Parish Council has tried to enter into constructive negotiations with the Highways Department but has come across intransigent officers determined to enact their plans whether they are right for our Parish or not.

As a result, this is the last Newsletter that will be issued by the Parish Council on this subject. Further updates will only be made within the Parish Council meeting minutes.

Can parishioners who have concerns please direct these to the Highways Department at Stafford in the first instance or liaise with the Parish Clerk on [bagnallpc@gmail.com](mailto:bagnallpc@gmail.com)

## Fourth Update to Issue 6

### INTRANSIGENT HIGHWAYS DEPT

You are by now all aware of the road works that have been happening through the village of Bagnall, causing chaos, inconvenience, and damage along the country lanes of the Parish. What you may not be aware of is the determined work Bagnall Parish Council has been undertaking behind the scenes to reduce the effects of this work to residents and the enormous pressures Cllr Sybil Ralphs, in particular, has put on the County Council Highways Department to reverse a few of their decisions. Throughout the process the Highways officers have been uncooperative and obstructive.

We have taken this issue to the highest level at Stafford, and whilst senior officers agree with us that this project has been mis-handled from inception to now, are unable to sway the decisions made by their Highways Officers who believe they have autonomy bestowed upon them by government to do what they wish irrespective of the havoc to residents this may cause.

The Parish Council's input on several occasions has either been totally ignored, watered down, or misrepresented by our County Councillor to suit the decisions made by Highways officers.

Be under no illusion that this work will cease in a few weeks' time – it will not. Whilst there will be a short reprieve around December and over the Christmas period works will recommence down Bagnall Road through Light Oaks, leaving no direct route into Milton and moving intolerable levels of traffic down Clewllows Bank, Stanley Moor Road, and Eaves Lane / Jack Hayes Lane causing further disruption to parishioners in Bagnall.

