

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

20 April 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); Cllr Keith Flunder; 2 parishioners

	Apologies
	No apologies
	Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh
	The Parish Council wish to convey our deepest sympathies to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family at this very sad time. Prince Philip did so much for our country and leaves an incredible legacy having supported charities across the UK and founding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme which has inspired so many young people for more than 60 years. It really is the end of an era and may he rest in peace.
	Minutes of the Previous Meeting
	The March minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record.
	Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest
	Cllrs Pearson and Knowles declared an interest in discussions around the planning application for Old Hall Farm and also Footpath 28 and took no part in deliberations.
	Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns
	Parishioners' Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ For information Parishioner advised the Parish Council of their views on the planning application at Old Hall Farm, which they will convey on SMDC's planning portal. Previous works are being reviewed by the Planning Enforcement Officers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A parishioner expressed concerns that The Stafford Arms had placed benches across the road, thus effectively closing the road to vehicular access. There was also debris left over the area. The parishioner was advised that the closure was lawful and done for health and safety reasons. The issue of rubbish will be raised with the landlord. <p>County Councillor Reports (as of 12 March 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The first phase of the unlocking process commenced on 12 April 2021 allowing non-essential shops, gyms, etc to open alongside pubs to open outdoors. ▪ Regular twice weekly, home testing is being promoted, particularly for those working with others. ▪ Pop-up testing centres are being made available across to county. ▪ SCC is developing a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Responses to this are currently being reviewed by the Prosperous Committee before the final version is available. Copies of their minutes are available on SCC's website under Committee Meetings. ▪ <p>District Councillor Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No report
21.01	Finances
	<p><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i></p> <p>20.54.01 – Playing field: Additional Play Equipment Cllr Batson has received a quotation from Wickstead Play Equipment in the sum of £18,000. Alternative quotations are being sought. Once an affordable scheme has found parishioners will be consulted. Action: Cllr Batson</p> <p><i>New Issues</i></p> <p>21.01.01 – Quarter 4 Financial Report The quarter 4 Financial Report was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. As at 31 March 2021 the balance in our current account was £12,847.13.</p> <p>21.01.02 – Year End Accounts 2020/21 The yearend accounts (AGAR) has now been completed and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer. This will now be verified by our independent internal auditor.</p> <p>21.01.03 – Invoices / Receipts The Parish Council was in receipt of the following monies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abbey Hulton FC – Playing field hire - £50.00 ▪ HMRC – VAT Repayment - £570.51 <p>The following invoices were received and payment agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Denise Cooper – Remuneration (Mar) - £168.74 ▪ S and W Grounds Maintenance – cutting greens - £300.00 ▪ Sam Butler – Tree removal / maintenance - £900.00

21.02	Planning
	<p>SMDC Planning Decisions None</p> <p>New Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SMD/2021/0072 – Old Hall Farm, The Green, Bagnall The proposed building would be of steel construction measuring 6.9m base, with 2.5m eaves and 20 degree pitched roof and 3.8m ridge <i>Bagnall PC objected to this development</i> ▪ DET/2021/0012 – Lower Greenfield Farm, Jack Hayes Lane, Armshead Proposed new portal framed fodder and machinery store <i>Bagnall PC had no objections</i>
21.03	General Maintenance and Other Issues
	<p><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i></p> <p>20.44.05 – Depth Gauge, The Ford Following discussion Cllr Pearson agreed to source a suitable replacement depth gauge at the ford. Action: Cllr Pearson</p> <p>20.52.02 – Playing Field – French Drain Cllr Jackson has been unable to make contact with a provider, further research on a suitable contractor will be undertaken. Action: Cllr Jackson/The Clerk</p> <p>New Issues</p> <p>21.03.01– Playing Field – Goal Posts The goal posts have been removed to allow re-seeding around the goal mouth area. The groundsman is awaiting suitable weather conditions.</p> <p>21.03.02– Governance and Other Policies These are still under review.</p> <p>21.03.03– Tree Risk Assessment The development of this document is still ongoing, and will be made available once completed.</p> <p>21.03.04– Tipping, Clewloes Bank A caravan has been dumped on land off Clewloes Bank. This has been reported to SMDC but as it is a complex issue may take some time to resolve.</p> <p>21.03.04– Litter Bin, Playing Field As the Village Hall has been closed, this bin has not been emptied on a regular basis. Steps to rectify this have been put in place.</p>

	<p>21.03.05– Tipping, Blue Bridge A number of tyres have been dumped in the vicinity of Blue Bridge. SMDC are arranging for these to be removed.</p>
21.04	Footpaths and Highways
	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <p>20.11.02 – Gullies Cllr Flunder advised that a programme of clearing gullies is currently ongoing.</p> <p>20.30.01 – Speeding Speed devices have been positioned on Clewlovs Bank. The results indicate although there are exceptions, the average (mean) speed is between 29 and 31 miles per hour. Cllrs did not feel this represented an accurate picture given that road usage is well below the norm. Some traffic calming measures will be looked at, although permission will be required from the Police, Fire Service, and Crime Commission (currently out to election).</p> <p>Cllr Pearson stated that the concentrated parking on the road by residents is incentivising motorists to speed along this section of the road as there is a lack of opportunity to give way to oncoming traffic.</p> <p>20.51.02 – Egress of water onto carriageway, Clewlovs Bank A further complaint regarding this issue has been received. The issue is being looked into by Highways, the Clerk was asked to chase up. Action: The Clerk</p> <p>New Issues</p> <p>21.04.01 – Footpath 28 – S.53 Application (2) An application to change the definition of the remainder of this footpath has been received. The Parish Council does not support this application.</p> <p>21.04.02– Footpath 28 – Irresponsible use by horse riders There have been several incidents of riders moving at pace along the footpath and shouting abuse at landowners. This is unacceptable behaviour. Please be aware that until defined otherwise this is a footpath and due care and attention to other users should be observed,</p>
21.05	Correspondence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Closure – Old Mill Lane. Effective between 17-19 March 2021. No alternative route has been agreed prior to actioning. ▪ 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 reading.friends@staffordshire.gov.uk ▪ Royal British Legion – Take the Capt. Thom 100 Challenge between 30 April 2021 and 3 May 2021. Do 100 of ‘something’ – You can do anything from walking 100 steps, running 100 metres, scoring 100

	goals, baking 100 cakes, climbing 100 stairs – whatever takes your fancy!
	Date of Next Meeting
	<p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a virtual one on Tuesday 18 May 2021, 7.00pm via Zoom. The Parish's annual meeting will be included therefore the meeting will commence slightly earlier.</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: 18 May 2021