

# BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

16 February 2021

Via Zoom

**Present:**

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

Cllr Peter Lawley  
Cllr David Pearson

**In attendance:**

Denise Cooper (Clerk)

	Apologies
	Cllr Sybil Ralphs – Business commitments
	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>
	The January 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 Footpath 28.
	<b>Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns</b>
	<b>Parishioners' Concerns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ No concerns have been raised.</li></ul>
	<b>District Councillor Reports (as of 12 February 2021)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Rates of Covid-19 across all four nations are falling. The latest R rate is between 0.7 and 0.9</li><li>▪ Nationally the number of Coronavirus cases is 166.3, Staffordshire Moorlands sits at 113.8</li><li>▪ Over 70's who has not received their vaccination are encouraged to contact the NHS</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>

<b>20.54</b>	<b>Finances</b>
	<p><b><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i></b></p> <p><b>20.44.04 – Community Fund</b> Funding has been received and will be held in reserves pending the purchase of more appropriate lights for the Christmas tree.</p> <p><b>20.44.05 – Climate Change Community Fund</b> An application for funding has been submitted, we await the outcome. If agreed the Parish Council will look to replacing the depth gauge at the ford.</p> <p><b><i>New Issues</i></b></p> <p><b>20.54.01 – Playing field: Additional Play Equipment</b> Discussion took place around the purchase of new equipment on the playing field. As a first step, it was agreed to canvas the opinion of residents living in the immediate vicinity of the playing field before inviting potential providers for ideas/quotations.</p> <p>The Clerk gave a brief overview of the current financial position, advising that large projects would need to be funded via Grants.</p> <p><b>20.54.02 – Invoices / Receipts</b> The Parish Council was in receipt of the following monies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SMDC – Community Fund Grant - £320.00</li> </ul> <p>The following invoices were received and payment agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Denise Cooper – Remuneration (Feb) - £152.50</li> <li>▪ Denise Cooper – Reimbursement for Zoom subscription - £112.78</li> <li>▪ CentreWire – Purchase of gate - £312.00</li> <li>▪ SMDC – Loan interest - £235.79</li> </ul>
<b>20.55</b>	<b>Planning</b>
	<p><b>SMDC Planning Decisions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SMD/2020/0591 – Mistra, School Lane, Bagnall Single storey garage and x3 side elevation window</li> </ul> <p><i>Bagnall PC had no objections. SMDC approved this application.</i></p> <p><b>New Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SMD/2020/073 – Pool Side Cottage, Clewloes Bank, Stockton Brook Proposed two-storey extension to existing gable end</li> </ul> <p><i>Bagnall PC had no objections to the above application</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HNT/2020/0002 – Red Ridge, Clewloes 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>

	<p><i>Bagnall PC was not consulted on the above application as SMDC are considering under Permitted Development Rights.</i></p> <p>As parishioners may not be aware of the planning constraints within a conservation area the Clerk was asked to pull together a brief policy to provide a consistent way to approach any planning transgressions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
<b>20.56</b>	<b>Footpaths and Highways</b>
	<p><b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b></p> <p><b>20.11.01 – Footpath 24</b> A second new gate has been purchased and is awaiting installation. (Direction disks has been acquired from the Rights of Way Officer.) There are two entrances to the footpath, the definitive one and a new permission one, which is via the new gate beside the bus shelter.</p> <p><b>20.17.02 – Footpath around Stanley Pool</b> Cllr Batson is monitoring the installation of the gate on the sailing club access track with Mr Weston. Discussions with the Rivers and Canal Trust are currently on hold.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Cllr Batson</b></p> <p><b>20.51.02 – Egress of water onto carriageway – Clewloes Bank</b> This matter is now in the hands of Highways.</p> <p><b>20.51.03 – Redesignation of Footpaths to Bridleways</b> 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. Full details have been requested from Staffordshire County Council’s Legal Team and once received those opinions of residents in the immediate vicinity will be sought prior to the Parish Council lodging its views with SCC.</p> <p><b>New Issues</b> None</p>
<b>20.57</b>	<b>General Maintenance and Other Issues</b>
	<p><b>19.79.02 – Phone Kiosk, Rose and Crown PH</b> The application to designate the kiosk as a listed building has been unsuccessful. Cllr Pearson asked that the Clerk liaise with SMDC to ascertain if they can assist in influencing this decision.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Clerk</b></p> <p><b>20.36.01 – Tree Survey</b> The report from Steve Massey has been received, a copy will be posted on the website for parishioners to view. The Clerk was asked to action the urgent works to the Sycamore tree on the Buttercross Green and the maintenance works to the Sycamore trees and Oak tree on the green beside</p>

	<p>the Stafford Arms. Further discussion around the Horse Chestnut trees on the Buttercross Green will take place at the next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Clerk</b></p> <p><b>20.52.01 – Resignation / Casual Vacancy</b> Following the resignation of Cllr Sally Brown, parishioners have not taken up the opportunity to call an election. A Casual Vacancy will be advertised in due course once issues around COVID-19 have eased.</p> <p><b>20.52.02 – Playing Field</b> Cllr Jackson has undertaken a site visit with a potential contractor and we await their quotation for the installation of a French drain.</p> <p><b>20.52.03 – Village Hall</b> The Clerk has not received any information on the future intentions of the Village Hall Committee. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Lawley, as our representative, would open dialogue.</p> <p><b>New Issues</b> None</p>
<b>20.58</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staffordshire Police Survey – closing date was 8 February 2021</li> <li>▪ Vice Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire – Request for nominations for National Honours List. Citation forms can be downloaded from <a href="http://www.gov.uk/honours/overview">http://www.gov.uk/honours/overview</a></li> <li>▪ HS2 Enquiries – Consultation on the HS2 Phase 2a Scheme between the West Midlands and Crewe. Consultation will close on 24 February 2021 at 11.45pm. Please visit <a href="http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase2a">http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase2a</a></li> <li>▪ SMDC – Car Park Consultation open to the public between 8 February 2021 and 28 February 2021.</li> </ul>
	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>
	<p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a virtual one on <b>Tuesday 16 March 2021, 7.30pm</b> via Zoom.</p> <p>Could any member of the public interested in participating please contact the Clerk for log on details.</p>

Meeting concluded at 8.35pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 16 March 2021