

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

15 February 2022

Moorlands Village Hall
School Road
Bagnall

Present:

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

Cllr Peter Lawley
Cllr Dave Pearson

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk/RFO); Cllr Sybil Ralphs (via Zoom); Cllr Keith Flunder (County Council); 5 parishioners.

	Apologies
	Anthony Drakeley – personal commitments
	Minutes of the Previous Meeting
	The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed to be a true and accurate record.
	Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest
	Personal/pecuniary interests were expressed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cllr Jackson in the road closures through the village.▪ Cllrs Knowles and Pearson on any discussions relating to Footpaths 12, 28 and 32.
	Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns
	Parishioners' Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Parishioners raised concerns in relation to the S.53 applications to change Footpaths 36, 56 and 57 to Bridleways. Although they are going to formally write to SCC to voice their objections, they wished to raise this with the Parish Council.▪ A Parishioner requested the use of signs to highlight the riding of horses on roads within the village. Cllr Flunder was asked to make enquiries regarding this on the stretch from starting at the bottom of Clewlovs Bank and along School Road to its junction with Bagnall Road.

	<p>County Councillor Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Flunder thanked Cllrs Batson and Knowles for their input during the day at the public meeting to discuss the next phase of the Cellarhead Project which took place at the Village Hall. The meeting was deemed a success by all parties. ▪ Environmental issues will be the second priority for the County Council and will be a prominent feature in all policies going forward. ▪ A meeting to review the provision of buses is being scheduled for next week; although funding is limited it is anticipated that more emphasis will be given to rural provision. ▪ A new project is being taken forward to promote hospital provision in Leek and Cheadle including how volunteers can provide assistance.
21.48	<p>Planning</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SMDC Planning Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2021/07517 – 2 Mill House, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook Single storey rear extension ○ SMD/2021/0289 – New House Farm, Bagnall Road, Bagnall Proposed improvements to vehicular access <p><i>Although Bagnall PC had no objections, the applications above have been withdrawn</i></p> ▪ New Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DOC/2022/003 – Meadow View, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall Discharge of conditions 5, 12 & 13 in regards to SMD/2021/0462 ○ DOC/2022/008 – Meadow View, Clewloes Bank, Bagnall Discharge of Conditions 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,14 and 15 in regards to SMD/2021/0462 <p><i>For information. Bagnall PC is not required to comment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2022/0059 – Bramble Cottage, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook Proposed single storey extension <p><i>Bagnall PC had no objections to the above application</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Solar Panel / Battery Storage The Clerk tabled a report on the responses received following consultation with Parishioners, together with some proposals. A copy of the report will be published on the website in due course. <p>Of the 370 households canvassed, 31 responded, giving instruction to the Parish Council to strongly challenge any applications that come before us.</p>

21.49	Finances
	<p><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i> 19.74.04 – Website The Clerk is in liaison with the new website provider and raised a few queries with Cllrs relating to its format, these were clarified, and the Clerk will pass the information onto the provider with a view to the new site being operational very shortly. In the interim it will not be possible to update the current website.</p> <p>New Issues 21.49.01 – Invoices and Receipts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receipts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None ▪ Invoices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zoom annual subscription - £119.90 ○ SMDC – Loan interest - £200.80
21.50	General Maintenance and Other Issues
	<p><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i> 21.29.05 – Telephone Kiosk outside Rose and Crown The Clerk advised that Marston’s Brewery agree in principle to an electrical link being set up between the public house and the kiosk, however discussion on a business agreement with the landlords is taking priority. Once this has been finalised the Parish Council will be advised accordingly.</p> <p>Cllr Drakeley is in the process of providing information on the works required to bring it up to standard, which will be presented to the Parish Council at the next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr Drakeley</p> <p>21.39.02 – Bus shelter, opposite Bagnall Heights Cllr Jackson reported that some temporary repairs had been undertaken to the roof, but he will effect a more permanent solution over the next few weeks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr Jackson</p> <p>21.44.02 – Parish Strategic Plan Discussions took place around a process to enable parishioners to input into the Strategic Plan in future. It was agreed this would take the form of a standardised submission form so that all suggestions could be reviewed equally together with a small informal section at the start of the AGM meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Actions: The Clerk</p> <p><i>New Issues</i> 21.44.01 – Village Hall – Standing Agenda Item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Lawley stated that he had no updates.

The village hall is a valuable community asset, and as such the Parish Council has a duty to ensure its continuity. However, the Parish Council has some concerns which our representative was asked to convey to the Village Hall Committee. These included:

- The reluctance to push forward the Parish Council becoming Custodian Trustee of the hall. In August, as a priority, the Parish Council was asked to appoint a solicitor to act on our behalf in this process, which was done. Since that date there has been no progress and the Parish Council has been retaining the services of a solicitor for some eight months now for no purpose.
- The Parish Council is a full member of the Village Hall Committee, but despite numerous requests, has been unable to obtain a full copy of their accounts for the last financial year.
- As a full member of the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council has been unable to elicit a stratagem going forward on how the village hall hopes to secure funding to meet its day-to-day costs and ensure the building is maintained to a satisfactory standard.

21.50.01 – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Cllrs agreed to rename the playing fields the Jubilee Playing Fields to commemorate the occasion.

As part of the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy the Parish Council is proposing to plant some trees on the playing fields later in the year.

On Thursday 2 June 2022 at 7.15pm the beacon will be lit as part of a national lighting of beacons. Cllr Batson is looking at a more effective way of lighting the beacon than in previous years and Cllrs are giving some thought to an informal gathering event to accompany the lighting.

Action: Cllr Batson

On Friday 3 June 2022 a ball is being organised, the profit from which will go towards the purchase of new play equipment on the playing field. More information is available from Vicki Vincent.

The Parish Council is giving consideration to the distribution of commemorative mugs to children from the Parish and will be discussing this further at a future meeting.

Action: The Clerk / Cllr Drakeley

Lee Pearson has offered an open afternoon on Thursday 2 June 2022 where he will show how he schools his horses to move to music, this will be held at his ménage. This is currently in the planning stages.

21.50.03 – Remembrance Wreaths

The wreaths purchased by the Parish Council and displayed on our War Memorial in the Church in November, are being stored by the Church. A request has been made by the Church not to purchase any further wreaths, as those in storage could be reused, but instead to make a donation to the British Poppy Legion. This was supported.

21.51	Footpaths and Highways
	<p><i>Matters arising from previous minutes</i></p> <p>21.21.01 – WPD Cellar Head Project During discussions with Cllr Flunder, he indicated that the second phase of the works would be operated by signals, apart from a small section of the road which will involve a short road closure. Phase Two will start on Monday 7 March 2022.</p> <p>Our request for weight restrictions on Springs Bank is not being prioritised currently by SCC as they are concentrating on getting the planning for the second phase in place. Cllr Flunder was asked to push this element more as it was important to get this in place prior to the works commencing.</p> <p>21.46.01 – S.53 application – Footpath 32 The Clerk has obtained an extension to the deadline and a full response has been made.</p> <p>New Issues</p> <p>21.51.01 – S.53 application – Footpath 37, 56 and 57 The Parish Council has received notification from SCC that an application has been submitted to redefine these footpaths as a bridleways. The Clerk has secured an extension to the deadline and a full response has been made.</p> <p>21.51.02 – Blocked Gulley – Stanley Road This gulley has been reported to SCC on two occasions, and Cllr Flunder has agreed to ascertain why it is taking so long to effect clearance.</p> <p>21.51.03 – Blocked Drain – Springs Bank This gulley has been reported to SCC for action.</p>
21.52	Correspondence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Foundation – Request for expression of interest in the Best Kept Village Community Competition 2022 ▪ Dash – Promotional literature on commemorative mugs for the Platinum Jubilee ▪ Checkley Parish Council – Consultation on their Neighbourhood Plan ▪ Email promotion of “20mph is Plenty” campaign in Staffordshire ▪ Road Diversion Notices across Staffordshire Moorlands
	Date of Next Meeting
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 15 March 2022, 7.00pm

Meeting concluded at 9.15pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 15 March 2022