

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

19 April 2022

Moorlands Village Hall
School Road
Bagnall

Present:

Cllr Les Knowles (Chair)
Cllr Andrew Batson

Anthony Drakeley
Cllr Peter Lawley

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk/RFO); 7 parishioners.

	Apologies
	Cllr Roger Jackson – Ill health Cllr Dave Pearson – Ill health Cllr Sybil Ralphs – business 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 Drakeley – Planning (Loreto)▪ Cllr Jackson – WPD Cellarhead Project▪ Cllrs Knowles and Pearson – Footpaths 28 Cllrs took part in discussions, where appropriate, to ensure fullness of information but did not participate on any decisions made.
	Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns
	Parishioners' Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No concerns were raised by parishioners. County Councillor Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Prosperous are discussing the future of highways services and a request was made to Cllrs to input their priorities into discussions.▪ The Health Working Group's work has been delayed until after the elections in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In relation to the signs to warn of horse riders, Cllr Flunder has submitted a grant claim for £500 as a contribution towards the cost of £1,000 per pair. He is awaiting feedback. ▪ Cllr Flunder has attended meeting regarding the possible re-opening of the train route between Leek and Stoke.
22.06	Planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SMDC Planning Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2022/0059 – Bramble Cottage, Stanley Moss Lane, Stockton Brook Proposed single storey extension <i>Bagnall PC had no objections. SMDC approved</i> ▪ New Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2022/0163 – Loreto, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook Demolition of existing single storey side/rear extension and replacement two storey side / single storey rear extension <i>Bagnall PC has no objections</i> <p>22.06.01 – Land adjacent to Clewlovs Bank Following the high winds significant damage has been caused to a vehicle parked on the field. Cllr Batson will ask the landowner to ensure it is made safe. Action – Cllr Batson</p> <p>22.06.02 – Potential Planning Infringement The owner of Cloud Cottage has removed part of a stone boundary wall and is in the process of installation of a hardstanding parking area. As no planning application has been sought, this has been reported to the Planning Enforcement Officer.</p> <p>22.06.03 – Planning Approval Review A paper was tabled of all applications approved during 2021 for information. It was agreed to appoint a Cllrs to have overview of approved applications to ensure conditions were being adhered to.</p>
22.07	Finances
	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None <p>New Issues</p> <p>22.02.01 – Quarter 4 Financial Report On 31 March 2022 the Parish Council held £14,901.29 in its bank account and had an outstanding balance on the loan to purchase the playing field of £5,000.</p>

22.02.02 – Year End Accounts

The year-end accounts have now been completed and signed. Once these have been verified by our Auditor, a copy will be published on the website.

22.02.03 – Invoices and Receipts

- **Receipts**
 - Alliance Environmental – Lengthman’s Agreement 2021/22 - £400
 - BPAG – Donation towards Christmas lights - £250.00
- **Invoices**
 - S & W Groundworks – cutting playing field/greens - £825.00

22.08 General Maintenance and Other Issues

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

20.54.01 – Playing Field – Equipment

The Ball, which is being organised to sufficient funding to enable us to seek grants, has been postponed until the Autumn.

The lock to the gate at the bottom of the field has been damaged. Cllr Knowles agreed to provide a replacement.

Action – Cllr Knowles

21.29.05 – Telephone Kiosk outside Rose and Crown

Cllr Drakeley is in the process of compiling a list of parts that need replacement to enable quotations to be obtained. The Clerk was asked to enquire if funding from Cllr Flunder towards the cost of refurbishment, particularly the reinstatement of electricity, could be made available.

Action: Cllr Drakeley/The Clerk

21.34.03 – Christmas Tree Lights

BPAG has proved a donation of £250 towards the cost of purchasing lights.

21.50.01 – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Alongside the lighting of the beacon, some refreshments and a hog roast is being organised. The Parish Council agreed to donate the sum of £400.00 towards these events.

The Parish Council is also arranging for mugs to be made available to children from the Parish between the ages of 0 – 16. Some names have been put forward and mugs reserved for these, there will be a small number available for sale at the beacon lighting.

New Issues

22.03.01 – Village Hall – Standing Agenda Item

There were no updates. However, the Parish Council, following legal advice from SLCC has agreed to rescind its position on the Village Hall Committee. Any Cllrs who attend do so as a member of the community and do not represent the Parish Council.

	<p>Cllr Batson has been contacted by a resident asking for an item to be published on The Grapevine asking for volunteers to organise a Fete. Cllrs felt that it was too late to do anything this year, the process needed to be started in September before the Fete. Cllr Batson is awaiting wording to post the request.</p>
<p>22.09</p>	<p>Footpaths and Highways</p>
	<p><i>Matters arising from previous minutes</i></p> <p>21.21.01 – WPD Cellar Head Project Cllr Batson stated that whilst the traffic lighting system was better than a full road closure, it had not prevented some from using the back roads.</p> <p>Cllr Flunder has advised he has submitted a request for a sum of £500.00 towards the £1,000 cost of a feasibility study. He is awaiting a response.</p> <p>A meeting will be convened in June to look at any repairs to the highways as a result of these works.</p> <p>21.51.02 – Blocked Gulley – Stanley Road This gulley has not yet been cleared despite it being reported to SCC on three occasions. Cllr Batson has written to Mr Henderson, the Chief Executive of Staffordshire County Council regarding this issue, but has not received any response to-date.</p> <p>Cllr Batson agreed to submitting a Freedom of Information requested for evidence that the three-year schedule is being monitored effectively, as Bagnall does not appear to have received any gully cleaning works for a long time.</p> <p>New Issues</p> <p>22.09.01 – S.53 Application This application refers to a route that currently does not carry any designation. It is felt that the application has no local knowledge and is undertaking a ‘desktop’ exercise. An appropriate response will be submitted. Residents requested that a site visit, by appointment only, be arranged with SCC Solicitors overseeing these cases so they are aware of the topography to avoid another ‘desktop exercise’ when making their decision.</p> <p>22.09.02 – Footpath 28 To prevent the use of this footpath by motorcyclists, Cllrs felt that it now right that the gates were positioned at both ends of the footpath. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Rights of Way Officer to secure gates that would allow passage for both horses and pedestrians.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p> <p>22.09.03 – Traffic Survey Data To enable Cllrs to understand the data supplied an online meeting was held with representatives from SCC. There is an issue with speeding,</p>

	<p>particularly along the top stretch of School Road, and some intervention is warranted. However, it was felt that the recording equipment was not placed in the best positions to capture an accurate picture and a further exercise will be undertaken once the WPD Cellarhead Project has been completed.</p> <p>22.09.04 – Road Signs Several road warning signs along Jack Hayes Lane have been removed. Cllrs Batson will report the issue to Highways requesting replacements. Action: Cllrs Batson</p> <p>22.09.05 – Litter Bin Residents requested that a bin is placed alongside the bus shelter on Bagnall Bank that can receive litter and dog waste. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries. Action: The Clerk</p>
22.010	Correspondence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Foundation – The Three Towns Trial 2022 – A 39.5 mile route has been platted between Cheadle, Leek and Biddulph which people can walk, cycle or jog during either May or June 2022. Details from https://threetowntrail.co.uk ▪ Community Foundation – Best Kept Village Competition 2022 ▪ Future Airspace MAN – Invitation to participate in the next phase of the review of airspace routes ▪ Elancity – Product flyer on road safety and road calming products ▪ Royal British Legion – Range of signage, bunting and flags for the Platinum Jubilee ▪ SPCA – Invitation to join. ▪ SCC – Why Climate Change Matters in Staffordshire. Online event.
	Date of Next Meeting
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 17 May 2022, 7.00pm and will include the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting concluded at 8.05pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 19 April 2022