

# BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

15 March 2022

Moorlands Village Hall  
School Road  
Bagnall

### Present:

Cllr Les Knowles (Chair)  
Cllr Andrew Batson  
Anthony Drakeley

Cllr Roger Jackson  
Cllr Peter Lawley  
Cllr Dave Pearson

### In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk/RFO); Cllr Keith Flunder (County Council); 3 parishioners.

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|  | <b>Apologies</b>  |
|  | Cllr Sybil Ralphs – personal commitments  |
|  | <b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>  |
|  | The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed to be a true and accurate record.  |
|  | <b>Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest</b>   |
|  | Personal/pecuniary interests were expressed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Cllr Jackson – WPD Cellarhead Project</li><li>▪ Cllrs Knowles and Pearson – Footpaths 12, 28 and 32</li><li>▪ Cllr Knowles – village hall</li></ul> Cllrs took part in discussions to ensure fullness of information but did not participate on any decisions made.   |
|  | <b>Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns</b>  |
|  | <b>Parishioners' Concerns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ No concerns were raised by parishioners.</li></ul> <b>County Councillor Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The Prosperous meeting to discuss bus provision was postponed.</li><li>▪ The Health Working Group have set up an improvement health provision.</li><li>▪ In relation to the signs to warn of horse riders, Cllr Flunder advised that there would be a cost of £1,000 per pair, this is to cover the</li></ul> |

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|              | <p>location suitability assessment and fixing. He awaits the Parish Council's instructions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A meeting to provide detail on the speeding data has been arranged for Thursday 17 March 2022.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>21.53</b> | <b>Planning</b>  |
|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>SMDC Planning Decisions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SMD/2021/0824 – Rock Cottage Farm, The Green, Bagnall<br/>Proposed building to provide stable, fodder store and alpaca shelter</li> <li>○ SMD/2021/0687 – Dorandale, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook<br/>Erection of detached garage, new vehicular access and replacement roadside boundary wall</li> <li>○ SMD/2021/0767 – Greenways Golf Club, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook<br/>Proposed detached office unit.</li> </ul> <p><i>Bagnall PC had no objections to the above applications; SMDC approved</i></p> <li>○ SMD/2021/0754 – Reservoir House, Puddy Lane, Stanley<br/>Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed mobile home in the garden</li> </li></ul> <p><i>Bagnall PC was not notified of this application. SMDC approved</i></p> <li>▪ <b>New Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SMD/2022/0055 – Houghwood Cottage Farm, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook<br/>2 No. extensions to the existing property</li> </ul> <p><i>Bagnall PC had no objections to this application.</i></p> </li> |
| <b>21.54</b> | <b>Finances</b>  |
|              | <p><b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b></p> <p><b>19.74.04 – Website</b><br/>The new updated website is now live.</p> <p><b>New Issues</b></p> <p><b>21.54.01 – Invoices and Receipts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Receipts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Western Power Distribution – donation towards Christmas lighting - £600</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Invoices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ C &amp; W Groundworks – cutting playing field - £225.00</li> <li>○ Town &amp; Parish Councils.co.uk – design of website - £1,024.00</li> <li>○ SLCC – Clerk's Training - £38.00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

**21.55 General Maintenance and Other Issues**

***Matters Arising from Previous Minutes***

**20.54.01 – Playing Field – Equipment**

Cllr Batson advised that he has received an offer for the groundwork to be undertaken by volunteers, which should reduce costs considerably. A revised quotation has been received from Wicksteads which provides us with guidance on the type of equipment that could be accommodated on the playing field.

It is anticipated that the Jubilee Ball will provide the Parish Council with sufficient funding to enable us to seek grants, most of which will be match funding based, to start the process of purchasing/installing equipment.

Cllrs discussed the option of an additional ramp directly to the play equipment and this will be installed at the same time the French drain is installed.

**21.29.05 – Telephone Kiosk outside Rose and Crown**

Cllr Drakeley has undertaken a brief inspection of the kiosk and has identified several areas where works would be required. A full refurbishment of the kiosk by a specialist company would cost in the region of £3,000, although Cllrs felt that this may be detrimental to the character of the kiosk. As a first step Cllr Drakeley was asked to do a full list of works against which quotations could be obtained for consideration.

**Action: Cllr Drakeley**

**21.34.03 – Christmas Tree Lights**

Now that Western Power has provided their donation, Cllr Knowles will source some suitable lighting for installation next Christmas.

**Action: Cllr Knowles**

**21.39.02 – Bus shelter, opposite Bagnall Heights**

Cllr Jackson reported this has been repaired by persons unknown.

**21.50.01 – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Cllr Batson advised that a means of lighting the beacon has now been sourced.

SMDC is making available £425.00 to parish councils towards events associated with the Jubilee celebrations. Cllrs felt that refreshments should be offered to those members of the public attending the lighting ceremony and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary application.

**Action: The Clerk**

***New Issues***

**21.55.01 – Village Hall – Standing Agenda Item**

In response to the questions raised by the Parish Council at the last meeting, the Clerk read out a statement from the Village Hall Committee.

After discussion the Parish Council has compiled a response. A copy of both documents will be attached to the minutes.

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|       | <p><b>21.55.02 – Playing Field – Hire</b><br/> One of the organisations who hire the field for football practice has requested that the pitch is marked out. After discussion Cllrs felt that whilst in principle they had no objections, they would like further information on how this would be undertaken before giving official permission.</p>  |
| 21.56 | <p><b>Footpaths and Highways</b></p>  |
|       | <p><b><i>Matters arising from previous minutes</i></b><br/> <b>21.21.01 – WPD Cellar Head Project</b><br/> To progress our request for weight restrictions on Springs Bank, SCC has indicated that a feasibility study must be undertaken at a cost in the region of £1,000 to the Parish Council. Cllr Flunder stated he would be happy to commit £500 towards these costs if the Parish Council wished to proceed.</p> <p>Cllrs raised concerns that with the works being controlled by traffic lights and a 20mph speed limit being imposed, some motorists will seek other routes creating ‘rat runs’.</p> <p>The timescale for the completion of the contract has been extended until July, but it was agreed to meet in June with representatives from SCC to identify remedial repairs required.</p> <p><b>21.51.01 – S.53 application – Footpath 37, 56 and 57</b><br/> Cllr Flunder stated that SCC had not received any correspondence from the residents in attendance at the last meeting and would welcome their comments, even though the closing date for comment has passed.</p> <p>The response to the Parish Councils concerns has been received from SCC which indicates that it will be sometime before this application is considered</p> <p><b>21.51.02 – Blocked Gulley – Stanley Road</b><br/> This gulley has not yet been cleared despite it being reported to SCC on two occasions. Cllr Batson asked 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>Cllrs reiterated that the gully on Stanley Road should be a priority, given the impact its blockage is having on the elderly resident. Cllr Flunder was asked to pass this onto the relevant operatives.</p> <p><b>New Issues</b><br/> <b>21.56.01 – Footpath 22</b><br/> The Parish Council has been advised that a footbridge on this footpath that spans a small brook is showing signs of wear, dipping into the water when walked upon. SCC has been advised of this and responded that it is not a priority and will be attended to when resources allow. Cllr Batson will undertake a site visit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Cllr Batson</b></p> |

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|              | <p><b>21.56.02 – Former Endon Riding School development – Road naming</b><br/>The Parish Council has been asked for comment on several options for the name of the road. The Parish Council has opted for Coltslow Farm (Lane).</p> <p><b>21.56.03 – Road Diversion – Stanley Bank, Stanley</b><br/>Road surfacing works are scheduled from 23 May to 27 May 2022 (or 18 April to 22 April if timescale allow). Access to The Traveller’s Rest will be maintained.</p> <p><b>21.56.04 – Footpath 28</b><br/>Sightings of unauthorised usage of the footpath by motorcycles have been reported to Staffordshire Police. PCSO Sara Staples and a colleague have attached several Section 59 signs along footpath 28. These signs warn that any illegal use by motorised vehicles could result in such vehicles being seized and destroyed.</p> |
| <b>21.57</b> | <b>Correspondence</b>  |
|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SMDC – Parish Assembly meeting scheduled for Thursday 17 March 2022, 7pm</li> <li>▪ SMDC – Consultation – Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document</li> <li>▪ Moorlands Climate Control – Newsletters</li> <li>▪ Moorlands Climate Control – Repair Café – Notification of its launch</li> <li>▪ Karen Bradley, MP – Community Engagement Meeting to update on the railway line between Leek and the City.</li> <li>▪ SCC – Circulation of letter from Michael Gove, MP on the Homes for Ukrainians Scheme</li> </ul>  |
|              | <b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  |
|              | The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on <b>Tuesday 19 April 2022, 7.00pm</b>   |

Meeting concluded at 9.15pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 19 April 2022