

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

17 May 2022

Moorlands Village Hall
School Road
Bagnall

Present:

Cllr Les Knowles (Chair)
Anthony Drakeley

Cllr Roger Jackson
Cllr Peter Lawley

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk/RFO); Cllr Keith Flunder (SCC); 9 parishioners.

	Apologies
	Cllr Andrew Batson – Annual leave Cllr Dave Pearson – business commitments 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 Jackson – WPD Cellarhead Project▪ Cllrs Knowles – Footpath 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">▪ A resident presented the Parish Council with a letter of objection in respect of the planning application for Kerry Hill Farm and requested the Parish Council ask for this application to be considered at Planning Committee. County Councillor Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Covid Vaccination centres are still operational.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staffordshire Moorland residents are hosting several Ukrainian refugees. ▪ The Health Committee is undertaking a review of future health provision. ▪ There has been a significant increase in the number of children in care and alternative options to address this are being considered. ▪ Residents from Endon, Brown Edge and Norton are undertaking training for Road Speed Monitoring, anyone interested should contact Cllr Flunder for further details.
22.17	Planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SMDC Planning Decisions None ▪ New Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2022/0226 – Kerry Hill Farm Change of use from agricultural field to a secure dog exercise area. Area to be made secure by erecting a 1.8 metre post and wire mesh fence. <p><i>Although the address for this application falls within Werrington Parish Council's area, the field upon which the development is proposed is within Bagnall Parish Council. Bagnall PC objected to the application.</i></p> <p>22.06.02 – Potential Planning Infringement (SMC/2022/0042 – Cloud Cottage, Jack Hayes Lane) As the Parish Council had not received any communication from the Enforcement Officer, the Clerk was asked to write to obtain an update.</p> <p>Rownall Farm, Cheddleton – Solar Panel Proposal The Parish Council has received an email from the developers regarding a proposed Solar Panel development. Although predominantly within Cheddleton Parish, it does border upon Bagnall Parish and includes an area of Common Land within which there is a quarry. Discussion was deferred to the next meeting to enable all Cllrs to comment.</p>
22.18	Finances
	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None <p>New Issues</p> <p>22.18.01 – Invoices and Receipts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receipts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMDC – First Precept Payment - £5,000 ○ HMRC – VAT reclaim - £134.68 ○ SMDC – Platinum Jubilee Grant - £425.00

▪ **Invoices**

- S & W Groundworks – cutting playing field/greens - £825.00
- BEE 1st Responders – Replacement battery/pads - £334.08

Cllr Batson has requested new signs for the Platinum Jubilee Walk being organised as part of the celebrations. The cost is £9.50 plus VAT per sign, six signs will be required. Cllrs agreed to this expense.

A quotation for new Bye-law signs on the playing field has been received. Cllrs felt that the wording needed to be more explicit in the exclusion of dogs on the field. The wording will therefore be changed, and an alternative quotation sought.

22.19 General Maintenance and Other Issues

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

21.29.05 – Telephone Kiosk outside Rose and Crown

The Clerk has been advised that Marston's are still in negotiations regarding another contract and cannot open discussions with the Parish Council until this is finalised.

The Clerk has also approached WPD regarding a direct connection, an application form for completion has been received, but this relates more to a domestic residence rather than the very small supply we need for a defibrillator. In the interim enquiries are being made to ascertain if the power supply to the kiosk, although capped off, is still live as this will dictate our way forward.

Cllr Knowles has been made aware of defibrillators that do not require an electricity supply, just an enclosed environment, and is currently making further enquiries.

Cllr Drakeley has compiled a list of works required to refurbish the kiosk. The kiosk just needs tidying up, rather than a full refurbishment that will destroy its character. The paintwork needs refreshing and a couple of glass panes need replacement, together with the inclusion of a defibrillator sign.

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 Knowles/The Clerk

21.50.01 – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Lawley agreed to liaise with the organisers of the hog roast / band events being organised to enable the Parish Council to donate the sum of £400.00.

Mugs have now been purchased and arrangements for distribution are being pulled together.

A Jubilee Walk is being organised and new signage has been ordered to mark the way.

New Issues

22.19.01 – Playing Field Maintenance

Inspection of the gates onto the field has revealed that one of the bars has rusted. Cllr Drakeley will make enquiries to ascertain if this can be repaired.

Action: Cllr Drakeley

22.19.02 – Chestnut Tree, The Green

Western Power has sought permission to prune the regrowth on one of the Chestnut trees back to the previous cut so that it does not meet power lines. This was agreed.

22.19.03 – Hollybush Bowling Club – Historical Documents

The Bowling Club based at the rear of the Hollybush/Ego public house are trying to ascertain historical documents that relate to the setting up of the club.

On their behalf, Cllr Knowles has sought legal advice on the best way forward and this was conveyed to them. The Club was told that archived minutes from the inception of the Parish Council, held at Stafford Archive, may also help in their investigations.

22.20 Footpaths and Highways

Matters arising from previous minutes

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.

Cllr Flunder was advised that on a regular basis, the lights were not working.

A meeting will be convened in June to look at any repairs to the highways resulting from these works.

21.51.02 – Blocked Gulley – Stanley Road

The Parish Council has received notification that the gulley is scheduled to be cleared on 27 May 2022.

22.09.02 – Footpath 28

The Rights of Way Officer has indicated that SCC would not be in agreement with the installation of gates unless for the purpose of stock control, prevention of antisocial behaviour or on the basis of health and safety. Cllrs felt that use by motorcycles met this criteria and asked Cllr Flunder to make enquiries.

	<p>New Issues</p> <p>22.20.01 – Bridge Damage, Stanley Road</p> <p>One of the coping stones on the bridge has been dislodged. This has been reported to SCC and repairs have been undertaken.</p>
22.21	Correspondence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Foundation – Spring 2022 Newsletter ▪ Biddulph Mayor Civic Service and Civic Dinner – Notification of dates ▪ SCC – Highways Bulletin – Newsletter produced by the Highways Dept.
	Date of Next Meeting
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 21 June 2022, 7.00pm.

Meeting concluded at 8.50pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 21 June 2022