

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

19 July 2022

Moorlands Village Hall
School Road
Bagnall

Present:

Cllr Les Knowles (Chair)
Cllr Andrew Batson
Cllr Anthony Drakeley

Cllr Roger Jackson
Cllr Peter Lawley

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk/RFO); Cllr Keith Flunder (SCC); 1 parishioner.

	Apologies
	The Clerk tabled a paper asking Cllrs to consider agreeing a waiver of six-month Councillor attendance rule (S.85, Local Government Act 1972) until February 2023 for Cllr Sybil Ralphs. This was agreed.
	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">▪ Cllrs Knowles – Footpath 28 Cllrs took part in discussions, where appropriate, to ensure fullness of information but did not participate on any decisions made.
22.22	Councillor Resignation
	<p>The Clerk has received a letter of resignation from Cllr Dave Pearson. The Clinical Commissioning process has changed and the governance framework for the new organisation dictates that he cannot hold any elected position within the system catchment area. Hence he is prohibited from being a member of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Casual Vacancy process will now be enacted, which enables 10 or more parishioners to call an election if they feel there is a need. If no election is called, Cllrs can consider co-option onto the Parish Council.</p>

	<p>Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns</p>
	<p>Parishioners' Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There were no concerns raised. <p>County Councillor Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Covid is again on the increase. Government has slowed down the 4th vaccine inoculations and is now concentrating on the 5th inoculation in the autumn. ▪ The Clinical Commissioning Group ceased on 1 July 2022 and is replaced by the Integrated Care Board and Partnerships, who will oversee the issuing of contracts in the health system.
22.23	<p>Planning</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SMDC Planning Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2020/0357 – Land at Red Bank Farm, Bagnall Road, Bagnall Proposed hay and haylage store. <p><i>Bagnall PC objected. SMDC refused permission. The development would be inappropriate/harmful to the Green Belt, the development is not for agricultural purposes and would lead to prominent intrusion into the open countryside.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2021/0128 – Croney Bank Farm, Bagnall Road, Bagnall Two storey side extension to link house with barn ○ SMD/2021/0131 – Croney Bank Farm, Bagnall Road, Bagnall Barn conversion to be linked with and form part of the main dwelling house <p><i>Bagnall PC had no objections. SMDC approved both the above applications.</i></p> <p>For Information: Land adjacent to Cellar head Substation, Rownall Road Erection and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System and associated infrastructure and equipment; and Erection of a Flexible Energy Facility.</p> <p><i>Bagnall PC was not consulted as this is outside our Parish but would have objected. SMDC refused both applications.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2022/0215 – 150 Bagnall Road, Milton Extension to garage/store (retrospective) ○ SMD/2022/0217 – Pool Bungalow, Clewlow's Bank, Bagnall Existing Certificate of Lawfulness for change of use of paddock to garden

- SMD/2022/0334 – Old Mill Farm, Old Mill Lane, Bagnall
Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed detached garage

Bagnall PC had no objections to the above applications.

- **Enforcement**

- **SMC/2022/0042 – Cloud Cottage, Jack Hayes Lane**
SMDC Enforcement has visited the landowners and made comment on the development. A further visit is scheduled to ensure compliance.
- **SMC/2022/0154 – Land adj to Inglebrook**
SMDC Enforcement has made multiple visits to this site to monitor the removal of building materials and are satisfied that the land has been restored to a point that does not require planning permission.

Rownall Farm, Cheddleton – Solar Panel Proposal

The Parish Council advised that they had been holding discussions regarding this development over the past 12-months, which has included a consultation with residents to ascertain their views. The Parish Council is committed to actively challenge any developments within or bordering our Parish. However, we are constrained from commenting in public until an application has been submitted.

To ensure a balanced view of these developments Cllr Joe Porter, SMDC’s Climate Control portfolio holder was invited to either attend one of our meetings or to provide a briefing paper at the beginning of June 2022. To-date the Parish Council has not had the courtesy of a response.

A meeting with the organisers of this development, Tom Sygler Jones (Hut on the Hill) and Baywa-re.co.uk was convened by local residents, attended by two of our Cllrs in their capacity as residents. Details of the proposed development, which is scheduled to be started in 2023 can be obtained from <https://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/rownall-solar-farm>.

There was a 100% opposition to the development from residents and the general consensus was that the developers were ill prepared for the questions raised, had no business case, and had omitted to include a lot of detail in the plan they presented at the meeting. A knowledge of the geography of the proposed site was also lacking.

22.24

Finances

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- None

New Issues

22.24.01 – Playing Field Loan

The Parish Council received a telephone request from Cllr Mike Worthington, SMDC, to repay the loan we hold with the District Council for the purchase of the playing field early. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to ignore the request and to continue to make payments in line with the terms of the contract. If SMDC wish to review the terms of the contract, the Parish Council is open to discussion but would prefer requested to be made in writing.

22.24.02 – Platinum Jubilee Events

The Parish Council received donations from a resident, WPD, and the proceeds of the events held which will be added to our earmarked funds for playing field equipment. These funds are very welcome and extend a 'thank you' to everyone for their efforts.

The Parish Council had agreed to pay for the band, but the band had insisted on a cash payment. As a result, Cllrs approved putting the £425.00 grant received from SMDC towards the playing field equipment fund.

22.24.03 – Playing Field Equipment

Cllrs agreed to establish a formal Action/Working Group, led by the Parish Council, to push this project forward. Full details will be discussed at the next meeting.

22.24.04 – Year End Finances

The accounts have now been audited and are available, until the end of July, for inspection by Parishioners.

22.24.05 – Quarter 1 Financial Report

The balance at the end of quarter 1 is £16,254.15, of which £10,000 is held in Earmarked Reserves. All expenditure is in line with the budget.

22.24.06 – Invoices and Receipts

▪ Receipts

- Donations from Jubilee events - £1,116.57 (inc grant funds)
- Bagnall Village Hall – Playing field hire fees - £60.00

▪ Invoices

- S & W Groundworks – cutting playing field/greens - £825.00
- Simpson & Co – Jubilee Walk Signs - £68.40
- Zurich – Insurance Premium - £488.06
- Simpson & Co – Bye-Law signs - £72.00
- GCP Accountancy – Internal Audit - £250.00
- Finsbury China – Queen's Platinum Jubilee commemorative mugs - £449.28

22.25	General Maintenance and Other Issues
	<p><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i> 21.29.05 – Telephone Kiosk outside Rose and Crown Various means to reconnect the electricity supply are being pursued.</p> <p>In relation to the refurbishment of the kiosk, Cllr Drakeley is ascertaining costs for the installation of glazing stating ‘defibrillator’ and quotations for painting the kiosk.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr Knowles/The Clerk</p> <p>22.25.01 – Playing Field – Swings These are scheduled to be inspected by RoSPA in August 2022.</p> <p>22.19.01 – Playing Field Maintenance Cllr Drakeley is pursuing the repair/painting of the gates to the playing field. Action: Cllr Drakeley</p> <p><i>New Issues</i> There were no new issues.</p>
22.26	Footpaths and Highways
	<p><i>Matters arising from previous minutes</i> 21.21.01 – WPD Cellar Head Project Cllr Batson advised that Bagnall Road (the Cricket Club and Lightoaks Avenue locations) will be completed by 24 July 2022. Work at the Sunnyfield Oval location is still ongoing, but traffic management will switch to two-way lights from 25 July 2022. The work on Baddeley Green Lane is ongoing until the beginning of August.</p> <p>21.51.02 – Blocked Gulley – Stanley Road The gulley was cleared on 27 May 2022, but it was noticed that the gulley is blocked underground. A CCTV investigation has taken place which showed that the drain has collapsed underground. Repairs are being scheduled.</p> <p>22.09.02 – Footpath 28 The Rights of Way Officer has requested evidence of use by motorcycles prior to agreeing gates across this footpath.</p> <p>22.09.05 – Litter Bin The Parish Council has been unsuccessful in securing a litter bin by the bus shelter on Bagnall Road. SMDC state there is already a bin further up Bagnall Road in the layby, and two on School Lane.</p> <p>22.09.04 – Road Signs Road signs to replace those lost on Jack Hayes Lane has been undertaken. Unfortunately, one of the signs has been placed in the wrong place and Cllr Flunder was asked to enquire about moving this.</p>

	<p>New Issues</p> <p>22.26.01 – Footpath 14 The landowner has asked that the current stile, which is in disrepair, is replaced by a gate. The Rights of Way Officer agrees this provided the gate is able to retain livestock, and that the landowner gives his permission in writing for the works. Written consent is being obtained.</p> <p>22.26.02 – Gully Plans A set of plans for the gullies within the Parish has now been received, most of our gullies will be either Category 2 or 3, ie cleaned every 3-years. Cllr Flunder was asked to clarify whether the gullies along Jack Hayes Lane are the responsibility of Stoke-on-Trent City Council.</p> <p>22.26.03 – Dangerous Parking – Boundary House This issue was reported to our PCSO, who has spoken to the landowners. The driveway has been upgraded and had to settle before vehicles could be parked on it, this has now taken place and the issues should now be resolved.</p> <p>22.26.04 – Footpath 20 (The Smithy) Cllr Batson has liaised with the owners of The Smithy and a solution has been found. He asked Cllr Flunder to arrange a site visit as it would be easier to show Officers than explain in correspondence.</p> <p>22.26.05 – Footpath 25 This underused footpath has fallen into disrepair and is blocked by a fence. A site visit from the Rights of Way Officer was requested to enable a resolution to the explained.</p> <p>22.26.06 – Footpath 22 The Parish Council has received confirmation that the footbridge over the stream on the golf course has now been repaired.</p> <p>22.26.07 – Bus Route 44 The Parish Council has received final confirmation that this service has been curtailed on a permanent basis due to the non-profitability of the route, which leaves Bagnall without public transport.</p>
<p>22.27</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Douglas Macmillan Hospice – Request for donations – <i>The Parish Council's policy is not to give donations</i> ▪ SMDC – Parish Assembly meeting notification/agenda ▪ Staffordshire Police – Notification of launch of local policing with communities at its heart ▪ SMDC – Churnet Valley Festival 2023 – requesting support from parishes in the organisation of this event. ▪ Keep Britain Tidy – Love your Parks week 29 July 2022 to 5 August 2022

	▪ SMDC – Parish Assembly Survey – <i>The Clerk was asked to complete this.</i>
	Date of Next Meeting
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 20 September 2022, 7.00pm.

Meeting concluded at 9.25pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 20 September 2022