

# BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

18 October 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); 6 parishioners.

	<b>Apologies</b>
	Cllr Sybil Ralphs – S.85 Exemption
	<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 Knowles – Footpath 28 and 12</li></ul> Cllrs took part in discussions, where appropriate, to ensure fullness of information but did not participate on any decisions made.
	<b>Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns</b>
	<b>County Councillor Reports</b> On behalf of Cllr Flunder, the Clerk gave the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The weight restriction and horse signs requested by the Parish Council have been approved by the County Council and will be erected shortly; one at the junction of Bagnall Road / School Lane and the other at the bottom of Clewlovs Bank. Signs on Springs Bank are currently on hold, pending a review of the effectiveness of the signs being erected.</li><li>▪ In relation to the speeding along Stanley Road Cllr Flunder stated that involvement with the Safer Roads Partnership is the best way</li></ul>

	<p>of gathering and providing evidence of speeding incidents so the County Council can identify a need and undertake an official survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The speed limit across the bridge opposite the golf course entrance is being investigated to ensure appropriate signage is in place.</li> <li>▪ Although there is official evidence of speeding in the village, Cllr Flunder has been advised that there is no funding within the DHP pot to progress the installation of calming measures until the next financial year. The Clerk requested that Cllr Flunder clarifies this, feedback is awaited.</li> <li>▪ Cllr Flunder encouraged the Parish Council to become involved with the SMDC's Tourism Strategy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parishioners' Concerns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Residents asked for feedback on Cllr Flunder's behaviour at the last meeting. The Clerk advised that the views of the Parish Council and residents had been conveyed to Cllr Flunder and received feedback on his views of ours. Cllr Flunder has requested an apology and an assurance of reasonable behaviour; in the meantime, all business will be carried out through the Clerk via email.</li> <li>▪ Parishioners stated that they are looking to meet with Karen Bradley MP regarding their concerns of speeding along Stanley Road and asked for the Parish Council's support. This was given. Cllrs Knowles and Batson agreed to provide information on the steps that they had taken in relation to speeding through the village.</li> <li>▪ A resident advised that on Footpath 58, a 'dog sized' hole had been cut in the netting surrounding a field containing sheep. This is being monitored.</li> </ul>
<b>22.34</b>	<b>Planning</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>SMDC Planning Decisions</b> None</li> <li>▪ <b>New Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SMD/2022/0521 – Jesmondene, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook Demolition of existing garage and utility rooms. Replacement wider single storey side and rear extension.</li> <li>○ HNT/2022/0034 – Lark Riade, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook Demolition of existing garage, construct single storey rear extension. Submitted under permitted development.</li> </ul> <p><i>Bagnall PC had no objections to the above applications.</i></p> </li> <li>▪ <b>Enforcement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>SMC/2022/00131– Cloud Cottage, Bagnall Road, Bagnall</b> Further information of non-compliance with the Enforcement Officer has come to light and this will be communicated to SMDC.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p><b>Solar Panel Proposals</b> Cllr Porter has been provided with 4 potential dates in November for his meeting with the Parish Council; he has agreed to attend on Thursday 17 November 2022.</p>
<b>22.35</b>	<b>Finances</b>
	<p><b><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul> <p><b>New Issues</b></p> <p><b>22.35.01 – Quarter 2 Financial Report</b> On 30 September 2022 the balance in the current account stood at £8,099.82 with £10,032.00 in our deposit account for earmarked projects.</p> <p><b>22.35.02 – Remembrance Wreath</b> The Parish Council agrees with the Church’s suggestion of reusing previous wreaths purchased and will donate £25.00 to the Royal British Legion in its place.</p> <p><b>22.35.03 – Local Council Administration – Charles Arnold-Baker</b> The Clerk is in possession of edition 5 of this very valuable resource, but since the Localism Act 2011 most of the information has changed and therefore the Clerk requested permission to purchase the most up-to-date version, edition 13, at a cost of £164.99. This was agreed.</p> <p><b>22.35.04 – Invoices and Receipts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Receipts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SMDC – Second instalment of the Precept - £5,000</li> <li>○ Purchase of Jubilee mugs - £100.00</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <i>Invoices</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ S &amp; W Groundworks – cutting playing field/greens (Aug &amp; Sept) - £1,650.00</li> <li>○ Town &amp; Country Parish Websites – assistance in website changes following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II - £84.00</li> <li>○ Seasons Gardens &amp; Christmas – Purchase of lights - £140.96</li> <li>○ RoSPA – Inspection of play equipment - £84.00</li> <li>○ Royal British Legion – Donation towards Remembrance Day - £25.00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>22.36</b>	<b>General Maintenance and Other Issues</b>
	<p><b><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i></b></p> <p><b>21.29.05 – Telephone Kiosk outside Rose and Crown</b> Confirmation that the power supply, although capped, is still in place has been received. We are awaiting agreement that WPD will install a fuse box to enable us to install a defibrillator. <b>Action: Cllr Knowles/ Cllr Batson</b></p> <p><b>22.25.01 – Playing Field – Swings</b> The report from RoSPA has now been received and a few, very minor, maintenance issues have been raised:</p>

- The surface in front of the gate is uneven – *Cllr Jackson will provide some grass matting to improve the conditions.*
- The paintwork on the goal posts is in poor condition – *Cllr Batson will undertake appropriate repairs.*
- The grass before the goal mouths is worn – *The groundsman will be instructed to re-seed.*

### **22.24.03 – Playing Field Equipment**

Cllr Batson stated that he was keen to push forward with this project, assisted with Cllr Knowles. Cllrs generally felt that this was a longer-term project that needed the Parish Council to assign funds on an annual basis to build up sufficient funding to proceed and that we needed to be realistic on the equipment purchased, which should fit the needs of our community. It was also suggested that the outstanding balance on our loan for the field be repaid. Further discussions at the next meeting.

### ***New Issues***

#### **22.36.01 – Parish Assembly**

Cllrs Batson and Knowles attended the last meeting and provide a brief overview. There were two presentations: one from Ben Haywood around enforcement and a second from Mary Rafferty on Highways.

The problems the Parish Council are encountering with Highways is replicated across the whole of the Staffordshire Moorlands and Ms Rafferty confirmed that to address these a wholesale review on the way Highways worked was being implemented, however, it should be noted that resources are limited. Rather than repair potholes on an ad hoc basis, the road repair needs of one area would be concentrated upon and it appears that Bagnall is the first of these.

Highways was led to believe that the gullies were being cleared on a 3-year cycle. Parish representatives at the meeting assured her that this was not the case.

The 10-year contract with AMEY has come to an end but has been extended for a further 5-year period to enable a review of the best way forward and to examine the work that AMEY are carrying out. Parish representatives felt that this review should be pushed by the Parish Assembly to ensure we are getting a better service.

#### **20.36.02 – Avian (Bird) Flu**

Incidents of Avian Flu are now nationwide and residents with birds within the village should have been advised by Defra of the precautions to be taken, ie in covered pens are kept inside.

Dog walkers should also be aware that whilst dogs cannot catch this disease, they can carry it and it is therefore important that dogs are always kept on a lead on footpaths to avoid any spreading.

	<p><b>20.36.03 – Strategic Plan</b>  A review of the projects within our Plan was undertaken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The website project has been completed.</li> <li>▪ There has been no need to replace rails on the village greens.</li> <li>▪ The kiosk, play equipment and Christmas lighting projects are discussed within these minutes under specific headings.</li> </ul> <p>No new projects will be put forward to ensure that the Parish Council is not encumbered following the elections. At that time it will be role of the new Council to decide which projects to take forward, in liaison with the community.</p>
22.37	<p><b>Footpaths and Highways</b></p>
	<p><i><b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b></i></p> <p><b>21.51.02 – Blocked Gulley – Stanley Road</b>  Work to repair the blockage has been undertaken.</p> <p><b>22.09.02 – Footpath 28</b>  Cllr Knowles has developed a statement of evidence which will be circulated to Cllrs for agreement before submission to the Right of Way Officer.</p> <p><b>22.09.04 – Road Signs</b>  The repositioning of signs on Jack Hayes Lane, has still to be undertaken.</p> <p><b>22.26.01 – Footpath 14</b>  A letter of consent has now been forwarded to the Rights of Way Officers, and a gate to replace the stile will be installed shortly. In the meantime, the lower step of the existing stile is in poor condition.</p> <p><b>22.26.04 – Footpath 20 (The Smithy)</b>  Cllr Batson advised that three possible options to address the issues surrounding this footpath was submitted to all interested parties. Feedback on the options has now been received and a way forward will now be discussed with the RoW officers in due course.</p> <p><b>New Issues</b></p> <p><b>22.37.01 – James Brindley Bridge</b>  A vehicle has damaged the bridge opposite the golf course entrance. SCC are removing the damaged stone and arranging for new stones to be cut. Cllr Ralphs has also requested SCC consider a width and weight restriction on this bridge to prevent further damage of this listed structure.</p> <p><b>22.38.03 – Parking outside The Hollybush</b>  The Parish Council has been made aware of persistent parking opposite The Hollybush, Stanley Road. This is causing difficulties both for vehicles and pedestrians. The police have been made aware of this issue.</p>

<b>22.38</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul>
	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>
	<p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on <b>Thursday 17 November 2022, 7.00pm</b> in the main hall. There will be a talk on SMDC's approach to Climate Change by Cllr Joe Porter, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Biodiversity.</p> <p>There will be no meeting in December 2022.</p> <p>With effect from January 2023 Parish Council meetings will move to the second Thursday in the month.</p>

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 17 November 2022