

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

12 January 2023

Moorlands Village Hall
School Road
Bagnall

Present:

Cllr Les Knowles (Chair)
Cllr Andrew Batson

Cllr Roger Jackson
Cllr Peter Lawley

In attendance:

Denise Cooper (Clerk/RFO); 1 member of the public

	Apologies
	Cllr Sybil Ralphs – S.85 Exemption Cllr Anthony Drakeley – Ill health
	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 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
	County Councillor Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ There was no County Councillor report. Parishioners' Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ There were no issues raised by parishioners.

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Planning

▪ **SMDC Planning Decisions**

- HNT/2022/0034 – Larkrise, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new single storey rear extension. Proposed extension to extend 4m beyond the wall, maximum height of the extension to be 2.75m and height of the eaves of the extension 2.50m.

Bagnall PC had no objections – SMDC refused. The enlarged part of the dwellinghouse would include the provision of a raised platform at the rear of the extension which would be greater than 0.3m high, contrary to the criteria set out within Class A.1(k)(i).

- SMD/2022/0521 – Jesmondene, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Demolition of existing garage and utility rooms. Replacement wider single storey side and rear extension

Bagnall had no objections. SMDC approved.

▪ **New Applications**

- SMD/2022/0580 – Orchard Lea, Clewloes Bank, Stockton Brook
Proposed rear extension.
- SMD/2022/0636 – Lark Rise, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook, Clewloes Bank, Stockton Brook
Demolition of existing single storey side/rear extension and replacement two storey side/single storey rear extension.
- SMD/2022/0641 – 2 Old Mill Cottage, Stanley Moss Road, Stockton Brook
Single storey rear extension
- HNT/2022/042 – Lark Rise, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook
Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new single storey rear extension. Proposed extension to extend 4m behind the wall, maximum height of the extension to be 2.75m and height of the eaves of the extension 2.50m.
- SMD/2023/001 – Rock Cottage, Bagnall Road, Bagnall
Re-submission of approved householder planning application SMD/2015/0215 for a single storey galvanized rear extension

Bagnall PC had no objections to the above applications. Cllr Drakeley abstained from comment.

SMD/2022/0635 – Springs Cottage Farm, Thorney Edge Road, Bagnall
Variation of condition 4 relating to SMD/2018/0061

	<p><i>This application has only just been received and comments will follow.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2022/0574 – Land adjacent to Armshead Farm, Armshead Road, Werrington Erection of storage contains, support infrastructure and security fencing for battery energy storage facility along with landscaping and all associated works. <p><i>Although not within our Parish, the Parish Council has been asked to comment. The PC strongly objected to this application.</i></p>
22.45	Finances
	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None <p>New Issues</p> <p>22.45.01 – Precept The Parish Council has submitted its precept request for an increase of £1.70 on Band D council tax, in real terms an uplift of £600 per annum on our current precept.</p> <p>22.45.02 – Quarter 3 Financial Report The Parish Council held £5,757.77 in its current account and £10,253.38 in earmarked reserves at the end of December 2022.</p> <p>22.45.03 – Kiosk – Community Fund The Parish Council has secured a grant of £300 towards the refurbishment of the kiosk. The Clerk asked if there were any other projects that we could seek funding form and it was suggested £200 towards the erection of a ramp for disabled users on the playing field. The Clerk was asked to request the funds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – The Clerk</p> <p>22.45.04 – Policing and Fire & Rescue Services in Staffordshire – Funding Consultation The Parish Council felt that unless the rural communities received a better service from the Police they were not inclined to support any increases in funding. Fortunately, the Parish had had no need for Fire Service attendance, but again did not support any increases.</p> <p>22.45.05 – General Power of Competence Following the recent qualification of the Clerk, the Parish Council now met the criteria to use the above power, i.e., 2/3rds of Councillors are elected and the Clerk is qualified. This will be reviewed in 4 years’ time at the relevant Annual Meeting.</p>

	<p>22.45.06 – Invoices and Receipts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Receipts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None ▪ <i>Invoices</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ S & W Groundworks – Installation of Christmas lights - £150.00 ○ SLCC – Membership renewal - £80.00 ○ Cllr Knowles – Reimbursement for purchase of batteries for Christmas lights - £34.00
<p>22.46</p>	<p>General Maintenance and Other Issues</p>
	<p><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i></p> <p>21.29.05 – Telephone Kiosk outside Rose and Crown Cllr Knowles has submitted a request for an electricity supply, we await a response. Cllr Drakeley has yet again failed to provide a schedule of repairs required; Cllr Knowles will now pick up this work.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Cllr Knowles</p> <p>22.25.01 – Playing Field – Swings – Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The surface in front of the gate is uneven – <i>Cllr Jackson has now made the necessary repairs.</i> ▪ The paintwork on the goal posts is in poor condition – <i>Cllr Batson the weather conditions have now been conducive to undertaking appropriate repairs. Once conditions have improved the work will be undertaken.</i> ▪ The grass before the goal mouths is worn – <i>The groundsman has now re-seeded the area.</i> <p><i>New Issues</i></p> <p>22.46.01 – Fly Tipping/ Police In late November there was fly tipping on an industrial scale of types. These have now been removed and evidence of the culprit forwarded to the Police. However, it took some sterling work by Cllr Jackson to get the Police to investigate this crime. Unfortunately, there has been another fly tipping incident, this time of domestic rubbish in black bags. This has been reported to SMDC.</p> <p>22.46.02 – Parish Assembly Update Parish councils are being encouraged to get themselves accredited on the Local Council Award Scheme, to prove they are a benefit to the local community. Cllr Knowles felt that we met the Foundation Level, and possibly the Quality Level above. However, he did not wish to burden the new council with work they may not wish to pursue and will raise this again after the elections.</p> <p>Cllr Knowles advised that SMDC are creating a register of all defibrillators within the Staffordshire Moorlands and looking to bulk buy replacement parts at a discount to ensure that all are in working order.</p>

	<p>22.46.03 – Trees Cllr Jackson stated it is the ideal time of year to plan new trees on the playing field. Cllrs Jackson and Batson will undertake a site visit to agree appropriate locations, in liaison with adjacent neighbours. Action: Cllrs Jackson & Batson</p> <p>22.46.04 – Christmas Tree Cllrs Jackson will undertake a site visit to establish if the tree requires pruning to maintain its height and width. Action: Cllr Jackson</p> <p>22.46.05 – Beacons The Parish Council has asked to consider whether to light the beacon to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy. This will be reconsidered when the new council is in place.</p> <p>22.46.05 – Jackson’s Nurseries Cllrs Jackson advised that there is now a defibrillator at the Nursery, steps are in place to ensure this is accessible 24/7.</p>
<p>22.47</p>	<p>Footpaths and Highways</p>
	<p><i>Matters arising from previous minutes</i></p> <p>22.09.02 – Footpath 28 Following the site visit by SCC, further evidence of motorcycle use has been submitted. The Rights-of-Way Officer is reluctant to sanction the installation of interventions to stop motorcycles using this footpath without police crime reports. Unfortunately, the police state this is a council issue as there is nothing further they can do and have asked that we cease reporting incidents. We are therefore in a catch 22 situation and cannot progress this issue further without the support of residents/equestrian fraternity.</p> <p>New Issues</p> <p>22.47.01 – Road Projects Since Cllr Flunder has fallen out with us, all the projects that we thought were at a stage of realising fruition have been stopped. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr David Williams, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport at SCC and copy in our Member of Parliament. Action: The Clerk</p> <p>22.47.02 – Footpath 25 The Rambler’s Association has reported that this footpath is blocked. Cllrs Jackson and Batson will undertake a site visit. Action: Cllrs Jackson & Batson</p> <p>22.47.03 – Stanley Road – Flooding Following repairs to the road, debris has washed into the gullies causing the road to flood nr Greenways Cottage. This has been reported to Highways who state there are no issues.</p>

	<p>22.47.4 – Road Closures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stanley Road, Stockton Brook from A53 to Clewloes Bank – 9 January 2023 to 23 January 2023 ○ Puddy Lane, Stanley Moss – 27 March 2023 to 3 April 2023
22.48	Correspondence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CPRE – invitation to become a member of this countryside charity. ▪ Local Government Boundaries Commission for England – A consultation on the division of boundaries with Staffordshire has now begun, closing on 20 March 2023. More information can be found at http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/
	Date of Next Meeting
	<p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 9 February 2023, 7.00pm in the main hall.</p> <p>There will be no meeting in December 2022.</p>

Meeting concluded at 8.20pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 9 February 2023