

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

16 February 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); 3 members of the public

	Apologies
	Cllr Sybil Ralphs – Personal issues
	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.

22.49	Clerks Role
	The Clerk announced that due to ill health she was reluctantly taking retirement but agreed to work with the Parish Council to ease transition to a new clerk.
22.50	Council Vacancy
	Councillor Drakeley has resigned as Parish Councillor with immediate effect. As we are within the six-month rule this vacancy will be filled as part of the general election process.
22.51	Planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>SMDC Planning Decisions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2022/0580 – Orchard Lea, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook Proposed rear extension. ○ SMD/2022/0641 – 2 Old Mill Cottage, Stanley Moss Road, Stockton Brok Single storey rear extension ○ SMD/2022/0560 – Inglewood, Bagnall Road, Bagnall Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed pitched roof to rear ○ SMD/2020/0753 - Lock House, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook Listed Building Consent for 4 timber replacement windows to front of property ○ SMD/2020/0572 – Lock House, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook 4 timber replacement windows to front of property <p><i>Bagnall Parish Council had no objections – SMDC approved</i></p> ○ SMD/2022/0636 – Loreta, Clewlovs Bank, Stockton Brook Demolition of existing single storey side/rear extension and replacement two storey side/single storey rear extension <p><i>Bagnall Parish Council had no objections – SMDC refused</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HNT/2022/0042 – 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 <p><i>Bagnall Parish Council had no objection – SMDC stated prior approval was not required</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>New Applications</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMD/2023/0019 – New House Farm, Luzlow Road, Bagnall Demolition of existing outbuildings and replacement agricultural building . ○ DET/2023/001 – New House Farm, Luzlow Road, Bagnall Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Dwelling houses (Use Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion <i>Bagnall Parish Council had no objections to the above applications.</i> ○ SMD/2023/0055 – Greenway Cottage, Bagnall Road, Bagnall Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed use of property as residential care home (Class C2) for up to 2 children agreed between 5 and 18 with care provided by up to three non resident members of staff (no material difference with lawful use as Class C3 dwelling) <i>In view of the nature of this application, Councillors felt that more deliberations were required before a decision could be made</i>
22.51	Finances
	<p><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None <p>New Issues</p> <p>22.50.01 – 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"> ○ SMDC – Interest on loan - £187.50
22.52	General Maintenance and Other Issues
	<p><i>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</i></p> <p>21.29.05 – Telephone Kiosk outside Rose and Crown</p> <p>SMDC are working towards all defibrillators across Staffordshire Moorlands coming under one contract operated by AEDdonate. Cllr Knowles is currently in discussions with this organisation regarding the installation of a defibrillator in our kiosk.</p> <p>In relation to an electricity supply, this work is ongoing as the supplier requires some further information .</p>

The main piece of work involved in the refurbishment of the kiosk itself is the stripping of the existing paint. Other minor repairs will be required thereafter. At the appropriate time volunteers will be required to action these works.

Action: Cllr Knowles

22.46.03 – Trees

Siting of the replacement trees on the playing field has been agreed, Cllr Batson is discussing this with neighbours abutting the field to ensure their approval.

Action: Cllr Batson

22.46.04 – Christmas Tree

It was the opinion of the Parish Council that currently the Christmas tree did not require any pruning.

New Issues

22.52.01 – Parish Assembly Update

A meeting of the Parish Assembly took place on 24 January 2023 with Ben Adams, the Staffordshire Commissioner in attendance. He spoke largely about the funding/actions of Staffordshire Police. Cllr Batson asked if the Fire Service had been consulted on the security of battery storage units in relation to potential fire hazards now that a plethora of these were being approved across the Moorlands.

Information was provided on the simplification of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for those people on universal credit.

SMDC are making available grants to assist parish councils in running events to celebrate the Coronation in May.

Parish Councils across Staffordshire Moorlands are still experiencing difficulties with Staffordshire Highways department.

22.52.02 – Elections

Elections across Staffordshire Moorlands are scheduled to take place on 4 May 2023. Arrangements are in place to facilitate this:

- Candidate and agent presentation is taking place on 28 February 2023, 6pm. This is a hybrid meeting, i.e., attendance at the council buildings or via Teams.
- Nomination papers will be available between 23 March 2023 and 4 April 2023. These can be obtained from SMDC or downloaded from the Electoral Commission website.
- Completed papers need to be returned to SMDC **by hand** no later than 4 April 2023. Online or postal submissions will not be accepted.

The Election Bill 2022 will partially come into being for the elections, the main criteria are that voters will now be required to produce photo ID. This can be in the form of a passport, driving licence, or Blue Badge document

	<p>(a full list is available on the Electoral Commission website) or via a free Voters Authority Certificate obtainable from SMDC.</p> <p>In addition, there should be extended accessibility for the disabled at polling stations.</p>
22.52	Footpaths and Highways
	<p><i>Matters arising from previous minutes</i></p> <p>22.09.02 – Footpath 28 An anonymised report has been pulled together by the Parish Council and submitted to the Rights of Way Officer detailed the many incidents of motorcycle use along this footpath in support of our request for gates.</p> <p>22.47.02 – Footpath 25 Cllrs Jackson and Batson will undertake a site visit. Action: Cllrs Jackson & Batson</p> <p>22.47.01 – Road Projects Letters have been sent to Cllr David Williams, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport at SCC and our Member of Parliament requesting an investigation into the non-delivery of promised project. Alongside of this Cllr Knowles has agreed to meet Cllr Flunder.</p> <p>New Issues None.</p>
22.53	Correspondence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SLCC – The Future of Local Councils. The report contained the results of a survey undertaken. ▪ Mr Ratcliffe – query regarding the ownership of Mayfield, Stanley Road. The Clerk has responded.
	Date of Next Meeting
	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 23 March 2023, 7.00pm in the main hall.

Meeting concluded at 7.55pm

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated: 9 March 2023