



BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

Tuesday 11th July 2023

Stafford Arms Pub

Present:

Cllr Andrew Batson – Vice Chair	Cllr Penny Dabell
Cllr James Weston	Cllr Roger Jackson

In attendance:

Hayley Taylor (Clerk); County Cllr Keith Flunder; 5 parishioners

M23/Jul/01 Apologies

Cllr Les Knowles - Holiday

Cllr Sybil Ralphs – Family Emergency

District Cllr Charlotte Edwards – Family Bereavement

M23/Jul/02 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes from May and June were both signed

M23/Jul/03 Declaration of Personal / Pecuniary Interest

M23/Jul/04 Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns

Parishioners' Concerns:

Gullies need emptying by the golf course

Matters arising from previous minutes

New Issues:

M23/Jul/05 County Councillor Report

Cllr Flunder

Highways:-

Gulley cleaning in the village

Cllr Flunder and Cllr Jackson are going to go around the village to try and map all the blocked gullies and drains in and around the village. They intend to use the map that the highways team have sent to Cllr Batson.

The blocked drain near to the recently tarmacked layby, by the golf club, has been unblocked and cleaned

Cllr. Batson has sent a list of all the current highways issues to Cllr Flunder. Some of these concerns will take some time to obtain information about and some concern utility company resources.

The road closure procedures have been improved recently, however the short time scales for some of the repairs and surface dressing still needs further improvement.

The category 3 pot hole repairs requested by Cllr Flunder on Stanley Road have been completed.

There are two funding opportunities from or rather through Cllr Flunder at the County Council these are:-

Community funding, with about 10 x £250 awards which Cllr Flunder is hoping to approve, this grant option is open until about mid - October .

Environmental grants with 3 x £500 details should be in the County Councils website. The closing date for the first set of applications is Sept. 29th.

Training regarding application and awareness of grants that are available is being looked into in Biddulph and may be useful to Parish Councils as well.

There was a brief round up of the current process and scrutiny of:-

Health Services from access to GP's, the new ICS (Integrated Care Strategy), dentistry, mental health services along with the new SEND Strategy.

Audit and Account committee has also seen procedures being delayed due to a shortage of nationally based Audit companies being available to provide their services. The 'new' external auditors have now been appointed and a plan agreed to complete all the outstanding work by the end of the 2023/24 financial year

The corporate Parenting Panel have had several working group meetings as well as panel meetings looking at improving the experience of children in the Counties care. There were also the Foster Parents service awards in Stafford with some parents providing services for over 30 to 40 years. A really fantastic service being provided by the foster parents with support from children services at the County Council. Recruiting is still being promoted and there have been a couple of networking events such as a Christmas event and summer barbeques.

M23/Jul/06 Planning

Matters arising from previous minutes:

New Applications/Issues:

- A) Greenway Hall Golf Club, Stanley Road, Stockton Brook. Proposed development – Marquee attached to driving range lounge and shop. SMD/2023/0315

The application was validated on 29/06/2023 (This is the start of the 8 week determination period – 13 weeks for major applications).

Cllr's concerned as this was originally erected due to covid as a none fixture to allow people to drink outdoors so unsure of do why they want a permanent fixture. The potential noise is also cause for concern.

Cllr's will consider and issue a response prior to the next meeting

M23/Jul/07 Finance

A) Invoices

SW Ground Maint - Playing Field Cuts £475 – 5th & 19th June

SW Ground Maint - Parish Green Cuts £425 – 5th & 19th June

PC Renewed – Laptop £214.99

Amazon – Office 365 £48.78

B) Payments

PAYE £

C) Receipts

£58.93 interest on deposit account

D) Quarter 1 report

FINANCIAL REPORT - QUARTER 1

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance brought forward 1/4/2023 £15,286.14

Add Total receipts (per summary) £6,168.48

Less Total payments (per summary) £5,085.38

Balance carried forward 30/6/2023 £16,369.24

These cumulative funds are represented by:

Current a/c balance £5,812.84

Deposit a/c balance	£10,556.55
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Loan Balance	£5,000.00
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SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

<i>ANTICIPATED EXPENSES</i>	<i>Planned</i>	<i>Actual to date</i>
Staff costs	£2,797	£665.35
Insurance	£450	£538.07
Greens Maintenance	£2,600	£1,425.00
Playing Field Maintenance	£2,700	£1,275.00
RoSPA Inspection	£85	
SLCC membership	£65	
Internal Audit	£250	£250.00
Loan Interest	£250	
Parish Online (GeoXphere)	£45	
Website hosting	£240	
Website domain retention	£30	
Miscellaneous	£500	£281.77

<i>ANTICIPATED INCOME</i>	<i>Planned</i>	<i>Actual to date</i>
Precept 2023/24	£10,000	£5,300.00
SMDC Lengthman's Agreement	£400	£0.00
Playing Field hire	£100	£10.00
VAT.126 Refund	£300	£35.83
Interest		£58.93

EARMARKED RESERVES

Contingency project reserves	£5,000.00
Christmas Tree lights	£1,420.00

Playing Field Equipment	£766.57
Election	£750.00
Defibrillator	£1,100.00
Rail-Greens	£1,000.00

M23/Jul/08 General Maintenance and Other Issues

Signage and benches – Cllr Dabell locating all that require repair.

We have a quote from AW joinery that Cllr Weston approached of £500 – Cllr Dabell will check annually check them

All Cllr's agreed

Problem with cars parked outside the village hall due to the cost of parking if hiring the hall and or the greens. The hall charge £10 per hour to park. Cllr Dabell trying to arrange a meeting with the committee.

Cllr Dabell attending a meeting on the 24th July to discuss

New Issues:

Bagnall sign rotten at the bottom Cllr Weston will obtain a quote from the same firm as the agreed quote for the benches.

Butter Cross needs periodic checking by a stone mason or similar

Cllr Jackson would like trees to be checked every 5 years

The village hall have enquired if we would allow inflatables on the playing fields. The clerk has emailed our insurers to see if it is something we could accommodate.

Cllr's agreed on this occasion

Cllr Jackson would like to see documentation re hiring the playing field with regards to damage.

Action: Clerk to locate and send

M23/Jul/09 Footpaths and Highways

Matters arising from previous minutes

Footpath 20 The Smithy

Cllr Batson contacted Cheddleton Council, was given a contact who may be able

to help. Could we add a stile by Tomkin Chapel? Would require a new opening as there is already a gate.

Cllr Batson did meet the owner of the field through which footpath 20 crosses. They spoke at length and propose to move forward with a concessionary path, and the installation of a ladder style at the northern end.

Rose and Crown flooding still there, Greenway Cottage corner is also flooded

Cllr Jackson has mapped the gullies he will send to Cllr Flunder

New Issues:

Road closure: on Stanley Road proposed in 3 months time

Road closure: Eaves Lane in Armshead from Jack Haye Lane to Kerry Hill Nurseries - An alternative route for traffic is available via Eaves Lane, Greasley Road, A5009 Leek Road, Bagnall Road, Jack Haye Lane and vice versa. This will come into operation on the 5th September and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 7th September

Cllr Batson spoke to Keith Flunder and Dave Rushton re weight restrictions we should have an unsuitable for heavy vehicles sign installed at the top of Clewlow Bank.

Clewlow bank BT box - The work will require traffic management a notice period is consequently required for a road closure. In the interim, Openreach have given assurances that the cabinet is safe.

The Parish Council is of the view that this is an ongoing issue. The box has been damaged twice and is main feed for the village – inconsiderate parking seems to be the contributing issue

Speeding issues remain to be resolved – Cllr Flunder to respond.

Surfacing works have been done – large impact on businesses

M23/Jul/10 Correspondence

Letter from parishioner re quarry

Cllr Batson will visit to discuss

M23/Jul/11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 12th September, 7pm at The Stables, Stafford Arms.

M Batson

12th September 2023

Meeting concluded at 8.35pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Dated:

AMBenton
23rd September 2023