

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday 14th November 2023
The Stafford Arms



Present:

Cllr Les Knowles
Cllr Andrew Batson
Cllr James Weston

Cllr Penny Dabell
Cllr Sybil Ralphs

In attendance:

Hayley Taylor (Clerk)
Cllr Keith Funder

6 Parishioners

M23/Nov/01 Apologies

A) No apologies

M23/Nov/02 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

B) The Minutes from October were agreed and signed

M23/Nov/03 Declaration of Personal/Pecuniary Interest

A) Cllr Les Knowles :
• Footpaths 12 and 28
• Bagnall Village Hall

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

Matters arising from previous Minutes

A) The email from the residents group was mentioned regarding the investigation. They were told to move to stage 2 required which they have not yet carried out. Cllrs sent an email regarding the same matter which we received a response of the same.
It is now the intention of both the Cllr's and residents to contact Mark Trillo; Head of Legal to investigate further.
If nothing comes of this Cllr Ralphs suggests going to the press.

B) Lockside
On going issue regarding the marquee
Bonfire weekend a further two marquees were erected for two days and then another marquee the following weekend- why is this being allowed? The marquee is against regulations.
The residents have contacted environmental health with nothing being logged
They are advertising New Years Eve events taking place in the main bar and marquee
Lockside appear to have breached their license again as it was seen they were serving alcohol from marquee - shown on pictures

New Issues :

**M23/Nov/05 County Councillor's Report
Cllr Keith Flunder**

No report

Cllr Flunder and Cllr Knowles are meeting this week to discuss gullies
Gullies are flooded in village, Cllr Batson sent the list of gullies with photos
Dave Rushton assured Cllr Flunder more gullies would be emptied but only a couple were done - happen 6 were missed
Signage - hgv and horse signs in two locations, hoping to get quotes from contractors a Cllr Flunder suggested that was the quickest way. Bagnall PC will be reimbursed from SCC
Speeding in parish, Cllr Flunder hasn't heard back regarding this. Community speed watch was brought up again but the Cllr's were unanimous in not supporting this as it puts residents at risk.
There is Funding for a speed camera

Canal bridge at Stockton brook – nothing happened, effort needs to be put in to protect the bridge
Last repair of the bridge, old stones were still at the bottom of canal, one of the coping stones also fell into the canal
Parishioners will contact the River Trust to discuss

M23/Nov/06 Planning

Matters arising from previous minutes

A) Lockside – no change

B) SMD/2021/0128 and SMD/2021/0131 from 2021/2022 - No retrospective planning permission sort or granted SMC202200131 – Croney Bank Farm Bagnall Rd

Still awaiting site visit

Clerk has contacted planning for clarification, a visit will take place

C) SMC202300177 Land on Jack Haye Lane/Eaves Lane Middle tree Meadow
The site was visited on 13/10/23, the land owner written to 17/10/23 and a conversation with the land owner took place 23/10/23. They are eager to submit a planning application but will first speak with a planning officer for advice on 01/11/23

D) SMC202300124 – Land lying to the east of Woodhead Farm, Woodhead Road, Lightoaks
The landowner has made contact with enforcement and is eager to resolve the situation. An email was sent to outline the options available inc planning permission or removal of the new half of the stables. We await an update on what the landowner intends to do

E) Fishing Pools on Jack Haye Lane, ongoing issue

Cllr Flunder is planning on a site visit with Les regarding layby's on the lane

M23/Nov/07 New Applications/Issues

- A) Battery farm at Cellarhead proposed a route at the substation they want to head north to the opposite boundary and run back down again – possibly another application

M23/Oct/08 Finance

- A) Payments
PAYE £41.51
Parish Online (maps) £45
Playsafe (annual inspection) £90
SSE – Electric for defib at VH July-Sept £260.78 – not paid as contract is £12 per year
SW Groundworks (extra cut) £245

Receipts
Lengthsman £400

The precept needs agreeing
The forward plan has been circulated to Cllr's for discussion to agree 24/25 precept.

A discussion is required regarding the rail greens due to costs.

M23/Nov/09 General Maintenance and Other Issues

Matters arising from previous minutes

- A) Co-option of Two Parish Councillor Positions

The casual vacancy is on the website as well as the notice board. We have received an enquiry to the co-option vacancy which is yet to be received.

- B) Review the future of the post/rails on the Green - a number are now rotten They appear to be nearing the end of life. Possibility of having posts only to reduce costs.

Cllr Weston obtained quotes - softwood removal and reinstate £5000 plus vat – Oak £13200 plus vat. Cllr Weston will get a quote for posts only. Cllr Batson doesn't support this due to the costs

If its left another 4 years the price will increase again

Do we want the rails? Is there a cheaper alternative?

The residents need to agree as its more aesthetics

A newsletter will go out requesting feedback from residents

Parishioner's proposed a community group to utilize skills

- C) Refuse bin at Bagnall Village hall/Jubilee Field

Cllr Ralphs still waiting on a response

New Issues :

- A) The buttercross needs tlc – the plaque is weathered and all needs repairing
Cllr Flunder has offered to find funds
Marion Armstrong is looking at it although it's a parish issue
Cllr Flunder offered to pay for extra remembrance items going forward

Field gates is unlocked currently which could welcome travellers – groundsman needs to keep it locked

Clerk will email SW Ground

M23/Nov/10 Footpaths and Highways

Matters arising from previous minutes:

New Issues:

- A) Road Closure – 8th January 2024 Kowsley Common in Bagnall from the junction with Knowsley Common and Thorneyedge Road

- B) Dangerous parking in the layby opposite Greenway Cottage
Clerk emailed and is now sorted

- C) Dangerous Parking on verges and blocked ditches, Jack Hays Lane
Cllr Knowles and Cllr Flunder are meeting on Friday to discuss

- D) Damage to canal bridge, Stockton Brook
No reply as yet, Cllr Knowles will email Cllr Edwards

- E) Cllr Edwards comment on social media re: Parish council dangers of public Speed watch
Cllr Batson responded to this on social media

Highways complaint from parishioner
Another road closure posted on social media only rather than letting residents know. They use the emergency works to get round this
We have asked highways rep to attend – but nothing yet
Communication is the issue
Cllr Ralphs suggests all Parish council chairman's are notified
Armshead lane Cllr Weston has asked if footpath 28 could be reinstated?

M23/Nov/11 Correspondence

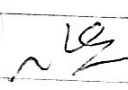
Matters arising from previous minutes :

- A) Country Grounds request for tender

Cllr Jackson sent his proposal but was complex

In the New Year we will send tenders to interested parties.

Need to discuss the amount of cuts – Cllrs will walk round greens to see as to

	reduce costs	
B)	New Issues: Clerk to investigate price of Staffordshire Parish Council Association	Cllr's agree
C)	Cllr Ralphs suggests asking Bagnall Heights if we can hold our meeting there in March	
D)	Request to return keys to Village Hall	Cllr's don't support this
M23/Nov12 Date of next meeting		
	The next meeting will be at 7pm on 9 th January 2024, at The Stafford Arms.	
The meeting concluded at 9.05pm.		
Signed: 		
(Chairman)		
Dated: 23/1/24		