

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 9th January 2024 The Stafford Arms



Present:

Cllr Les Knowles
Cllr Andrew Batson

Cllr Penny Dabell

In attendance:

Hayley Taylor (Clerk)
Cllr Keith Funder

11 Parishioners

M24/Jan/01 Apologies

A) James Weston – away on business, Sybil Ralphs - personal

M24/Jan/02 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

B) The Minutes from November were not signed

M24/Jan/03 Declaration of Personal/Pecuniary Interest

A) Cllr Les Knowles :

- Footpaths 12 and 28
- Bagnall Village Hall

M24/Jan/04 Adjournment of meeting for public comments and concerns

A) New Issues :

Solar Panel Farm

Residents from both Bagnall and neighbouring parish extremely unhappy about the solar panel farm for many reasons – size, landscape, noise, house prices, business impact – leisure industry in particular, walkers etc

There is a safety concern

The chosen site is on a hill and not a valley and a place of scientific interest

What financial security will they give?

No waste management of solar panels

They don't work at night or in an area of low pressure

Police response is not happy about lack of protection, they propose security fencing

There is also common land, to enable fencing would require the secretary of state Survey done in December and January to identify bird species – wrong time of year

Residents are setting up a meeting to discuss further with the points to add to the objection on SMDC along with a WhatsApp group

Cllr Dabell will try and get the Sentinel newspaper to attend

For residents that may not be aware, door to door was suggested along with social media

**M24/Jan/05 County Councillor's Report
Cllr Keith Flunder**

Cllr flunder will email me his report

M24/Jan/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
Clerk has contacted planning for clarification, a visit will take place
Update 19th December - SMC202200131 letter posted 18/12/23 to arrange site visit with land owner requested to respond in 2 weeks
Update 9th January The owner responded to a letter requesting a visit & has now assigned an agent to submit a planning application in Jan/Feb for domestic use of a structure onsite. Once a planning application is received a planning officer will likely visit the site themselves.

C) SMC/2023/00177 and SMD/2023/0563 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
Update 9th January SMD/2023/0563 not yet passed to a planning officer

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
Update 9th January Half the current stables are over 4yrs old & so is immune from planning enforcement. The additional stable constructed by the new land owner is next to but not connected to the existing stable is less than 4yrs old, so is currently the target of a planning enforcement investigation.
The land owner was advised what a field shelter is, as having only 3 sides which has to be moved around the field on a yearly basis to allow the land to recover. Also, after making an appointment to discuss the situation with a planning officer the owner was advised a field shelter elsewhere on the larger field would not require planning permission.
Greenbelt land is not a consideration in regards to a field shelter not requiring planning permission, but would be a consideration if a planning application was submitted. If a planning application is not submitted there in nothing the Parish Council can support or object to with regards to planning consent.

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
M24/Jan/07 New Applications/Issues	
A)	Planning Appeal SMD/2023/0065/A Jack Haye Lane (Dog Walking Field) – original application rejected We have submitted objections as have residents
B)	SMD/2023/0575 Single storey side and rear extensions, conversion of roof to habitable space – no objections from Cllr's
C)	SMD/2023/0523 Installation of a solar farm – end of public consultation period 10 th January. Clerk has emailed planning requesting an extension which has been granted until the middle of February as It isn't due for decision until 16 th February
D)	SMD/2023/0639 – request for a screening opinion under regulation 6 Town and Country planning environmental impact assessment regulations 2017 (as amended). Proposed installation of a battery energy storage system 400kv substation associated infrastructure and works. The application was validated on 14/12/2023 - This is the start of the 8 week determination period 8 th February 2024
M24/Jan/08 Finance	
A)	<u>Payments</u> PAYE £118.89 SW Groundworks (extra) £245 SW Groundworks (last cut) £375 Les Knowles £206.53 (xmas lights) <u>Receipts</u> SMDC £250 (xmas lights) Cllr Flunder kindly aided in helping with funding Precept for coming year needs agreeing A discussion is required regarding the rail greens due to costs.
M24/Jan/09 General Maintenance and Other Issues	
Matters arising from previous minutes	
A)	Casual Vacancy and Co-option of Parish Councillors
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 for the future of the post/rails £5K - £13k depending

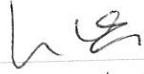
	<p>on wood. Cllr Knowles has canvassed and residents want them replaced as cars could park on the greens – this will be discussed again at the next meeting. Precept will need to increase</p>
c)	<p>Refuse bin at Bagnall Village hall/Jubilee Field To be discussed at next meeting</p>
	<p>New Issues :</p>
A)	<p>The buttercross needs tlc – the plaque is weathered and all needs repairing Cllr Flunder has offered to find funds</p>
<p>M24/Jan/10 Footpaths and Highways</p>	
	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes:</p>
	<p>New Issues:</p>
A)	<p>Road Closure – 8th January 2024 Knowsley Common in Bagnall from the junction with Knowsley Common and Thorneyedge Road</p>
	<p>Highways complaint from parishioner</p> <p>Jack Hays Lane ditch – members of the community have offered to clear it out – we need clarification Cllr Flunder will chase Dave Rushton Grids on corner near cottage – full</p> <p>Gulley on greenway corner, no report. Rose cottage is always flooding no response – I there a blockage? If so who is responsible?</p>
<p>M24/Jan/11 Correspondence</p>	
	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes :</p>
A)	<p>Country Grounds request for tender – this will be discussed at the next meeting</p>
B)	<p>New Issues:</p>
	<p>Clerk to investigate price of Staffordshire Parish Council Association – the cost is £293.84</p>
C)	
D)	

M24/Jan/12 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be at 7pm on 13th February 2024, at The Stafford Arms.

The meeting concluded at 9.05pm.

Signed:
(Chairman)



Dated:

14/5/2024