

MINUTES

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 19th November 2024

Stafford Arms, Bagnall, ST9 9JR

Present:

Cllr L Knowles

Cllr S Ralphs

Cllr P Dabell

Cllr A Batson

Cllr J Weston

Cllr A Krawiecki

In Attendance:

3 Members of Public

Meeting started at 1900 Hrs

24.11.095

Public Participation.

Cllr Ralphs spoke regarding an old Georgian house near Stanley Bridge which is Grade II listed, is now derelict. It still has many old features left in the Building. The Owners could not get planning permission to convert the Property. Now it is left, and children are going in playing, homeless and drug Addicts are using the property, with needles being left lying around.

It was suggested to apply to SMDC to obtain a Buildings at Risk Order as a Duty of Care needs to be recognised. Cllr Ralphs to assist the Clerk in formatting the notice.

Keith Flunder agreed to ask Ben Hayward what the best way forward would be.

24.11.096

Apologies.

Cllr Horton

24.11.097

Declarations of interest and dispensation – None

24.11.098 **To consider minutes for accuracy and approve minutes of previous Council meetings:**
Parish Meeting 8th October 2024 - Signed

24.11.099 To receive a report from the police (if available). Not Available

24.11.100 To receive a report from: Staffordshire Moorlands Councillor – Did not attend.

Report from County Councillor Flunder:-

The DHP (Divisional Highways Programme) are doing visits this Thursday in this area.

The MTFS (Medium term Financial Statement) hopefully £10 million will be issued – will be on SMDC public site soon for all to see

It has been agreed that £500 will be issued to Bagnall Parish Council towards the costs of installing new post around the Green.

The Highways Report system will soon be available to list in bulk not as a single issue going forwards.

A link for the Family Hub will soon be available for help and funding avenues

Updates on Road Safety in Schools in rural areas hopefully being rolled out soon.

Cllr Ralphs asked Cllr Flunder about large heavy goods vehicle's using the James Brindley Bridge every day, which is not suitable for these vehicles and has asked for Signs to be put up on the A53 to stop this from happening.

Cllr Batson also brought up the issue regarding road sweeping and that a letter from Staffordshire Highways stated this was done four times a year and that the kerbs were sprayed once a year, this was questioned.

Cllr Krawiecki mentioned work done to estimate traffic related to Planning Applications. Discussed with Cllr Flunder.

24.11.101 **Accounts/Finance: to consider/approve October Payment List**
Both approved
RG Services £200 Leaf clearing
Interim Clerk payment £114.40

24.11.102 **Planning Report – Cllr Weston**

Red Bank Farm – Update that the Enforcement Team are waiting for clearance from their legal team and enforcement will be issued

Woodhead Road Stables – Awaiting SMDC whether to proceed

It was agreed that all Councillors would carry out a review in the New Year Of outstanding planning issues in support of Cllr Weston in order to close these off satisfactorily.

24.11.103

Footpaths. Cllr Batson

Cllr Batson has received a complaint about intimidation from an individual on the Footpath down to Stanley Pool.

FP12 and FP28 – a third party uses the land by the footpaths for growing grass, the machinery use is churning up the sides and the paths.

Outcome and Issues to be discussed further and contact to be made.

24.11.104

Highways. Cllr Batson

Only one Road Sweep was done this year in the village and was asked for by Cllr Batson

There has been a report that there was a tree down on Jack Hays Lane, and after two weeks the tree is still down, and nothing has been done. Cllr Weston to look into

24.11.105

Devolution update – Cllr Ralphs

Cllr Ralphs brought up that the Devolution is likely to go ahead and is gaining more information on this. It was also mentioned that Angela Rayner is in contact with Stoke on Trent Council. It is also a worrying trend that people are buying up land for future use. Cllr Krawiecki suggested whole situation consideration eg recent press statement, there will be no boundary changes.

24.11.106

Field Bin Update – Cllr Krawiecki

Cllr Krawiecki reported that he had checked on the Field Bin and all was ok – but there is still an issue with dog poo bags being put in the bin. This is obviously an issue as no dogs are allowed on the Playing Fields at all. Agreed this needs to be looked at further, maybe new signage

24.11.107

Village Hall Overview – Cllr Krawiecki

The committee have asked for the Village Hall keys to be returned, and Cllr Dabell is looking into this. Cllr Krawiecki has agreed to arrange access to the hall directly if needed. Cllr Krawiecki advised he is in the area often and will deal with bin personally. Village Hall will cover if not available. Receipts for the cost of bin liners will be submitted.

Cllr Krawiecki stated a Report had been circulated. He attended the last Village Hall meeting to introduce himself as the Parish Council contact, which was received well.

24.11.108

Defib – Village Hall – Cllr Knowles

The Defibrillator at the Village Hall was used recently so was offline, but AED donated new pads so was put back online.

Village Hall Defib, ownership needs to be agreed of this machine, preferably transferred to Bagnall Parish Council in order to benefit from SMDC agreement with AED Donate and to claim VAT relief on Equipment. To be agreed Village Hall (via Parish Council rep) and Parish Council.

Cllr Knowles has negotiated a free Defib Box with NFU but as Village Hall is on private land it will just need electric ran to it.

Cllr Knowles is in talks with the Ombudsman regarding SSE Electric for compensation due to over charges awaiting a response.

The Defib at The Rose and Crown has no electric running to it but needs to be sorted as soon as possible. To be discussed at next meeting in full.

24.11.109

To be Discussed

Quotes for fence around The Green – It was agreed that HPC Construction would be used to do the work. Clerk to contact them to arrange a date for starting.

Tenders for Groundsman for 2025 – Clerk to post on BPC website inviting people to come forward for Tendering by 7th January 2025 at the latest.

Grant funding – Suez Community Fund – information sent to Cllr Krawiecki as requested after the meeting.

Cllr Batson advised possible funding, and Cllr Krawiecki attended Grants course. Cllr Krawiecki asked for documents to be sent to hi, he volunteered to draft grant application document.

24.11.110

Items for the next Agenda.

Rose and Crown Defib
Issues with Dogs on Playing Field
Tenders Received for Groundsman
Clerk Recruitment
Budget/Precept

24.11.111

To confirm Date, Time and Location of next meeting.

1900 Hrs on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at The Stafford Arms Public House, Bagnall ST9 9JR

