

# MINUTES

## BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Stafford Arms, Bagnall, ST9 9JR

### Present:

Cllr L Knowles

Cllr S Ralphs

Cllr P Dabell

Cllr A Batson

Cllr J Weston

Cllr Horton

### In Attendance:

13 Members of Public

**Meeting started at 1900 Hrs**

25.02.018

### **Public Participation. –**

A confidential envelope was handed to Cllr Knowles by Mr & Mrs Butler, regarding the danger on Jack Haye Lane.

25.02.019

### **Apologies**

No Apologies

25.02.020

### **Declarations of interest and dispensation**

None

25.02.021

To consider **minutes** for accuracy and approve minutes of previous Council meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Minutes Item to be added and signed off at March Meeting.

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

25.02.023 To receive a **report** from:  
Staffordshire Moorlands Councillor – Charlotte Edwards.

1. There is to be additions to the Planning Department, one Planning Officer, Head of Housing
2. The issue of the Grit Bin on Tompkin Lane was raised again – to be discussed further. Also the Grit bin on Clewlow's Bank has not been filled up.
3. Plaque for the Buttercross – Cllr Edwards agreed to fund the money for this, once quote has been sent to her. Cllr Knowles following up
4. Cllr Horton commented that there seems to be no accountability in the Planning Department now. Most work from Home. Cllr Ralphs also commented that there seems to be no respect now and have no duty or professionalism towards residents and their concerns.
5. Grit Delivery to Jack Hayes Lane has still not been done – Cllr Flunder to look into as to why and report back.
6. The broken Road Sign on Jack Hayes Lane has finally been fixed.

County Councillor – Keith Flunder

1. James Brindley Bridge, HGV Signs have been escalated to a higher level to look into.
2. On the Weed Killing issue it was explained that this is done 3 times a year and the Road Sweeper should come round afterwards.
3. On the issue of the Gritting Route Cllr Flunder explained that the criteria was that a road was gritted twice a night and that the main roads were always gritted first.
4. The new Highways reporting system is now up and running and it is now easier to use just by filling in details to create an account and reporting items from your account.

25.02.024 **Accounts/Finance:** to consider/approve. (See attached)

- a) To approve January Payment List – two items SMDC £188.01 for Loan Interest and £120.12 payment to Interim Clerk – both approved by Cllr Knowles
- b) Cllr Dabell requested that the Clerk could purchase a new printer and a Voice Recorder to record the meetings going forward – Both approved so Cllr Dabell will look into this and bring invoices to next meeting.

25.02.025 **Planning Report** – Cllr Weston/Cllr Horton

1. Planning application for Charters Lane – no objections
2. Stables on Wood End Road has now been passed to the Senior Inspection Office to look at.

3. Red Bank Farm Car Port – Owner appealed on 20/12/25 – no decision on the Planning Portal as yet
4. Cllr Knowles stated that there is a significant reduction in the number of Planning Application over the Last Few Months
5. Cllr Ralphs mentioned that Ben Hayward should be invited to come along to Parish council Meeting for questions and answers on lack of function in the department.
6. Cllr Weston and Cllr Horton went to a Planning Seminar where it was noticed that each application is dealt with on its own merits.
7. It was agreed that Ben Hayward needs to be held accountable – Proposed by Cllr Ralphs and Seconded by Cllr Horton.

25.02.026

**Footpaths.** Cllr Batson

1. Footpath 6 has been found to be omitted from the Footpath map – Cllr Batson has someone from the Peak Society going into the Peak Records to look at the history and report back.
2. Footpath 19 – Crosses the Solar Farm Site. In 2002 the path was diverted, in 2013 the landowner was advised to divert the footpath back to original route which was never done. The footpath line on the Solar Farm Application is wrong so Cllr Batson is going to write to Planning Department regarding this matter.
3. Cllr Batson reported that on checking Footpaths in the area, a lot were suffering with the damp of late but otherwise okay.

25.02.027

**Highways.** Cllr Batson

At Christmas 2024 there was an accident at the bottom of Clewloes Bank at the Junction of Clewloes Bank and Stanley Road. There is vegetation in the siteline which is now dangerous. Ben Hayward had been asked for documents for the Application but replied that these documents cannot be found. Cllr Batson agreed that Highways Department needs to now be involved in this matter.

25.02.028

**Devolution** update – Cllr Ralphs

1. There was a Town and Parish Group meeting 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 where comments were made re Devolution and that no consultations had been forthcoming. With Devolution, District Councillors will be removed and larger Councils formed. The Labour contingent is all for it to go ahead. There seems to be an issue whether they wish to move ahead with or without a Mayor.
2. They are hoping for all this to be implemented by 2027/2028.
3. Cllr Ralphs commented that the whole process seems to be very one sided, no one has been asked their opinions on the matter and no alternatives suggested. SMDC and High Peak alliance was formed 18 years ago and by doing so 1.5 million pounds is saved each year.

22.02.029      **Defib** – Village Hall – Cllr Knowles

Cllr Knowles informed the meeting that Sue Beardmore was organising a fundraiser for the Defib. NFU are funding the new Defibrillator but the older Defib needs a casing that is Cold Weather resistant.

25.02.030      **To be Discussed**

Tenders for Groundsman for 2025 – It was agreed that R. Sargeant Services had won the Tender. Clerk was asked to contact them to receive copies of Insurance and DBS check going forward. Also Clerk was asked to email the other tenders to let them know they had been unsuccessful.

Repair of concrete posts around Buttercross – HPC Construction to be contacted to see costs for repairs, follow up at next meeting

There is to be a Walking Festival end of April, beginning of May over 10 days where there will be 4 walks a day of approximately 4 miles each one. Information will soon be available for this festival.

*Confidential Items to be discussed at the end of the meeting if Public and Press are present.*

25.02.034      To confirm Date, Time and Location of next meeting.

11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 19.00 Hrs The Stafford Arms, Bagnall

25.01.014      **Items for the next Agenda.**

Rose and Crown Defib  
Issues with Dogs on Playing Field  
Tenders Received for Groundsman  
Village Hall Keys

25.01.015      **To confirm Date, Time and Location of next meeting.**

1900 Hrs on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at The Stafford Arms Public House, Bagnall ST9 9JR