

MINUTES

BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th January 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:

7 Members of Public

Meeting started at 1900 Hrs

25.01.001

Public Participation.

One Resident has asked the Parish Council how Brown Edge BESS have a meeting on the 4th March 2025 with the Inspectorate at SMDC regarding their appeal which was refused.

There are now 3 BESS applications that have been approved which have no Fire and Safety systems in place, residents are rightly concerned.

25.01.002

Apologies

Cllr Krawiecki

25.01.003

Declarations of interest and dispensation

None

25.01.004 To consider **minutes** for accuracy and approve minutes of previous Council meetings:

Parish Meeting 19th November 2024 – signed and agreed. Cllr Batson agreed and Cllr Horton seconded.

25.01.005 To receive a **report** from the police – not available.

25.01.006 To receive a **report** from:

Staffordshire Moorlands Councillor – Cllr Edwards

Funding available of £500 for items such as Poppies, Xmas concerts. Cllr Edwards to mail Clerk details.

Cllr Knowles asked about Grit Bins, which are the Parish Councils responsibility, would Cllr Edwards help with a new bin? Need to speak to Cllr Flunder.

Cllr Horton and Cllr Weston brought up about the Grit Bin on Jack Hayes lane and the fact it was empty. A grit delivery was agreed to Butlers Farm and to distribute out where needed.

Cllr Edwards was asked to send a link for the Interactive Gritting Map to the Clerk.

County Councillor – Cllr Flunder

James Brindley Bridge – Signs for HGV – no response as yet, will update at the next meeting.

Cllr Ralphs asked about signs for “Unsuitable for HGVs” – Cllr Flunder is going to try to get these sorted as soon as possible. But made us aware that these can take up to 12 months to assign.

Cllr Knowles asked about weed killing procedures and what was being done. Cllr Flunder asked for a list of what areas had not been done. Cllr Batson to email the Clerk the areas to be done.

Road Salt Delivery – updated that Tompkin Lane had been delivered. It was also mentioned that they need a new bin.

It was also mentioned that the Gritting Route really needed a review – will look into.

The new Highways Reporting System will be available in two weeks and in April updated software will be launched. When a report is made an automated response will be sent back and updated.

CQC Report will be out imminently for Children's Services.

Online Fraud – there are 12 types now. There will be a 2 hour talk at Bagnall Heights in the near future for people to attend.

Fire Service now have advice available for the older residents.

Just Add Veg campaign is now out and launched for healthy eating.

SMDC now provide information on Heating Assistance for residents on Oil Heating.

Knypersley Reservoir is now open.

25.01.007

Accounts/Finance: Approved.

- a) Precept agreed at 3%
- b) Interim Clerk payment £97.24

25.01.008

Planning Report

Fishing Pool - Jack Hays Lane – Vehicles using this pool causing dangerous traffic issues when leaving. Cllr Flunder was asked to look into as a Highway Issue.

Cllr Batson mentioned a S53 application to add a Bridal Way (FF21(a)) on Old Mill Lane – Needs looking into further.

It was also discussed about the efficiency and role of the Planning Department at SMDC, many felt that the department was not fit for purpose any more to which Cllr Edwards agreed.

25.01.009

Footpaths. Cllr Batson

Cllr Batson has received a complaint about intimidation from an individual on the footpath down to Stanley Pool. Cllr Batson updated that no further intimidation had taken place.

Footpath 6 – Due to the length of time this issue was taking to resolve Cllr Batson had contacted Peak and Northern Footpath Society who are looking into this issue now and have spoken to previous owner regarding this matter. It is hoped that the footpath will eventually be reinstated.

As PNFS are a charity and willing to help it was mentioned about maybe sending a donation to them? Cllr Batson will look into this further.

25.01.010

Highways. Cllr Batson

There has been a report that there was a tree down on Jack Haye Lane, and after two weeks the tree is still down and nothing has been done. Cllr Weston reported back that nothing had been done about this tree and that the Lightoaks sign is now completely damaged.

Rownall Road – Works to the BESS Storage Facility – vehicles are already causing issues on the road as lorries are unloading on the roadside not on the actual land and this is causing a traffic back log.

Cllr Flunder suggested that any of these issues need to be reported to SMDC Planning and Highways in a complaint.

25.01.011

Devolution update

Both Cllr Flunders and Cllr Edwards were asked if they were for or against the Devolution Bill – both stated that they were against it.

22.01.012

Defib – Village Hall – Cllr Knowles

To be discussed at the next meeting

25.01.013

To be Discussed

Tenders for Groundsman for 2025 – Clerk had two sealed envelopes which were handed to Cllr Knowles. Cllr Batson to look at both tenders and report back at the next meeting.

Village Hall – Hire of field 18th July for Endon School Leavers – Cost?

This was discussed further, and it was agreed that they could use the Field but that they must ensure that the whole area was tidied up and all rubbish removed, and to liaise with the Village Hall who were holding the event.

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

11th February 2025, The Stafford Arms, Bagnall 1900 Hrs

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 11th February 2025 at The Stafford Arms Public House, Bagnall
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