

MINUTES
BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL
11TH MARCH 2025
THE STAFFORD ARMS, BAGNALL
1900 HOURS

In Attendance: 16 Members of public
Cllr Knowles, Cllr Batson, Cllr Dabell, Cllr Weston, Cllr Ralphs,
Cllr Horton, Cllr Krawiecki

25.03.035 **Public Participation**

Mrs Butler raised a question regarding the lack of reply to their previous correspondence at the last meeting. It was mentioned that the clerk had emailed both Ben Hayward and Jane Colley but had had no reply so far. Clerk agreed to chase up further. It was agreed that if there was no reply to the matter then it should be taken to the Planning Inspectorate, as the issue had not been dealt with well enough. Clerk agreed to update Mrs Butler if anything was replied to.

Julia Podmore and Sue Beardmore attended a meeting of the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Bemersley BESS Site which was a two-day hearing. Why was Armshead BESS never taken to Planning inspectorate ? according to Julia Podmore it has been stated that apparently 10% of the power of giga watts will be coming from the BESS sites around Bagnall for the whole country – how can this be right ? Julia Podmore also felt that we have no support from District Councillors on this matter. It was agreed that something more needs to be done on this matter going forward.

A resident from Luzlow Lane asked about the new application for a BESS site in the area and the impact it would have on wild life. Where they live which is approximately 10ft from the boundary there are owls etc every year nesting there. They were also concerned that they were listed as consultees on the application but not one of them had received a letter from SMDC why ?

Cllr Krawiecki suggested that he and the resident meet up and do a survey with both photos and grid reference for any wild life in the area that could be affected by the BESS site, and it was agreed that this would be a good idea.

25.03.036 **Apologies.**

No apologies

25.03.037 **Declarations of interest and dispensation**

No declarations of interest

25.03.038 To consider **minutes** for accuracy and approve minutes of previous Council meetings:
Parish Meeting 14th January 2025 and 11th February 2025 – both were agreed and signed off

25.03.039 To receive a **report** from the police (if available). – not available

25.03.040 To receive a **report** from:
Staffordshire Moorlands Councillor.

Cllr Edwards brought up about the issue of Bikes in the area – she has spoken to the PCSO Staples who has asked that people keep reporting these issues either on 101 or 999.

Cllr Dabell also reiterated that these reports are necessary for the police and that residents can do an online report rather than phoning, but the police can't do much about the issue without these reports.

Cllr Knowles also brought up about someone had used the Village Hall car park as a racetrack causing damage and it is not just bikes but cars too.

CCIF application for the new memorial sign has been agreed and funds released to Bagnall Parish Council.

Best Village Competition will be open soon for Villages to enter if Bagnall were interested.

Devolution meeting – A working group has been formed across the different parishes and councillors from party to form a way forward and what would be the best options. Cllrs Edwards stated that she feels it should be left as it is going forwards.

Cllr Horton asked Cllr Edwards what she thought of the Webcast – she thought that it was mostly political where a lot was said but nothing agreed.

Cllr Horton asked about the issue of whether a Referendum should take place to ascertain what the residents actually wanted going forward which was agreed by majority was a good idea.

25.03.041

Accounts/Finance: to consider/approve.

a) To approve February Payment List.

Interim Clerk Payment

Reimbursement for Voice Recorder and Printer

Town and Council Website Invoice

All approved and signed off for payment.

25.03.042

Planning Report – Cllr Weston/Cllr Horton

Enforcement Red Bank Farm – Enforcement action was sent regarding the three bay barn erected. The owners have now taken it to appeal. Cllr Weston agreed that a statement needs to be done and submitted by the 8th April to SMDC – Cllr Horton and Weston to follow up.

The stables on Woodhead Road – Still waiting for the Planning Inspector to speak to Wayne Chell - no further response at present.

25.03.043

Footpaths. Cllr Batson

FP6 Stanley Road to Puddy Lane – Peak and Northern Footpath Society have been looking into this matter, awaiting a response. Written to neighbouring properties too.

FP19 – This matter is still up in the air and needs to be diverted properly by the landowner.

25.03.044

Highways. Cllr Batson

Still waiting to hear from Cllr Flunder regarding the gullies at the bottom of Clewloes Bank.

25.03.045

Devolution update

Cllr Knowles and Cllr Batson attended parish Assembly meeting in Leek last Thursday. A presentation was given by the leader of the SMDC regarding Devolution and an update.

It is to be based on Strategic Authorities based on regions or sub-regions responsible for areas such as Transport, Skills, Planning, Development, environmental health etc all under one strategic authority. This is to be aligned by public sector boundaries.

Staffordshire Moorlands and High Peak would no longer be together as High Peak would go into Derbyshire authority going forward.

There was much more information available and Cllr Batson has said he can forward the presentation on to anyone who would like to read it going forward.

22.03.046

Defib – Village Hall – Cllr Knowles

The intention going forward is for the Defib at The Rose and Crown will be moved to the Village Hall. NFU have donated a new Defib Cabinet for free which will be sited in the Phone Box at the Rose and Crown.

Figures for information are as follows:-

SSE Refund	£291.50
CCIF Fund	£75.00
Cllr Beardmore	£400.00
Total	£766.50

Leaves a shortfall £151.50 to finance. Cllr Knowles proposed that the Parish Council pay for the shortfall.

A resident also asked about how the Defibs work and was there any training for these, but it was explained that there are easy comprehensive instructions with the Defib on how to use. Also, when dialling 999 they will also provide details of the nearest Defib and the code to get into the box too. It was suggested that maybe some training could be looked into for residents going forward.

Cllr Krawiecki will liaise with the Village Hall regarding installation of Defib from Rose and Crown.

Cllr Knowles brought up about the Field Gate is left open a great deal, which considering issues with bikes and cars in the area, that padlocks need to be investigated for this gate. Cllr Horton will investigate this and source some new padlocks. It was also suggested that the Groundsman keeps an eye on this as they are the only one that really needs access through that gate.

25.03.047

To be Discussed

Town and Council Website and Costs involved – Agreed to pay this year but going forward to look at other avenues for website hosting.