



BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 13th May 2025 commencing at 1900hrs

held at Stafford Arms, Bagnall, ST9 9JR

Minutes

7 Councillors
9 Residents

- AMC/25/070 **Public Participation.** – Cllr Beardmore brought the meetings attention about a drop-in session by National Grid at Wetley Rocks village hall on 21st May 2025 between 4pm and 8pm regarding extending the Sub-Station. Everyone was welcome to go along.
- AMC/25/071 **Election of the Chair of the Council.**
Councillor Batson was nominated – Cllr Knowles proposed and Cllr Ralphs seconded
- AMC/25/072 **Election of the Vice Chair of the Council.** – It was proposed by Cllr Knowles that a Vice Chair was not needed. It was agreed by all councillors that a Vice Chair was not needed going forward.
- AMC/25/073 **Acceptance of Office.** – Cllr Batson signed the Acceptance of Office Form witnessed by Cllr Dabell.
- AMC/25/074 **Apologies.** – no apologies for the meeting
- AMC/25/075 **Declarations of interest and dispensation** – Cllr Knowles stated that he has in the last 12 months gained interest in land off Clewlow's Bank
- AMC/25/076 **Register of interest** – None
- AMC/25/077 **Matters arising from previous meeting.**
1. Defibrillator – Cllr Krawiecki spoken to AED donate – Jamie Richards, regarding fitting the Defib at the Village Hall with three possible dates where access can be made available. Just awaiting a response back from AED now.

2. Cllr Horton updated that he had spoken to Steve Kempson who could repair the concrete post at the Butter Cross for approximately £200 but was struggling to find a matching post. Mr Kempson was going to have a look around reclamation yards to see if he could find one. He also stated that SCC may have some old ones in the yard.
3. Cllr Ralphs updated on Mayfield House – there had been some progress, procedure was slow due to 5 different departments involved but SMDC agreed something needed to be done. The property is now derelict and is Listed building again causing issues for the way forward.
4. Cllr Dabell asked Cllr Krawiecki to email her the Wildlife Report that was done for the area where an application has gone in for a new BESS Site.

AMC/25/078

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

Full Council Meeting Tuesday 8th April 2025 – Signed and approved

AMC/25/079

To receive a report from the police – Not available

AMC/25/080

To receive a report from:

- a) Staffordshire Moorlands Councillor – Not available
- b) County Councillor – Not available

AMC/25/081

Clerks Report.

- a) Meeting Locations – All correct dates now on the Website
- b) Recruitment of new Clerk – Had two people contact the Parish, hoping to meet with them in the next few weeks for a further chat and take forward.

AMC/25/082

Accounts/Finance: to consider/approve.

All approved and Signed

- a) To approve April 25 Bank Reconciliation.
- b) To approve Aprils Payment List.
- c) To approve Bank Signatories. Carry Forward
- d) To approve online payments. – agree for one signature or two going forward - Carry Forward
- e) To approve Annual Governance Statement.
- f) To approve Annual Accounting Statement.
- g) To approve Certificate of Exemption.
- h) To appoint J Podmore for Internal Audit 2025/26.- Agreed

AMC/25/083 To consider Planning Applications received

Grocott SMD/2025/0218– Orangerie and Double garage - no objections to this, although Cllr Horton did raise the issue that a Material Amendment may be needed for construction materials to be used as there was not one on the application. No Objection sent to SMDC via portal.

BESS - Cllr Batson stated that there were two applications going to Planning meeting next week – Newfields and Luzlow Lane applications. He had not put objections in yet but was going to do so just before the meeting, as there was a concern over the safety of these sites, including fires, explosions, toxic fumes and toxic run off as well.

Cllr Knowles stated that it was becoming increasingly more obvious that SMDC were operating a two-tier operation, and this needed to be looked into further going forward.

AMC/25/084 Footpaths

FP6 - Cllr Batson has heard back from the lady from Northern Footpaths who has done a great deal of research with records from Parish Council minutes going back as far as 1949 -1988 with great success in obtaining suitable evidence. Affidavits have been obtained from parishioners in Stanley area and is also looking for more local people to do the same going forward.

FP19 – A gate has been sourced for £229 and the Cheddleton Working Party have agreed to put the gate in for us but it will be a while before they are able to do so. There are parts of the Kissing Gate still in storage

AMC/25/085 Report from Bagnall Parish Council Chairman

Cllr Batson had received details regarding a Planning Appeal for Solar Panels which was originally rejected by local council, it was on the borders of the motorway and according to Angela Rayner that land is classed as Grey Land.

Cllr Batson also wanted to thank all who went to the Beacon Lighting last week. He especially thanked Mr Durber for providing a blow torch for the lighting and for Lisa Sutton Murphy for providing the sausage rolls as well.

a) Councillor individual roles and responsibilities.

It was agreed going forward that Cllr Horton would deal with Planning, Cllr Krawiecki the Village Hall and Cllr Batson for Footpaths and Highways. All Agreed.

AMC/25/086 To review and approve the following policies.

All moved forward to next meeting in June

- a) Code of Conduct.
- b) Standing Orders
- c) Financial Regulations
- d) Risk Assessment