



## **BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Parish Meeting**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 commencing at 1900hrs.**

**held at Stafford Arms, Bagnall, ST9 9JR.**

## **Minutes**

5 Councillors 4 Residents

AMC/25/106

### **Public Participation.**

- Parishioners voiced their concerns over speeding traffic in the parish, especially on Stanley Road between the Rose and Crown and Golf Club-Ego area. The times when this is most noticeable is between the hours of 7:00am-9:00am and 4:30pm-6:30pm. It was reported that this happens throughout the day also and is concerning. Cllr Batson explained that the Parish Council cannot manage speed enforcement. Cllr Batson discussed a meeting he had with the County Cllr, data has been passed on. Clerk to Contact Cllr Egginton. It is a County Council issue for highways.
- Parishioner informed the meeting they had contacted Staffordshire Road safety partnership, their email was acknowledged, and no response was received. The Stanley Road group received information through WhatsApp from Cllr Porter informing them that he was taking over things on behalf of Cllr Edwards with this matter. He has since denied this. Cllr Batson has asked for this email to be forwarded to the clerk. Cllr Edwards has since telephoned the parishioner while she was away on holiday.
- Parishioner reported that a sign had been erected on the bridge by the Greenways Golf Club about noise nuisance. Parishioner reported hearing high performance cars revving engines on the golf club car park at the weekend. Cllr Batson asked parishioners to send in a report with times locations etc. to the Parish Clerk. Cllr Batson and Clerk will put together a package once information is received and send to Cllr Egginton, Cllr Edwards, and environmental Health.
- Parishioner had sent PCSO Hargreaves an email in April to request meeting with police and Cllr Edwards. Email

received later from PCSO Hargreaves about setting up speed awareness. PCSO had called parishioner to explain the police are busy dealing with issues surrounding motorbikes in the area.

- Cllr Horton mentioned parishioners could complete a safer road course to become a member of safer road scheme. This may help with being heard.
- Parishioner raised concerns about bridges over canal, they asked if the parish was aware of cameras on the bridges. They suggested a speed and weight restriction sign was required. Cllr Batson asked parishioners to send information to the clerk who will make enquiries with the canal and river trust.
- Parishioner raised issues with the height of a stile on Stanley Moss Lane by the Rising school. Cllr Batson advised that this can be reported online through the public portal.

AMC/25/107      **Apologies** – Cllr Ralphs Cllr Knowles

AMC/25/108      **Declarations of interest and dispensation** – None reported.

AMC/25/109      **To consider minutes for accuracy and approve minutes from the last meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2025**

- Full council meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June -signed and approved.

AMC/25/110      **Matters Arising**

- Replacement of concrete posts- Buttercross. Cllr Horton informed that no posts available from council yard - Under investigation.
- Installation of new plaque at Buttrecross – under review. Cllr Krawiecki to send photographs to Clerk. Clerk to look at past minutes. Clerk to contact conservation and update at the next meeting in September.
- Hedge Road obstruction, Clewloes Bank. Cllr Batson has raised matter with new Staffs County Councillor. Update at next meeting.
- Mayfield update – No further information received from Cllr Ralphs.

AMC/25/111

**To receive a report from police.**

- Police did not attend, no report received. Clerk to send reminders in future and to copy in Karen Cook (Chief Inspector Leek)
- Cllr Horton informed the meeting that Police had seized eleven motorbikes in the Ashbank area.
- Blue Bridge- Cllr Dabell, updated the meeting of improvements completed.

AMC/25/112

**To receive a report from SMDC Cllr or County Cllr (if available)**

- No attendance or report received from SMDC Cllr
- Cllr Batson and Cllr Knowles had meeting with new Cllr Egginton. Updated on speeding etc. He advised the discussion was positive.

AMC/25/113

**Account/Finance: To consider/Approve.**

- Cllr Batson approved and signed off June payment list and groundsman invoice.

AMC/25/114

**Planning Report**

- Cllr Horton had provided photographs and location of new unauthorised entrance at Jacksons Nursery. Clerk to send information requested by Planning Enforcement.
- Red Bank Farm - Cllr Horton has sent a number of emails to planning. No reply received. Cllr Dabell and Cllr Batson expressed their frustration about replies from the planning department. Clerk and Cllr Batson to draft email to senior management and copy in Ben Haywood at planning and the Ombudsman.
- BESS sites – Newfield site has been approved. Residents are not happy Cllr Batson to draft email for Clerk to send to planning.

AMC/25/115

**Footpaths**

- Footpath six. Cllr Batson has heard from Northern Footpaths society, they are preparing a report, Cllr Batson has asked Northern Footpaths to send in report.

- Cllr Horton asked if there is a cost or donation needed for this. Cllr Batson has said a donation is to be discussed.

AMC/25/116

### **Highways**

- Cllr Batson has met with new County Cllr last week They discussed speeding in the village, School Lane, and Clewlow's Bank. Cllr Batson has given them the data collected.
- Parishioner comments allowed in meeting due to late arrival- See public participation.
- Speeding on Stanley Rd was discussed- see Public Participation.
- Cllr Horton asked about gulleys. Cllr Batson informed that this was part of discussion had with Cllr Egginton.

AMC/25/117

### **Devolution**

- Cllr Batson gave an update.
- Going to committee next week for decisions to be made. Preferred option is a merger between N-u-L, S-o-T, Staffs Moorlands, Stone, Barlaston, East Staffs, parts of Uttoxeter.
- The public do not want this.
- Council to put in views by November 2025
- It will then go to London. A public consultation to be finished by March 2026. The secretary of state will then make a decision.
- To be laid out with a view to elections May 2027
- SCC are likely to put in a counter proposal.
- Cllr Horton asked about if there would be a mayor in position. Angela Rayner wants us to have a mayor and states if a mayor is in position more funding is received.

AMC/25/118

### **Defib**

- Cllr Krawiecki reported that all defibs are now in place.
- Cllr Horton asked about the large electric bill received. Cllr Dabell reported that money had been received. Cllr Knowles is still fighting to receive further reimbursement. £400 already received, ombudsman agrees this is not enough. To be investigated
- Cllr Krawiecki explained where the new defibs are located.
- Cllr Dabell asked about the spare defib. Unfortunately, it is now out of date. Cllr Dabell raised concerns that the two defibs are village based and there are no defibs positioned

in the lanes. Cllr Batson stated this needs to be looked at parish wide. The possible purchase of another defib will be discussed in the September meeting.

- Cllr Batson asked who the guardians are for the defibs. This was discussed at length. Cllr Dabell raised concerns about the checks. Cllr Krawiecki explained AED will replace parts if used. This must be clarified.

AMC/25/119

### **To Be Discussed**

- With immediate effect all emails are to go through the Clerk.
- Gov.uk emails- Clerk to get quotes.
- Website – Clerk and Cllr Knowles to look at the possibility of a new host once the current contract has ended. To be discussed in September meeting.
- Clerk to confirm 5 Cllrs attending Devolution meeting in Biddulph.