



BAGNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Meeting

Tuesday 9th June 2026 commencing at 7:00pm

held at Stafford Arms, Bagnall, ST9 9JR.

Minutes

Councillors in attendance – Sybil Ralphs, Les Knowles, Steve Horton , Tim Harper

Residents in attendance – 6

	Public Participation	Action Required by
09.06.241	• A parishioner asked when the verges and triangle on Thorney Edge Road would be reinstated. Cllr Egginton agreed to investigate the matter. The Clerk confirmed that she has been consulting with Severn Trent and will request an update by email. Cllr Egginton also confirmed that the signage on Thorney Edge Road is due to be replaced. • A parishioner asked Cllr Egginton why he had not responded to three telephone calls. Cllr Egginton apologised and confirmed that he would speak with the parishioner following the meeting. • Cllr Ralphs raised the issue of ditch clearance with Cllr Egginton, noting that Jack Haye Lane appeared not to have received attention while ditches in Werrington had been cleared. She asked whether this could be investigated, and Cllr Egginton agreed to do so. • Cllr Ralphs asked Cllr Egginton about the winter road gritting programme. She referred to previous gritting routes and highlighted Thorney Edge Road, particularly near Jackson's Nurseries, emphasising the importance of business access and staff safety. Cllr Egginton confirmed that he had spoken with Jackson's Nurseries and had asked Highways to add the road to the gritting route, which had now been done. He also discussed the new gritting programme and the need to identify the location, ownership, and condition of grit bins within the parish. The Clerk confirmed receipt of an email from Staffordshire County Council requesting this information. The Clerk further advised that a new grit bin costs £250,	Cllr Egginton and Clerk to enquire. Clerk to request update from Severn Trent. Cllr Egginton to investigate.

	with an additional £100 charge for filling. Cllr Egginton confirmed that, once he receives his Highways budget under the DHP, he will ask whether requests for additional grit bins can be included. He also confirmed that existing grit bins would be filled free of charge. Cllr Knowles noted that the Parish Council had previously asked the District Councillor for the relevant plan and had been advised to contact Highways. Cllr Beardmore informed the meeting that the plan is available on the council website. Cllr Ralphs expressed dissatisfaction that the Parish Council may be required to pay for grit to be placed in the grit bins. • A parishioner raised concerns regarding the litter bins located between Bagnall Heights and the Cricket Club, stating that the bins are frequently overflowing. He advised that he had contacted SMDC on several occasions to request an additional bin, but the matter had not yet been resolved. Cllr Egginton advised the Parish Council to contact Cllr Edwards. The Clerk will send an email requesting an additional bin.	Cllr Egginton to update following receipt of Highway budget. Clerk to email Cllr Edwards.
09.06.242	Apologies	
	• Cllr Batson (Chairman)	
09.06.243	Declarations of interest and dispensation	
	• None received.	
09.06.244	To consider and approve minutes from the last meeting	
	• ACM meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026, signed and approved.	
09.06.245	To receive a report from police	
	• Representatives from the Police were present at the meeting and confirmed that they had no matters to report. They invited questions from parishioners in attendance. Cllr Horton raised concerns regarding an increase in fly-tipping in the area. The Police advised that, where possible, they seek to identify those responsible for depositing the waste. • Cllr Egginton requested an update regarding a road traffic accident at the bottom of Clay Lake. The Police agreed to investigate the matter and report back to Cllr Egginton. • Cllr Beardmore brought to the attention of the Police concerns regarding the theft of sheep in the local area. The Police confirmed that they would follow up on the matter.	

	Any further areas of concern should be reported using the link provided below. https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/ro/report/	
09.06.246	AGAR Accounting Statements - The following reports were agreed and signed. 1) Publication date for – The exercise of public rights. 2) Annual Internal Audit Report 3) Annual Governance Statement 4) Accounting Statements The Clerk advised that the above documents will be available to view on the Parish Council Website from 10th June 2026.	
09.06.247	Matters Arising - Connect Fibre – placement of poles at Springsbank Quarry: Cllr Batson was due to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Connect Fibre. Cllr Horton asked whether the Parish Council had a contact at Connect Fibre. The Clerk will investigate this matter. An update will be provided at the July meeting. - Field track, Jack Haye Lane: Cllr Knowles and Cllr Horton informed the meeting that a track had been created. Enforcement has been notified. Cllr Ralphs requested that this item be added to the agenda for the next meeting. - Field hire: It was noted that a historical agreement had been in place for the Village Hall to hire out the field. The Clerk advised that she had not previously been aware of this agreement and confirmed that a formal procedure will be introduced for future hire arrangements. The Village Hall has agreed future field hire and the associated costs. The Clerk will consult with the Village Hall Committee to discuss future booking dates and the need for the Parish Council to oversee future bookings in the interests of all parties involved. - Grit bins: This matter had been discussed earlier in the meeting. - Springsbank Quarry: A request was made for further work to be conducted at the quarry. The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position. Cllr Knowles referred to the funds already spent in this area by the Parish Council. It was noted that the area has been inspected and that the trees at this location should not be pollarded. Any such work would require a qualified	Clerk to update in July meeting. Add to July agenda. Clerk to organise future field hire.

	tree surgeon, would be costly, and is not considered necessary, as the trees are not dangerous. Conservation approval would also be required and may incur further costs. Cllr Ralphs expressed concern and suggested that other residents in the area should be contacted for their views. Cllr Horton expressed concern about seeking residents' opinions on the matter. The Parish Council confirmed that it cannot commit to any further work at this time. Clerk to reply to resident.	Clerk to email resident.
09.06.248	To receive a report from SMDC District Cllr, County Cllr (if available)	
	• No apology or report was received from Cllr Edwards. • Cllr Egginton provided an update on Highways matters. He reported that overhanging trees on Tompkin Road had previously been reported and have now been cut down. Further trees requiring attention have also been reported to Highways. Cllr Egginton advised that he had been informed of an infestation of Himalayan balsam near the ford. He also reported that the gulley grid by Bagnall Heights has been completed. The gulley located at the top of Clewlow Bank remains an issue, and Cllr Egginton confirmed that he will investigate the matter again and report back. Flooding on Clewlow Bank was also discussed, and Cllr Ralphs asked Cllr Egginton to investigate this further. • Cllr Egginton confirmed that he has requested the installation of a speed box on Clewlow Bank. The device is due to be fitted to a post on Clewlow Bank in September. A member of the public suggested that the most appropriate location would be on the post outside his property, Brooklands. • The hedges at the bottom of Clewlow Bank have now been cut. It was noted that the original planning application states that they must be maintained. • Buttercross: Cllr Egginton has offered £1,000 towards the erection of fencing. The Clerk advised councillors of the necessary paperwork that may be required. The Parish Council must decide whether to apply for the relevant permissions. The Clerk asked Cllr Horton to consider the associated costs and required documentation. The Clerk has been in communication with Conservation, who advised that the following documentation may be required: planning permission, listed building consent, possible building regulation approval, a site location map, a statement of heritage significance and photographs of the site. All	Cllr Egginton to investigate flooding.

	councillors agreed to proceed. Cllr Horton will investigate the matter further and consult with the Clerk. Cllr Egginton discussed issues relating to large vehicles and advised that Google Maps can be used to identify areas unsuitable for certain vehicles. Cllr Horton advised that this requires verification by two people within ten days. The bridges near the golf club and cricket club were suggested as locations. Cllr Egginton will investigate this further.	Cllr Horton to investigate and report back to Clerk. Cllr Egginton to investigate.
09.06.249	Account/Finance: To Consider/Approve	
	- Financial year ending 31st March 2026 report was reviewed and signed. - May payments list was approved. - Street Services UK Ltd. – Play Park - £990 - GCP Accountancy Services – Audit - £250 - RGS Services – Grass cutting - £930.00 - Clerk Hours.	
09.06.250	Planning Reports	
	SMD/2025/0521 – Greenway Hall: The application has been referred to committee. DET/2026/0008 – Proposed Development: No further action will be taken. SMD/2026/0225 – Puddy Lane, Stanley: Erection of a single-storey side extension and replacement garage/store – Cllr Horton states he has no objection however there is no scale on existing drawings. Cllr Horton will send information to the Clerk. SMD/2023/0065 – Kerry Hill Farm, Dog Exercise Paddock: Cllr Horton reported that enforcement had written to then in March asking that all equipment, hardcore and temporary garage be removed by the end of April. The PC have received another email from enforcement stating they have contacted the owner of the field now and they have given them an explanation of why the equipment is there, but they did not share what the explanation was. Cllr Ralphs that the PC demand a meeting. Clerk to follow up. BESS – Various BESS sites were discussed. Cllr Batson will be submitting comments on current applications. SMD/2026/0254 – White Gate, Clewloes Bank: Application for the conversion of a six-bedroom house into a children's care home. The application was discussed by all councillors. Cllr Ralphs noted that there	Cllr Horton to provide Clerk with comments. Clerk to follow up. Cllr Batson to provide comments.

	are already four children's homes in Bagnall and that these have not caused any local issues. No councillors raised any objections. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not submit comments at this stage and would await any concerns raised by members of the public, which could then be discussed at the July meeting.	
09.06.251	Devolution	
	• Cllr Knowles and Cllr Batson attended a video conference regarding Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Both councillors agreed that the content was more relevant to town councils. Cllr Knowles stated that Cllr Flunder CC had requested a meeting with himself and Cllr Ralphs to discuss LGR. Cllr Flunder advised that the Council was no further forward in relation to LGR. • The deadline for a decision to be made is 28 July 26. • It was noted that the Labour Party fully supports LGR. • It was noted that Reform UK is opposed to LGR. • Cllr Knowles stated he will no longer contribute his time and effort to work streams being followed to implement LGR. He will continue to attend meetings of the Parish Assembly on 25 June 2026 and the Town and Parish meeting on 19 June 2026. He advised that he intends to ask where the funding for LGR will come from and to state that the community does not support LGR. • Cllr Beardmore stated that there had been no consultation and that the Council had spent thousands of pounds engaging independent companies to assist with LGR.	
09.06.252	Buttercross	
	• Discussed earlier	
09.06.253	Footpaths	
	• Footpath 12 was reported to Environmental Health due to a foul odour. Environmental Health subsequently advised that the location could not be identified. The Clerk will provide further information to Environmental Health. An update will be provided at the July meeting.	Clerk to contact EH
09.06.254	Highways	
	• Discussed earlier.	
09.06.255	Play Park	
	• The Clerk advised members that Cllr Edwards will donate £250 from her community fund towards the play	

	park. Future fundraising events will provide additional funds to support the purchase of further equipment. The Clerk suggested that a post be placed on the Parish Council Facebook page inviting residents to comment on the type of equipment they would like to see installed.	Clerk to add post to PC Facebook page.
09.06.256	Funding Opportunities	
	The Clerk advised members of funding opportunities available to the Parish Council. Cllr Harper agreed to research potential funding sources and submit applications once the necessary planning permissions and associated arrangements are in place for relevant projects, including Buttercross. The Clerk will forward the funding information to Cllr Harper.	Cllr Harper to investigate funding opportunities.
09.06.257	Defibrillator Village Hall	
	Cllr Harper agreed to complete defibrillator training in August and to assume the role of guardian for both defibrillators. The Clerk will send the relevant training information to Cllr Harper.	Clerk to send training info.
09.06.258	Councillor Responsibilities	
	- In addition to previous agreements - Councillor Knowles – Parish assembly. - Councillor Ralphs – LGR.	