

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2011

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mr C Savery, Mrs F Hughes, Mrs B Sharpe,
Mr P Davies, Mrs K Law.
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
CSO J St John-Martin.
5 members of the public.

VANDALISM IN THE VILLAGE

CSO St John-Martin said that the number of patrols in the village had increased, and would remain at a high level. There were other enquiries which were presently ongoing. However, all future incidents should continue to be reported to the police.
Mr P Davies reported that the village had been very quiet.
Mr Chambers said the young people were no longer meeting on the station.
The Chairman thanked CSO St John-Martin, who then left the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr W Davies.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: It was unanimously agreed that Mr Hughes continue in post as Chairman.

Vice Chairman: It was likewise unanimously agreed that Mr Owen remain in post as Vice Chairman.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Hay-Campbell requested that a representative of the Parish Council join the PCC Steering Group re: refurbishment of the church. After discussion, Clerk was instructed to Agenda this for the next Parish Council meeting.

Mr Chambers reported that the WI had agreed procedures with Network Rail and had resumed gardening duties at the railway station. Access to the platform was via a locked gate, the WI being issued with a key.

Mrs Jackson said that 14 people had attended a safety meeting organised by Network Rail, and this had proved very useful, particularly communicating with train drivers. High visibility jackets had been provided. The WI had decided to change to a low maintenance, wildflower type garden because of the difficulty in carrying water.

Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the WI for their persistence in finally achieving this happy outcome.

Mr Chambers said the litter picking group was still in existence, but on an individual basis because of Health & Safety restrictions. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mike Starr, who was in charge. It was a case of people of the village taking care of the village.

Mr Chambers also said that the dog fouling problem seems to have improved. However Mr Hartin said he had just received a complaint about it.

The Bedstone College buses travel through the village very fast, driven by both men and women. Clerk to write a letter of complaint to Mr Symonds, Head Teacher.

Clerk was also asked to write letters of thanks to Mrs Carolyn Reader who maintains the website, and Ray Davies whose work is essential to keep the village tidy.

Mrs Sharpe mentioned that she had not received a copy of the Parish Plan. Clerk to write to the PPSG.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5.4.11

Agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

White posts on the village green: A quotation of £255 + VAT had been received from B & J Davies to replace rotten posts, painting and chains. Clerk to write to ask how many posts were involved.

The metal furniture on the green badly needed repainting. Chairman to ask Ray Davies to do this.

ROADS

Mr Hartin said that a recent heavy storm had resulted in a pile of mud at The Willows. A JCB and a lorry had been there today to clear it up.

PLANNING

There were no applications for consideration, nor any decisions to be reported by the planning authority.

Mr Hartin said that the charge for new housing was now £4,000 - £5,000 across the county.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards had submitted a written report, new items as follows:

There was a well attended street party for the Royal Wedding held on the Recreation Ground on Friday 29 April.

It had been necessary to replace a number of posts around the play area as they were becoming loose and unsafe. Also a post and rails on the corner of the disabled car park had to be replaced.

RoSPA had been instructed to carry out the inspection of the play areas, this to be carried out in July.

It was hoped that the repairs to the fence at the School Garden Play Area could be carried out before the RoSPA inspection.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

The next training day would be held on Saturday 11 June, either at Clungunford or Llanfairwaterdine. Date and venue to be confirmed.

Collection boxes were being put in the pubs, this has proved to be quite lucrative.

It was anticipated that a Press Release would be issued soon.

Mr Savery reported that Bedstone School were keen to have their own AED, but there should be one available at all times for the village, and it was not known how this would work out.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire Council letter re: Oak Tree at Bedstone adjacent to B4367. This needed substantial trimming as it was becoming unsafe. Mr Savery had discussed this matter with Ms Siobhan Reedy, Tree Officer.

Mr Savery also said that the Coronation Oak would have to be felled owing to disease, and would establish whose responsibility this would be. It was suggested that another tree be planted in its place, variety to be decided upon.

Shrops Council letter + enclosures re: Diversion of BOAT 51, near Lower Lye. After discussion the Parish Council had no objection to this.

Shrops Council letter + enclosed booklets re: Sustainability, Energy and Carbon Reduction Advice. To Post Office.

HOWLTA newsletter. To Post Office.

Letter from Andy Mortimer, Planning Officer, re: Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan.

Shrops Council letter + enclosure re: Adoption of the Type and Affordability of Housing SPD.

Shrops Council letter re: "A" Boards Approach – Issues and Enforcement. Not relevant in this parish.

FINANCE

Bank balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£13,654.59
(includes £12,000 Precept deposited on 20.4.11)	
Of which: Parish Plan account =	£1,014.49
Parish Council acct =	£12,640.10.

Business Base Rate Tracker account	£9,929.14.
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It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Aon Limited (insurance)	£641.82
Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£142.32
Bucknell Memorial Hall (hire for AED training day)	£20.00
Npower (energy charge Mar 11 qtr)	£174.94
Midlands Air Ambulance (donation)	£100.00.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 June 2011 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

The meetings in July and November would be held in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall. Mr Savery to book these dates.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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