

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2014 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Miss B Stone (Vice Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr J Kemp,
Mr C Savery, Mrs B Sharpe, Mr A Faulkner.
8 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr S Davies mentioned several items, viz:

Bad road surface and damaged verges in Weston Road. Clerk to email Mr Ian Martin to ask re: current situation.

Speed of traffic in Weston Road, was it possible to have a speed monitor? Chairman said this would be difficult.

New development – would this include the provision of street lights? Chairman replied that this would only be done on completion of the development, there was an option to build phase 2.

Street light opposite Euxton House still not working. Clerk to investigate.

Mr Chambers reported that the junction between Mynd Lane and Dog Kennel Lane was dangerous, particularly in view of the speed of traffic. Additional signage was needed.

Mr Shearing said that only two of the arches on the river bridge at Lower Lye were operational. Clerk confirmed that this had been reported, and would chase up.

Lack of mobile phone coverage, for instance at Honey Hole. Other not-spots should be reported, with a view to getting the LJC involved. Mathew Mead to be informed.

Mr Chambers reported that the new level crossing half-barriers were due to be installed during May. Mr S Davies said that the next crossing down (access to Wheatley Cottage) had a damaged gate. Clerk to report this.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr P Davies, Mrs F Hughes.

Shropshire Councillor N Hartin (possible late arrival).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared an interest in the AED/CFR schemes, and the Bucknell Show.

Mr Kemp declared an interest in the Bucknell Show.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4.3.14

Under “Matters Arising – Brash in the hedge at the Causeway”. First sentence should start: “The Chairman said that John Edwards would sort this . . .”

Under “Church Redevelopment Group”. Final line should read: “. . . wall dated 19th August 1996.”

Subject to these corrections the Minutes were then approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

Bucknell school report. Not available.

Condition of phone boxes. Clerk was in contact with the person in Clunbury.

School garden play area. The “Betty Bee” spring toy should be installed later this week. Ray Davies had cleaned the play equipment.

Brash along the river. This had been reported to the relevant authority.

Depth gauge at Seabridge Meadow. This had also been reported to the relevant authority.

Parish newsletter. Costings not yet to hand.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES

There was an increasing need for more volunteers, at present it was difficult to cover the rota.

The unit at the Sitwell Arms was not yet operational.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Report from Steering Group. Miss Edwards reported that there was a crack in the floor of the changing rooms which the Builder was due to repair this week.

The changing rooms needed approximately two more days’ work for completion.

Miss Edwards had spoken to the Builder re: the costs of the foundations for the new hall. The planning permission was due to expire in August, and so decisions would have to be made regarding reapplication and whether downsizing was an option.

Quotes for grasscutting. Miss Edwards had received a verbal quote from a Contractor in Knighton for £1,050.

Chris Tranter (who did the mowing last year) had quoted £75 per cut, which would equate to around £900 depending on how many cuts were needed. After discussion, the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council be invoiced every other month, starting with the April invoice. This was approved unanimously.

It was resolved that this matter be discussed annually.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT GROUP

Miss Stone reported that fundraising was still ongoing for phase 2 of the project.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee had no objection to the installation of the toilet, etc.

The reinstatement work of reseeding grass, etc has been done and the area roped off.

WEBSITE

Mr Jackson reported that the domain name had been renewed, which meant that the old site could not be closed down. Clerk to write to Mrs Carolyn Reader and ask her to cancel the next renewal.

BUCKNELL SHOW

Mr Kemp reported that there was a lot of work to be done and volunteers were needed. A meeting was scheduled for tomorrow. Fund raising events were to be held and publicity organised.

Stands. Mr Kemp asked whether the Parish Council should have a stand (table) at the Show, also something from Bedstone, and/or the College.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Clerk had attended the last meeting, and reported as follows:

The LJC had primarily two roles: one to provide a forum where guest speakers gave presentations on issues important to the local area, and the second role was to decide on the allocation of LJC funding.

The first role re: speakers should continue. There was £500 left in the budget, SpArc to be approached to see if they had any requirements.

Grants still available included lottery funding, charitable trusts, Community Infrastructure Levy, and new European funding sources. These could support community projects, but there did not appear to be a fund the LJC could apply to which could deliver a small grants scheme. It was suggested local businesses could be approached to contribute towards a small grant fund, in return for publicity for their organisation. Enquiries to be made re: LJC having its own bank account for this. The LJC was currently a formal committee of Shropshire Council, it was agreed this should continue.

A further meeting to discuss the future of the LJC was scheduled for 14th May at 6pm in Clungunford Village Hall.

ROADS

Street lights. Clerk still investigating.

Trees: Causeway. Still awaiting information from Nick Coull, Bucknell Nurseries.

Chapel Lawn Road. Conditions were improving re: this work.

Bedstone Road: hedges. Nothing to report at present.

Redlake Meadow: road surface. This work should have been done by now.

Salt bin at the top of Mynd Lane. This had been reported to Highways. It was expected this would not be replaced until the autumn.

PLANNING

There were no applications for consideration.

Application No. 14/00406/TCA. Removal of 4 poplar trees at Leafy Nook, Bucknell. Shropshire Council had no objection to this work.

SAMDev and Bucknell Village – new consultation period. Mr W Davies declared an interest. After discussion it was agreed on a show of hands that the Parish Council strongly agreed with the proposals for Bucknell. Clerk to reply in this vein. (Mr W Davies did not vote.)

STANDING ORDERS

Items 16 to 25 were discussed and amended to suit this Parish Council. Clerk to distribute complete amended Standing Orders to all Councillors in due course.

CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight leaflets. Distributed to those present.

FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£1,525.45
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,945.25
Of which: Parish Plan account	1,014.49	
Parish Council account	9,930.76.	

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary March 14))	£198.62
HMRC (PAYE March 14))	£35.60
Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)		£225.00.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Plan. Clerk to contact Ian Graves asking whether the Parish Plan was likely to be updated in the light of the anticipated CIL payment.

Financial Regulations. Clerk to update these and circulate to all Councillors for consideration.

Emergency Planning meeting. Mr Kemp to report on this at the next meeting.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting and will be held on Tuesday 6th May 2014 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.