

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2015 In Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Planning application Weir House. Mrs M Hughes detailed her objections to this application. Mrs Percival also objected and tabled a petition which she had organised in the village.

The Applicant responded to these objections.

Planning application Riverside, Redlake Meadow. Mr Willson hoped the Parish Council would object to this application despite the reduced number of houses proposed.

Proposed War Memorial. Mrs Meredith said that it was necessary to obtain a faculty for this and that the diocese required more information, including how the money would be raised. One quotation had been received for £5,000. The Steering Group comprised only three people at present, and representatives from the Parish Council and other village organisations would be welcome to help move this forward.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr W Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Miss Stone declared an interest in the Riverside planning application.

Mrs Sharpe declared an interest in the Riverlea planning application.

Mr Owen declared an interest in the AED/CFR schemes.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3.3.15

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Bucknell school report. Not available.

Public telephone boxes. Clerk had established that the phone boxes in Bucknell and Bedstone were not on the original closure list.

BT Payphones had sent notification inviting Parish Councils to “Adopt a Kiosk for as little at £1”. This would involve BT removing the payphone equipment. It was considered important to retain working public telephones as mobile reception was patchy in the parish.

Parish newsletter. Mr Kemp said a volunteer had come forward to take this on.

Revision of Parish Plan. Miss Stone reported that a meeting had been held last month to form a committee and another meeting would be held soon.

Footpath wicket at The Hales. Miss Stone said this had been replaced by a wicket gate, which tended to self-close, thereby solving the problem.

Dog fouling. Clerk to establish whether the garage could accommodate the dog waste bag dispenser.

PLANNING

Application No. 15/01153/FUL. Detached house and garage, and new vehicular access at Weir House. After discussion it was decided on a show of hands: 5 in favour, 2 against, to object as follows:

The colour and materials of the proposed new house did not fit in with the local houses. No other house had orange bricks.

The 2-storey garage would be sited 5 feet above the road and would be an eyesore, and would be unfair on the dwellings opposite.

The new entrance would not provide adequate and safe visibility along Chapel Lawn Road for emerging vehicles.

Application No. 15/00893/FUL. Replacement commercial building at Riverlea. Supported on a show of hands: 6 in favour with one abstention.

Application No. 14/00340/OUT. Outline application for 9 dwellings at Riverside, adjacent to Redlake Meadow. After discussion it was agreed: 6 in favour with one abstention, to object with the same criteria as previous applications on this site, viz:

This could distract from the development of the brownfield site at the timber yard/station yard.

Bucknell has an inadequate sewerage system.

Extra cars (possibly 2 per dwelling) exiting onto Bedstone Road and through the village.

Goes against the Parish Plan.

Hardly anyone in the village wanted this development as evidenced in a public meeting held to gauge local opinion on all proposed development sites (SAMDev),

Application No. 15/01315/TCA. Tree works at The Hall, Bucknell. Mr Kemp declared an interest and did not comment. Supported by all other Councillors present.

The following applications had been granted:

No. 14/02278/FUL. Change of Use to Licensed Touring Campsite, hardstandings, utility block, biomass boiler, and associated works at the Baron of Beef.

No. 14/02808/FUL. Single storey extension at Seabridge Cottage, Bridgend Lane.

VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

A letter of application had been received from Mr Ian Graves, and after discussion it was agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr Graves onto the Parish Council.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES

Nothing to report at present.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

It was suggested that the Minutes of the Memorial Hall Committee be made public, Miss Edwards said that the Constitution (dating from the early 1950s) specified that Minutes be distributed to committee members only.

Miss Edwards said that the insurance was approximately £500 per year, total expenses around £1,500pa, and requested that the Parish Council help with the cost of grasscutting again this year.

To be put on the next Agenda.

PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL

To be put on the next Agenda with a view to appointing a representative to join the Steering Group.

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE COMMITTEE

NHS Future Fit. It was hoped to have a Minor Injuries Unit in Bishops Castle, but it was not known how this would affect cross-border links as Knighton was much nearer to the parish.

ROADS:

Street lamp failures had been reported.

Redlake Meadow. Nothing to report at present.

Old Bedstone Road. Nothing to report at present.

Dog Kennel Lane signs. Nothing to report at present.

Resurfacing of Weston Road. No information to hand.

The Mynd. Mr Savery reported that the resurfacing work had been done without sorting out the drainage first.

Daffodil Lane. Two gullies had been put in at the end of the lane.

Pot hole at the school entrance. Clerk to report this.

Trees at the Causeway. Still awaiting quotations.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Spotlight” leaflets for April.

Email from Mr Hay-Campbell thanking the Parish Council for its grant of £500 towards the refurbishment of the church doors.

Letter from Mr R Bates who had been appointed Health & Safety Officer for St Mary’s Church, asking to meet a Parish Councillor regarding potential problems in the churchyard. The Chairman said that the steps down onto Chapel Lawn Road were in disrepair.

FINANCES

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	2,546.38
Business Base Rate Tracker account	10,952.06

Of which:	Parish Plan account	1,014.49
	Bedstone churchyard wall grant	3,000.00
	Parish Council account	6,937.57.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

N Adams (salary March 2015))	£198.62
HMRC (PAYE))	£35.60
SALC (Subs)		£304.62
Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc, March 2015)		£282.60.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Five-year plan for trees. This to be investigated. Mr Savery said that landowners were required to inspect their trees every three years. To be put on the next Agenda.

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 5th May 2015 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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