

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 August 2011

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mr W Davies, Mrs F Hughes, Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies, Mrs K Law.
5 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Chairman informed the meeting that the 150th anniversary of the local railway line was to be celebrated on 24 August. A costume event was planned at the Norton Hotel in Knighton and it was hoped that some celebrations would be held at Bucknell station.

The Chairman also referred to the damage to the children's play area when the tower and the slide had been deliberately damaged, even to the point of screws being removed and the equipment partially dismantled. The police were investigating, and had been in contact with the parents of the culprits, who had offered to repair the play items. However, it was thought that the Company which installed the equipment should do the repair, to ensure that the insurance was not compromised.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr C Savery.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5.7.11

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

MATTERS ARISING:

New post box in Weston Road. Letter had been received from Royal Mail stating that no additional post boxes could be provided owing to financial constraints.

Litter bin at station car park/Weston Road. Letter had been received from Mr A Meyrick from Shropshire Council suggesting that the litter bin near the school be relocated to the station car park opposite the shop. After discussion it was decided that the litter bin by the school was required in situ, and an additional bin should be provided by the station.

White posts on the village green. Mr P Davies declared a personal interest and Mr W Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting while this and the following item were discussed. A quotation from B & J Davies for £305 plus VAT, which included replacement of five posts and new chains where needed was discussed, and approved on a show of hands.

Seat on Common Land at Chapel Lawn Road. B & J Davies quoted for one Square Wooden Bench Table at £115 plus VAT, and one Bench Seat with Back at £90 plus VAT. Approved on a show of hands. Mr Carter to liaise with Mr W Davies regarding a concrete plinth.

Schools reorganisation. It was understood that Clun/Clunbury/Newcastle/Bucknell schools were to start serious discussions in the autumn.

School garden play area. Dealt with in the Open Discussion. Mr Carter said that he had not carried out the repairs to the fence during term time, but would do so during the summer holidays.

Metal bench on the village green. Mr Ray Davies had painted the bench as requested.

Bedstone village hall signs. Mr Savery had reported that these were in place.

Trees in Redlake Meadow. Clerk had written to Ms Siobhan Reedy asking for written confirmation of the decisions arrived at during the recent site meeting, but Ms Reedy was on holiday and would reply in due course. Mr Owen said that subsequent to the site meeting, Severn Trent were to adopt the drains and they would be in discussions with Shropshire Council should the trees cause damage.

Horse chestnut tree opposite the garage. It was understood that Shropshire Council had instructed the owners to have the tree felled, but it appeared to be very healthy.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

Mr Owen reported that there were six operators in Bucknell, but more were needed as cover during the day was a problem, although so far this had been maintained. The aim was to reach the casualty within six minutes.

Fund raising was continuing. There was to be a quiz at the end of this month, £1 a sheet. Also football cards, £1 per team, £20 to win, £20 to the AED scheme.

The next training day was scheduled for 14 August 10am to 2pm at Aston on Clun village hall.

Charity status was being applied for, and Trustees would need to be appointed.

ROADS

Top dressing of some roads through the village had been done.

New street light still not yet connected up. Clerk to chase.

Shielded street light in Weston Road. The Chairman explained that the shielding paint had had to be removed because of road safety. Mrs Davies thanked the Parish Council from the floor on behalf of herself and her neighbours, and the parishioner who had brought up the road safety issue. Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Graves to explain the situation.

PLANNING

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

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

Following on from the discussion at last month's meeting regarding the Planning that had lapsed on the new Memorial Hall, Mr Hartin had been in contact with Shropshire Council who had agreed that they could reapply FOC.

RoSPA had inspected the play areas on 1 July and a written report was awaited.

Plastering was due to take place in the changing rooms last week and it was believed this was being finished off today. This would complete all the works to be undertaken by the builder David Bright. Any painting work would be carried out by the Football club and volunteers.

The possibility of running the heating and showers off gas was being looked at by the builder but as yet no costs had been established.

Bench seating, electrics and other internal works were still to be completed. The Football club have had offers of work but until completion by the builder it was not known what this work involved.

A street party at the Recreation Ground was being planned for the Diamond Jubilee in June 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight Magazine. Copies distributed to all Councillors present.

Shropshire Council letter + enclosure re: Polling Districts and Polling Places Review.

HOWLTA Newsletter + enclosures.

Shropshire Council letter + enclosed posters re: social care review. To notice boards.

FINANCE

Account balances were reported as:

Community current account		£11,758.84
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£10,744.35	
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£9,930.03.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Shropshire Council (direction signs for Bedstone Village Hall)	£250.00
Npower (energy charge June 11 qtr)	£176.87
Prysmian Cables & Systems (new street light)	£565.20
Mrs N Adams (expenses to July 2011)	£180.74
IJ & DJ Gough (grasscutting in Chapel Lawn Road)	£152.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting + paint for metal bench)	£166.16.

PAYE scheme. Clerk said she had spoken to her husband's Accountant, Mrs Mullard Davies, who had agreed that the system was seriously flawed, but nevertheless there was no alternative but to instigate a PAYE scheme. Clerk asked for authorisation to ask Mrs Mullard Davies to set up such a scheme. This was unanimously agreed by all Councillors present.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Alpha Stud. Mr Owen said there were still problems with effluent draining onto the road. This generally happened twice a day. Ms Bronwen Hutchings from Shropshire Council had been informed.

Where the hedge had been demolished in a road accident recently, the fence installed to replace it was in the correct position to allow vehicles proper use of the full width of the road. Clerk to write to Highways to ask them to make a site visit.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 September 2011 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

THH/NEA
3.8.11