

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2010

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mr P Davies, Mrs B Sharpe, Mr C Savery, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

14 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Clerk had brought to the meeting the salt bin which the Parish Council had ordered. Mrs Fraser said that a similar bin was needed in Bridge End Lane. Mrs Evans said a salt bin was also needed in Weston Road.

Mrs Evans detailed at length the concerns which several residents of Weston Road had regarding the proposed allotments, specifically:
Residents had not been consulted about the proposal,
Extra traffic and problems with parking,
Allotments not being cared for,
Screening was not adequate,
Other land was available in the village,
Who to complain to in the case of problems.

The Chairman stated that Parish Councils were obliged by law to find land for allotments should parishioners ask for them. An extensive search had been made for suitable land within the village without success. Local residents had not been consulted because no planning approval was required. Bucknell Allotments Association had been formed to take this project forward and would ensure that the allotments were very well run indeed. If there were unsolvable problems and the allotments were disbanded, the land would revert to the Parish Council. Bucknell Allotments Association were responsible for all aspects of the allotments, and merely reported monthly at the Parish Council meeting. The Chairman considered that the new houses would generate more traffic than the allotments. Any complaint should be referred to the Allotments Association. No-one was entitled to a "view" from their window. Mrs Fraser confirmed that no other suitable land was available, and that the allotments would be for "green" local residents, who would tend to walk or cycle, but a parking area was planned on site. The existing hedge could be grown higher to screen the site. Mrs Evans was concerned that as the turning circle was essential for elderly residents, it should not be used for parking. The Chairman replied that if necessary a "No Parking" notice could be provided.

Mrs Edwards said that a Street Clean Warden had been appointed by Shropshire Council, who would come to the village once a month on an ad hoc basis, and would have the power to fine people who did not clean up after their dogs. The Chairman thought it would be useful to know when the Warden's visits were taking place, so that any effectiveness could be measured. Mr Hartin said that Deep Cleans were being done in small communities as required.

Miss Edwards said that the street light by the school was out. The previously reported street lights had been mended.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs F Hughes, Mr W Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1.12.09

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Allotments. Dealt with in the Open Meeting.

Tourism Signs at The Turnpike. These have been ordered and it was understood that the Landlord of the Baron of Beef would pay for them. The Parish Council may make a contribution of up to £200.

Salt Bins. The new salt bin would be positioned at the top of Red Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk order two more bins, one for Bridge End Lane, and one for Weston Road.

New Website Manager. Chairman to write to Mrs Reader.

Tree on Common Land, Chapel Lawn Road. The Chairman and Vice Chairman considered that it would be preferable to clear the trees from this small site as there were implications for possible damage to power lines and nearby houses. A quotation of £560 had been received for this work.

ROADS

Street light mentioned in the Open Meeting to be reported by the Clerk.

Mr Hartin said there were a lot of pot holes around following the recent bad weather. The Chairman said that some of the pot holes

on the turning area opposite the Tyndings had been repaired. Clerk to check whether the Parish Council had asked Shropshire Council to maintain the turning area for the buses. Bridge End Lane was also in a poor state.

No news regarding the proposed new street light, nor the shade on the light down The Causeway. Clerk to chase these up.

Mr P Davies left the meeting at this point.

PLANNING

The following applications were received between meetings and no comment made:

No. 09/03535/FUL Extension at Foxwood, School House Lane, Bucknell.

No. 10/00064/TCA Tree works at Bedstone College.

No. 09/03923/COU Agricultural land to domestic curtilage at 1 Rose Cottages, Bedstone.

These actions were approved by all Councillors present.

Application No. 09/03091/OUT Thirty dwellings, business and industrial use at the Coal and Timber Yard/Railway Sidings at Bucknell. The Vice Chairman had attended a site meeting with the Planning Committee at which it was decided to delay this by up to 13 weeks so that wildlife surveys, etc, can take place. Also a contamination survey would be required.

Application No. 10/00055/FUL Extension at Orchard House, Bucknell. No Comment. Chairman to put this Application in the Post Office.

The following Applications had been granted:

No. 09/02890/LBC Internal alterations, etc, at The Old Farm House, Lower Lye, Bucknell.

No. 09/03403/FUL Extension to classroom block at Bedstone College.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Graves reported that copies of the raw data from the survey would be available in various places around the parish. The initial plan to be drafted out, and when finalised, this would be brought to the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Mr Graves and his team for producing the information to date, but cautioned that at the moment it was a survey and would need to be interpreted. The Chairman suggested that the prime target should be the new village hall.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Mrs Edwards said the committee was still looking for funds. The new Parish Plan would aid future applications.

Miss Edwards said that the new gates and entrance had now been done. The Football Club had applied for a £500 grant towards the hire of mobile toilets. These would now be able to use the on site water supply. As the Parish Council had made a donation of £200 last year, Councillors agreed unanimously on a show of hands to repeat the donation.

FINAN CE

Account balances were reported as

Community current account		£11,215.31
Comprising:		
Parish Plan	£2,204.46	
Parish Council	£8,930.85	
Business Base Rate Tracker		£1,926.87.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Npower (energy charge Dec 09 qtr)	£117.05
Mrs N Adams (salary Dec 09 qtr)	£313.60
(expenses/use of home/computer 2009)	£336.22
Mrs C A Reader (website internet fee)	£41.40
Mazars (external audit fee)	£327.75
Bucknell Memorial Hall (hire for Parish Plan mtg)	£6.00
BR & SC Green (petrol for mower)	£64.38
Mr T Hughes (salt for church paths)	£6.50
Bucknell Memorial Hall (hire for Parish Council mtgs)	£64.00
Mr R Davies (grasscutting etc)	£116.00
Bucknell Football Club (grant towards mobile toilets)	£200.00.

Precept for financial year 2010/2011. The Clerk tabled a discussion document, and after consideration it was decided on a show of hands, four in favour and one against, to apply for a Precept of £11,466.00.

Accounts to year ended 31.3.09. The Annual Return had been received back from the External Auditor with a few minor comments, but requiring that the Parish Council consider adopting Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Clerk to investigate.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire Council letter + enclosure re: Rural Community Engagement.

Shrops Council letter + enclosure re: Charter for more effective Local Government.

Shrops Council letter re: Local Development Framework Local Joint Committee Agenda and Mins.

Shropshire's Community Strategy 2010-2020 Highlights HOWLTA Newsletter Winter 2009/10.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 March 2010 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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4.2.10

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A Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 March 2010 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2.2.10

MATTERS ARISING:

Allotments

Tourism Signs at The Turnpike

Salt Bins

Vacancy for Website Manager

Trees on Common Land, Chapel Lawn Road

ROADS:

Report of road conditions/street lamp failures

Proposed new street light

Car parking near the school

PLANNING:

To consider applications received

To note decisions reported by Planning Authority

PARISH PLAN

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT:

Report from Steering Group

FINANCE:

To note account balances

To approve settlement of accounts

CORRESPONDENCE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

N E Adams
23.2.10