

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 February 2012

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs K Law,
Mr C Carter, Mr P Davies, Mr C Savery.
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
5 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Main celebration to be held on 4 June. An informal meeting of 15 interested parishioners had been held. Any profit made would be divided between the Air Ambulance, Clun Valley AED scheme, and Daffodil Lane Development charities, but an injection of money was needed to get things started. The Chairman said that an official committee should be formed with Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, to receive any funds, and suggested an initial donation of £200, with further funding if required.

Miss Cooke, Head Teacher of Bucknell School, suggested the children could perform a selection of songs, parishioners would be invited and charged a small entry fee which could go towards the fund raising.

Mr Kemp said the suggested structure of the celebration would be along the lines of a fun sports day, followed by a barbeque or hog roast, and ending with a bonfire on Bucknell Hill. Mr P Davies gave permission for the bonfire to be held.

Mugs. After discussion it was agreed that a mug should be given to each child in the village up to the age of 16 plus those children from outside the parish who attended the village school. The Jubilee Committee would investigate this.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs F Hughes, Mr W Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3.1.12

Under "Open Discussion – Pot holes", omit last sentence. Subject to this correction, the Minutes were then approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Chairman proposed a donation from the Parish Council for the price of the mugs plus £200 as a first tranche. This was approved unanimously on a show of hands.

Bucknell school. Miss Cooke reported that there were 44 pupils and this reflected on the funding. There was pressure to federate with other schools, and money had been

saved by co-operating together, by bulk buying items. Grants had been obtained for new tables and IT equipment, among others.

Mr Hartin said that the affordable houses to be built in Weston Road would be three bedroomed homes and presumably would be occupied by families with children.

Miss Cooke said the school had received a good Ofsted report, and a good Church Ofsted report.

The Chairman thanked Miss Cooke, who then left the meeting.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

Mr Owen said that Bucknell AED scheme had been in place for 10 months and had raised £2,700 in that time, which covered the cost of the two defibrillators in the village. Eleven volunteers had been trained, more would be helpful.

Possibly a unit could be based in Bedstone.

The next training day was scheduled in April, details to follow.

Shropshire Council had provided an A4 map of the parish, but the scale was too small.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The next meeting was scheduled for next Thursday, 9 February at the SpARC centre in Bishops Castle.

ROADS:

Footbridge at Seabridge Meadow. Mr Hartin reported that Mr John Williams from Shropshire Council had scheduled work to repair and paint the bridge week commencing 24 February.

Refuse collection. Mr Owen had received complaints that after wheelie bins and boxes had been emptied they were left blocking pavements, thereby inconveniencing members of the parish. Clerk to write to the relevant authority.

PLANNING:

Application No. 12/00438/TCA. Tree works at Orchard House, Bedstone. Mr Savery declared a personal and prejudicial interest. No objection by the remaining Councillors.

Application No. 11/05571/COU. Change of use from shop/tea room to residential accommodation at The Willows, Chapel Lawn Road. No objection.

Application No. 12/00250/TCA. Tree works at Bedstone College. No objection.

Application No. 11/05081/FUL. Conversions and alterations, detached garage, etc. at The Lampitts, Mynd, had been granted.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The heating system and showers had been installed in the changing rooms, the next stage was to obtain a generator to enable these to function.

Craven Dunhill had quoted a price of £1,200 for all the required floor tiles from discontinued lines, which was almost half the showroom cost. Samples were awaited to see if they were suitable.

B&Q had said they had a grant for consumables such as paint, doors, etc.

The Football Club had agreed to show the players around the changing rooms before the next home match and ask if anybody could spare some time to help with the work. The Football Club had received an offer of electrical works which they would arrange in the next few weeks.

Mrs Edwards had spoken to Mrs Wilkie regarding the use of the recreation ground for the jubilee celebrations.

There were more reports of dog fouling around the football pitch. The Dog Warden had offered some signage, and Miss Edwards would contact Mr Alan Meyrick of the Street Scene Department. The Clerk gave Miss Edwards some dog fouling signs with cable ties from Parish Council files.

Letter from Mr Graves & Chairman's reply. Mr Graves had offered to take on the perennial problem of dog fouling and requested £50 for stationery, printing, etc. This was approved unanimously on a show of hands, this sum to be taken from the Parish Plan account.

Mr Graves also mentioned the provision of a bus shelter. The Chairman had replied that this matter had been thoroughly investigated in the past and was found not to be viable.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Spotlight” magazine. Copies distributed to those present.

Severn Hospice letter requesting donation. It was agreed to donate £50.

FINANCE:

Incoming: VAT refund of £1,247.04.

Bank balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£7649.68
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£6,635.19	
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£9,932.51.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary January 12))	£123.60
HMRC (PAYE January 12))	£31.00
Npower (energy charge December 11 qtr)		£178.82
Severn Hospice (donation)		£50.00
Bucknell Nurseries (tree works at Chapel Lawn Road)		£182.00
Teme Valley Tractors (repairs to mower)		£103.03
SSG Garden & Timber Products (picnic bench)		£190.00*

Benches/Seats.

There were 2 benches in store at the timber yard for the jubilee year, one for Bucknell, and possibly one for Bedstone, Mr Savery to make enquiries. Mr Carter to quote for concrete plinths.

* **SSG Garden & Timber Products, Ludlow**, had quoted the Chairman £190 for a picnic bench including VAT. After discussion it was agreed to purchase this.

Strimmer. A suitable replacement strimmer was available from Teme Valley Tractors for £350 including VAT. Chairman was authorised to purchase this. After discussion it was decided not to supply Ray Davies with a hard hat/visor, although it was hoped that he would provide one himself and that a letter should be sent to him stating this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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