

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 January 2012

PRESENT

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Review of Parish Plan. Mr Graves had requested a review, and clarified this by asking that the aims of the Plan be reviewed, rather than anything more detailed. These were as follows:

Dog Fouling/Litter. Perennial problems, still being investigated.

Bus Shelter. It had been established that a £2,000 grant was available, but there would still be a cost to the Parish Council of several thousands of pounds. Also there was some dispute as to where it should be sited, and the shelter would become the financial responsibility of the Parish Council.

Parish Newsletter. Still being considered.

Facility for Doctor's Surgery. Miss Edwards said this had been investigated approximately three years ago and was found not to be feasible.

Footpaths. The PPG group in the village took care of the Rights of Way.

Police and Community Support Officers. Very effective when the shop was broken into and when the play area equipment was damaged.

Speeding. Perennial problem which the Chairman frequently raised at the Local Joint Committee. Mr Owen said that the Parish Council had applied for speed cameras but could not get them as the accident rate was not sufficiently high and it was illegal to put up signs without the cameras.

More frequent trains. Situation was unclear at present.

Evening bus service. Nothing to report at present.

Housing. Mr Hartin said that the Weston Road scheme should be started in 2013. Mr Owen said that it had been difficult to find occupants for the last two houses which became vacant. Mr Hartin said that flats were always difficult to fill.

Accommodation for the elderly. The care home at Broome, Craven Arms, had closed.

Pot holes. There were several pot holes in Weston Road, just beyond the houses. The turning bay was also in a bad condition, and the flood water lay there. Mr Graves said that the trees on the left hand side of Weston Road appeared to be damaged.

Sewerage and drainage systems. It appeared that Severn Trent were about to carry out some work in the village.

Youth activities and facilities. It was difficult to find someone to run these.

Path outside the school was deteriorating, but it was not known who owned it. Miss Edwards said there was a right of way to the Memorial Hall.

Localism Bill. Mr Hartin said that the new bill included changes to the Declarations of Interest, most notably that a Parish Councillor's spouse's interests would now also need to be declared.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr C Carter, Mrs F Hughes, Mr W Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6 DECEMBER 2011

Under "Open Discussion", last paragraph to end "... might be more useful after three years as specified in the Parish Plan."

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 2012. Nothing to report at present.

Bucknell School. Mrs Hartin was invited to speak from the floor and reported in her capacity of School Governor, that the school was flourishing. There were between 40 and 45 pupils at present and if numbers could be raised there would be more money available to the school. Mrs Hartin was asked whether Diamond Jubilee mugs would be suitable for the children, and said this was a nice idea.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at present.

ROADS:

Heavy rain/strong winds had resulted in flooding around the village and over The Mynd, which was being dealt with. A tree had blown down onto the common land in Chapel Lawn Road, Mr Owen had made arrangements to have it removed, also for other trees in the same location to be inspected.

Road closures, Bedstone village for three weeks from 23 January for water main installation.

Road closures, Dog Kennel Lane for 3 weeks from 27 February for water main installation.

Bedstone Road. Mr Savery asked whether anything could be done to improve the camber, which was completely wrong. Mr Hartin replied that it was one of those things which could be solved but it would be expensive, and not a priority as there had been insufficient accidents.

New street light had at last been connected up. Mr P Davies asked whether it was possible to put a light outside the church. Mr Owen replied that this has been investigated, but was prohibitively expensive. The Chairman suggested that an approach be made to the church authorities, possibly the answer could be lights down the path.

Bridge by the garage. Second arch needed to be cleared out.

Footbridge at Seabridge Meadow. Mr Hartin reported that this belonged to Shropshire Council, and their report was awaited.

PLANNING

Application No. 11/05045/LBC. Alterations to Graded II Listed Building, adjacent to The Willows. Supported.

There were no decisions to be reported by the Planning Authority.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards said there was not much to report at present: the heating system had been put in, and the showers would be installed this week.

Dog fouling. Alan Meyrick from Shropshire Council had emailed to say that as Daffodil Lane was private ground, it was the responsibility of the owner, but assistance in the form of patrols and signs could be provided.

Dog fouling was also bad in Bridge End Lane.

Another supply of dog fouling bags was required at the garage.

Flooding in Daffodil Lane. Miss Edwards said that a plastic carrier bag had been used to deliberately block the drain and cause the flood.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire Council letter re: changes to corporate support services. Mr Hartin said these changes were prompted by the need to make considerable savings.

FINANCE

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£6,658.33
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£5,643.84	
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£9,931.27.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary December 11))	£123.60
HMRC (PAYE December 11))	£31.00
Prysmian (street light repairs)		£530.59
Carter's Landscaping (repointing churchyard wall)		£300.00.

The Chairman said that repointing the wall was to stave off more major repairs, and it was agreed that another section of the wall be repointed.

Precept for 2012/13

The Clerk tabled a forward budget estimate, which was discussed, and an increased Precept of £12,500.00 was approved on a show of hands, 4 in favour, 1 against.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

Mr Owen reported that the New Year's Eve function had raised a total of £738.30, and included a draw, auction, music, food, and a licensed bar. The event had been well supported.

The next training session was confirmed as Saturday 21 January at Lydbury North village hall from 10am to 2pm.

The Clerk had obtained a Shropshire Council form for an Ordnance Survey licence. This was signed by the Chairman and would be instigated as a priority.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 February in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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