

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2011

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe,
Mrs F Hughes, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
4 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Pat Davies, Euxton House, Weston Road, said that the shielding of the street light opposite her house had greatly inconvenienced her, as the borrowed light was useful during the night, and her drive was now in darkness. Mr George Jones, who lived next door, also objected to the light being shielded. Another aspect was road safety, particularly in the winter when school children were walking home, as a long stretch of Weston Road was now unlit.

The Chairman apologised of behalf of the Parish Council for not consulting her, and said that the shield had been fitted very quickly.

Mr Graves had attended to thank the Parish Council for shielding the light, which had impacted on his house in a favourable way.

It was believed the shield had been painted on, and perhaps it could be removed from the front of the light, and left in place at the side facing Wheatsheaf House. Clerk to contact Prysman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs K Law, Mr P Davies, Mr C Savery, Mr C Carter, Mr W Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7.6.11

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Grasscutting at Chestnut Meadow. It had been established that the transfer of the play area from SSDC to SSHA for £1 had not in fact taken place, and a letter had been received from Shropshire Council accepting responsibility for grasscutting and maintenance, which was now taking place.

New post box in Weston Road. Nothing to report at present.

Litter bin at station car park/Weston Road. Nothing to report at present.

White posts on the village green. Further investigations to be made.

Schools reorganisation. Nothing to report at present.

PCC church restoration committee representative. The Chairman agreed to represent the Parish Council on this committee.

School garden play area. Repairs to the fence and tree cutting had not yet been done. There was no evidence of a camera. Trees between the School House and the play area had been taken down.

Some of the play equipment had been vandalised, Police Report no. FD46913R11 to PC1151 Morgan refers.

Miss Edwards said that the RoSPA inspection had taken place on Friday morning, and it was decided to wait for the report before implementing any repairs.

Metal bench on the village green. Mr Hartin asked when the bench would be repainted, the Chairman replied that he had asked Ray Davies to do it, but there was a decision to be made re: type of paint to be used. Mr Davies, Euxton House, was invited to speak from the floor and recommended Tuffins paint manufactured by the Leyland Paint Co., which was also reasonably priced. Chairman to follow this up.

Seat on common land at Chapel Lawn road. Mr Hartin also asked whether the seat by the notice board was going to be replaced. Mr Owen said that a suggestion had been made to move it further along to catch the sun. There was also a consideration for when the area was cut. After discussion, it was thought that Mr W Davies had been asked some time ago to investigate this matter.

Excessive speed of Bedstone buses. Letter of apology had been received from the Headmaster, who had also reiterated to his drivers the importance of obeying speed limits.

ROADS:

Street light failure at Hall Farm had been reported to Prysman.

Bridge End Lane had been marked out for resurfacing, but beyond either end of this section pot holes had been identified with white paint some time ago. Mr Hartin to contact Mr Ian Martin at Highways to ensure these are repaired.

Turning bay opposite The Tyndings. Mr Hartin was asked if he could get this repaired.

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

Damaged street light opposite The Tyndings had been repaired.

Shielded street light in Weston Road. Dealt with in the Open Meeting.

PLANNING:

Application No. 11/02385/FUL Renewal of planning permission for 10 affordable dwellings in Weston Road, Bucknell. Councillors were of the opinion that the site was isolated, therefore every dwelling would need two cars, the road was too narrow, no pavement, etc. Clerk to refer to previous application and repeat the objections thereon. Mr Hartin said there was no funding for affordable housing at present.

Applications Nos. 11/01985/FUL & 11/01990/FUL Dwelling + garage, and additional garage at Chestnut Cove, Bucknell. Supported.

Applications Nos. 11/00752/LBC & 11/00753/COU Change of use – public house to dwelling, etc. at The Baron of Beef had been withdrawn.

Mr John Moore, The Rockeries, Weston Road, had contacted the Parish Council with regard to his forthcoming application to build a house with disabled facilities in the grounds of The Rockeries, as the owner wished to sell the main house. A letter of support had been sent from the Parish Council.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The planning permission had lapsed on the new Memorial Hall. The Architects, Garner Southall Partnership, had written to Shropshire Council to see if it can be proved that work had started. The Council said not enough work had been done.

Mr Hartin to speak to the Planning Officer re: this, as a new application would cost in excess of £2,500.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mrs C Fenton asking for support in her application for an affordable house in Bucknell. Mr Owen said one house was coming up in Ladywell, and also a flat in Chestnut Meadow, and several applications had been received by the Parish Council for verification.

Shropshire Council letter + enclosures re: Community Tree Scheme. To Mrs Edwards.

Shropshire partnership letter + enclosed posters re: Anti Social Behaviour Reporting Line. Posters to notice boards.

Association of Local Councils email re: Shropshire Council Members briefing re: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 Agreement monies to be held on 11.7.11. Mr Hartin to attend and report back to the Parish Council.

Mr Hartin reported that the splendid horse chestnut tree opposite the garage had been condemned by the tree specialists in Shrewsbury. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr Hartin ask for a second opinion.

FINANCE

Account balances were reported as:

Community current account		£11,812.88
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£10,798.39	

Business Base Rate Tracker account	£9,929.14.
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Clerk's Salary. It had been decreed by HM Revenue & Customs that Parish Clerks were no long allowed to be self-employed, and that PAYE and NI must be deducted at source. Clerk said that she did not earn enough to pay tax, so this was purely a paper exercise as all tax paid would be refunded at the end of the year. Also, the system was prohibitively complicated. Mr Hartin to make enquiries tomorrow regarding this.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)

£166.04.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

Mr Owen reported as follows:

The next training day would be held on Saturday 23 July from 10am-2pm at the changed venue of Bettws y Crwyn Parish hall. It would be useful if those attending could give their names to Mr Owen beforehand.

Fundraising events included:

Domino competition at The Sitwell Arms which was well supported, but disappointingly not from the village. A total of £290 was raised.

Collection boxes had yielded £56 so far.

Cards would be available soon, similar to football cards, where a square cost £1. £20 would go to the winner and £20 to the AED scheme.

A quiz sheet was planned for the near future.

A meeting was held every 4 or 5 weeks to set up a rota in the village, and so far it was working well, although there were difficulties with cover during the day.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 2 August 2011 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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6.7.11