

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2013

PRESENT

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Miss B Stone (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mr J Kemp, Mrs F Hughes, Mr P Davies, Mr W Davies, Mr C Savery, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
4 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

No items to be discussed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Owen declared a personal interest in the AED/CFR schemes.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4.6.13

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Bucknell school. Mr Hartin reported that an event would be held shortly to raise funds for the CFR scheme. It was possible an application would be made to the LJC for a grant towards the refurbishment of the kitchen area.

School bus. Clerk had spoken to M&J Travel, who were concerned that a tree in a garden opposite was in danger of damaging the mirror on the bus as it was reversing into the forestry road. Chairman would investigate.

Condition of phone boxes. Mrs Hughes said that the phone box in Bedstone also needed a thorough clean and paint. Clerk to write to BT stating that public telephones were essential because of poor mobile reception in the area.

Website. Mrs Reader had emailed to say that owing to poor health she felt unable to continue to maintain the website. However, Mr Jackson was happy to take this on again, and as he currently maintained other websites in the village this would provide some continuity. Mrs Jackson suggested that local businesses advertise on the website for a small charge. Links to other websites would be useful.

Miss Edwards said that the Minutes of the June Parish Council meeting on the Bucknell Facebook page had received 32 visits.

Bucknell Show. To be held 7th September. The schedule was out, but details needed to be sorted, there were 72 classes. The school was interested in entering. The committee meets every month or so. Miss Edwards said that the main expense would be hire of tents/marquees and requested a donation from the Parish Council towards this. The Chairman and Mr Kemp declared an interest and the chair was assumed by

Miss Stone. Mr P Davies proposed a donation of £250, seconded by Mr Savery and agreed unanimously on a show of hands by the remaining Councillors.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES

The Chairman reported as follows:

There will be a stand at the Bucknell Show.

There will also be a stand at the Brampton Bryan Show, where they are also covering the first aid, and also for the Civil War re-enactment.

The stretcher carry raised over £1,400.

A ukulele night had been held at Leintwardine.

The tractor run held in conjunction with the village hall had raised over £1,200 gross.

A grant had been made by the LJC towards the 4x4 vehicle.

Awards for All (Big Lottery fund) had donated £10,000 towards the 4x4, but for this a new vehicle had to be purchased which would cost around £17,000. It was hoped the VAT could be avoided, possibly by using the charity status. Mr P Davies said that it may still be the case that a van (without windows in the back) did not attract VAT.

A Heart Start course had been held at the school for ten year olds and upwards, but younger children had been allowed to watch. This had been well received, and the school were putting on a fund raising event.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported that the major topic at the last meeting had been the emergency services and possibly cuts. Craven Arms, Ludlow, and Church Stretton were all losing their police stations.

The fire & rescue service had to save £1.5million.

Ambulance service. The Chairman declared an interest and asked Mr Hartin to report on this. There would be severe cuts, and no large ambulances would be based in this area, cover would be provided by Community Paramedics and CFRs. There were rapid response vehicles (with a community paramedic on board) in Craven Arms and Ludlow who back up CFRs. There was a problem with long wait times for an ambulance to arrive when requested.

ROADS:

Weston Road closure. 50m either side of new development – 18th July for 4 weeks for sewer connection for new development. Access would be allowed for residents. Clerk to check whether emergency vehicles would have access at all times. Information to be put on the website.

Gullies in Chapel Lawn Road. Miss Stone said that these needed to be pumped out. Clerk to contact Highways.

Bridge End Lane. The Chairman had been contacted by a resident concerned that the grass verges had not been cut. Unfortunately this was a low priority.

Trees above the quarry. Mr W Davies reported that these had massive root systems which would act like buttresses to support the trees, and therefore they were safe.

Tree by telephone box/on common land. Ms Siobhan Reedy had inspected the trees and considered they were safe, but the tree by the telephone box could be trimmed in the winter. After discussion it was decided that in view of public safety, an

independent survey should be carried out. Mr P Davies and Mr W Davies to organise this as a matter of urgency.

Tree in Weston Road. Mrs Jackson was invited to speak from the floor and reported that Ms Reedy had said that a tree on Bucknell House land needed to be felled. Mr W Davies to investigate.

PLANNING

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

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The carpenter had fitted the doors and some of the skirting at the changing rooms.

The electrician had fitted the lights and sockets and the changing rooms were used for the tractor run on 23rd June.

A new contractor had been appointed to cut the grass and this would be done approximately every three/four weeks.

A meeting would be arranged as soon as possible to look at what needed to be done to finish off the changing rooms.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Shropshire Council + enclosure re: SAMDev Plan – Revised Preferred Options consultation: 1st July to 23rd August. The options were discussed, Mr W Davies and Mr P Davies declared an interest in the proposed development at the station yard.

Email from SALC on behalf of Shropshire Council re: free trees. This could be taken up to replace any trees in the parish which needed to be felled.

Letter from Pearce Cycles re: Mountain Bike Event in Bucknell Wood 5th/6th July.

FINANCES:

Account balances were reported as:

Community current account		£8,790.26
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,942.53
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£9,928.04.	

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (expenses April-June)		£199.34
Mrs N Adams (salary June 2013))	£134.80
HMRC (PAYE June 2013))	£19.80
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)		£244.49

It was further agreed to pay the following (Chairman abstained):

Mr I Owen (Chairman's expenses – mileage)	£27.00.
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Insurance claim re: fallen tree. After discussion it was agreed not to submit a claim to the Insurance Company.

Mandate change. In progress.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Split tree branch, Mynd Lane. Mrs Hughes said that some walkers had pointed this out as it could be dangerous. Mr Hartin to ask Ms Reedy to have a look.

Path over the railway from School Corner. Mr Graves had said this needed some maintenance. Councillors agreed this was the responsibility of the railway authority, Clerk to contact them.

Posts at The Causeway. Mr W Davies said they had not yet been painted, but this was in hand.

Selling off Royal Mail. The Chairman reported that this was a national scheme and those concerned could obtain a form from their postman to register an objection.

Parish Council Notice Boards. Mr Cornes was invited to speak from the floor and he apologised for his late arrival, stating that there was no notification of the venue of this meeting on the notice board.

Garden roller at the playing field. Mrs Sharpe was concerned that children would be tempted to play with the roller during the summer holidays and suggested that it be kept in a building. Miss Edwards agreed to ask the football club to move it.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th August 2013 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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