

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2012

PRESENT

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

Mr Andy Mortimer (Planning Policy Manager, Shropshire Council)

14 members of the public.

PRESENTATION RE: SAMDev

(Site Allocations and Management of Development).

Mr Mortimer explained that this replaced the Local Plan, and was in its second consultation phase: "Preferred Options". It was essentially bottom-up, and the views of all groups and individuals were expressly sought, with the aim that communities would have allocated what they wanted in the way of new housing.

The accuracy of the "High Probability of Flooding" area was challenged, and Mr Mortimer said this was information from the Environment Agency.

Several people said they had not heard of SAMDev, and both Mr Mortimer and Mr Hartin urged those present to publicise the project, and to send in comments to Shropshire Council, preferably using the on-line response form. The end of the consultation was 20th July, but this was a flexible deadline.

The SAMDev documentation was available on the Shropshire Council website:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning.nsf .

The Chairman thanked Mr Mortimer, who then left the meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. The Chairman reported that the day's celebrations had been very successful, aided by good weather. He had written a letter of thanks to Mrs Alice Wilkie to thank her and the organising committee for arranging such an enjoyable celebration.

It was confirmed that every child in the parish had received a commemorative mug.

Bucknell School. No report available.

Overgrown hedge near Hawthorns, Bedstone Road. It was reported that this was obstructing the footpath and needed serious trimming. Chairman to investigate.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Owen declared a personal interest in the Clun Valley AED Scheme.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD 1.5.12

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Replacement doors at Ladywell. Mr Holland from Shropshire Housing had written to say that the front doors to the properties were generally in excellent condition. Consideration would be given to replacing the rear doors as and when they fail, and this should be reported to Total Response. Councillors considered this was not accurate as several of the doors were in a state of considerable disrepair, and calls to Total Response had proved fruitless. Clerk to reply in this vein.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

Mr Owen said that the next training day would be held this Saturday at Bishops Castle Fire Station 10am-2pm.

There had been a Community First Responder/AED stand on Jubilee Day.

A tractor run was planned for 24th July to raise money for Leintwardine & Bucknell CFR and the playing fields committee.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The next meeting was scheduled for this Thursday 14th June.

Mr Hartin said that a grant had been made to the Jubilee Committee.

ROADS:

Three failed street lights had been reported between meetings.

Pot holes in Daffodil Lane, and also in Chapel Lawn Road between Bucknell and Chapel Lawn. Clerk to report these to Highways.

Speeding traffic past woodyard. Mr P Davies reported that rubber speed strips had been put in place, and would remain for one week.

PLANNING:

There were no applications for consideration.

Application No. 11/01985/FUL New dwelling, detached garage, etc, at Chestnut Cove had been granted.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

No report available from Steering Group.

Grass cutting. It was reported that the Contractor did not wish to continue cutting the playing field. Chairman to speak to him and if necessary contact other Contractors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Draft Code of Conduct from Shropshire Council. Copies distributed to all Parish Councillors. For discussion next time.

Shropshire Council letter re: closure of Weston Road for 4 days from 19 July for underground cabling work.

Bishops Castle and Clun Valley Community First Responders letter asking for a donation towards the cost of equipment. After discussion it was agreed to donate £200. Mr Owen declared a personal interest and abstained.

HOWLTA Newsletter, May 2012.

Shropshire Council letter re: Land west of Dou-Kel (land opposite The Tyndings), and its possible sale to raise funds. After discussion it was agreed to raise no objection, but to comment that this land was used as a bus turning circle.

FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£14,357.72
Of which	Parish Plan account	£1,014.49
	Parish Council account	£13,343.23

Business Base Rate Tracker account £9,933.75.

Between meetings a cheque was written for Came & Co (Insurance £372.89). Previous Insurer had quoted £655.00 for less cover. This was approved by all Councillors present.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary May 2012))	£123.60
HMRC (PAYE May 2012))	£31.00
Shropshire Council (maps for AED operators)		£27.00
Community First Responders		£200.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)		£213.21
Mr C Savery (refund for 6' long bench)		£264.00
Mr C Savery (refund for Jubilee oak tree)		£10.00.

Annual Governance Statement was approved by those present, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Caravan at the woodyard. Mr P Davies said this was parked on private land and was not a problem.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 July 2012 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

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