

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2013

PRESENT

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Miss B Stone (Vice Chairman), Mrs F Hughes, Mr J Kemp, Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies, Mr A Faulkner, Mr W Davies.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Chambers said that the litter picking team was usually mentioned at the annual meeting, but not this year. It was still operational, but as individuals responsible for their own patch rather than an organised team. Mr Chambers produced a photograph of the original team. Currently Mr Mike Starr of the Old School House was in charge, and it would be appreciated if the Parish Council could write to thank him.

Mr Hartin had received complaints about litter behind the bike shed. The unofficial layby beyond Oil Mill Lane also attracted litter. Mr Chambers said that Mr Cornes regularly litter-picked the road out to the Lingen Bridge.

Mr Kemp suggested that the photograph be included in the photo display in the autumn, and also that a request for more volunteers be put in the Newsletter.

Mr P Davies said that the 50mph speed limit on the south side of the village was ineffectual. The Chairman replied there was little the Parish Council could do.

Miss Stone reported that the condition of the phone box was very bad, and it needed to be repainted. Clerk to write to BT. Mrs Hughes to check on the state of the phone box in Bedstone.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr C Savery.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared a personal interest in the AED/CFR schemes.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7.5.13

Under "Open Discussion", sixth paragraph should begin: "Miss Stone said that . . ."

Under "Any Other Business – Website" First line to read: "Bucknell has a page on Facebook. The website was not up-to-date."

Subject to these corrections, the Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

School. Mr Hartin reported that one child was starting school tomorrow, this would take the roll up to 40.

A grant of £8,000 had been received from Hereford Diocese for the cost of building an extension, and decorations.

The Forest School area was closed as some of the trees were touching the power lines. The power had to be switched off for health and safety reasons before the trees could be trimmed. Mr W Davies questioned the requirement for this, and Mr P Davies would ask the Tree Surgeons currently doing work in the village whether they would undertake cutting the trees back.

A group of children from the school were currently at the Long Mynd Adventure Club.

Further grants had been obtained from various sources, including the Grocer's charity. The kitchens were not in use any more and there were plans to incorporate this area into the nursery.

School bus. Mr Hartin had received an email from Fred Ratcliff at Shropshire Council, who had been in contact with M & J, the bus operator. M & J uses a bigger bus than the service bus and they were concerned that a tree opposite the forestry road would damage the bus. Mr P Davies to investigate, and find out the owner of the tree.

Coxall chapel. Mrs Hughes said that both a black wheelie bin and a green wheelie bin were needed. Mr Hartin to follow this up.

Website. This had not been updated for many months and it was not known whether Mrs Reader wanted to continue to maintain it. The Chairman knew of someone in the village who might be interested in taking this on. Clerk to contact Mrs Reader.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEME

The Chairman said the stretcher carry would take place on Sunday, leaving the Baron of Beef at midday, and ending with a barbeque at The Sun in Leintwardine.

A tractor run was scheduled for later in the month.

There was a possibility that one of the AEDs in Bucknell could be kept in a box (enclosure) in a permanent position.

More volunteers were always welcome.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The next meeting was scheduled for 20th June in Worthen.

For the benefit of new Councillors, Mr Hartin explained what the LJC was and what its aims were.

A pre-meeting would be held to decide what grants to award.

ROADS:

Drainage at The Mynd. Nothing further to report.

Drainage at Daffodil Lane. Mr Martin, Highways, to be asked to put this work in the future programme.

Salt bin in Redlake Meadow. Clerk to establish whether a green bin was available. Chairman to find a suitable position for the bin.

Tree in Bridge End Lane. At the top of the quarry on the right hand side. Clerk had contacted Mr Martin, Highways.

Fallen tree in Chapel Lawn Road. A bough had been removed a couple of months ago. Mr Hartin to arrange a meeting with the tree specialists at Shropshire Council, Mr W Davies to attend. Also to check the tree by the phone box.

40mph limit north of Bucknell. Mr Faulkner asked whether the extended limit could be extended as far as the llama farm. The Chairman replied that this was doubtful.

Railway crossing. Mr Kemp said that during a vintage car rally recently two cars drove across the level crossing while the lights were flashing and the train was moving. The Chairman said that the camera would have taken photos of the offending vehicles and the owners prosecuted.

Shropshire Council Road Safety Policy. To Chairman.

PLANNING

Application No. 13/01363/FUL. Renovations and replacement extensions at Crossing Cottage, Bedstone. Supported as this would greatly improve the dwelling.

Application No. 13/01919/FUL. Extension at St Mary's School, Bucknell. Supported.

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 was due to fit lights and sockets next week and the changing rooms should be available to use for the tractor run on 23rd June.

A new contractor had been appointed to cut the grass and this would be done every three to four weeks. The football club do their own area.

There were problems with graffiti on the back of the climbing wall. Miss Edwards had spray painted over it, and would apply another coat in the next few days.

The gutter had been repositioned with new brackets, and some had been replaced.

The RoSPA inspection was due to take place in June on both the Daffodil Lane and school garden play areas.

The football club had also been advised not to park vehicles in the disabled spaces as this restricted access to the field in case of emergency.

Miss Edwards said that a Parish Council representative was required on the village hall committee. Mr Kemp and Mr Owen would cover this between them.

Bucknell Show. To be held on 7th September. To include crafts, gardening, photography, children's classes, etc. Schedules would be out soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight leaflet. Distributed to those present.

St Mary's Church Redevelopment project. Letter requesting Parish Council representative. Miss Stone agreed to do this.

SALC Training Programme. Courses presently available.

Broadband meeting to be held 27th June in Clun Memorial Hall.

Rural health survey. Mr Kemp had reviewed this and found it inadequate.

FINANCE

Account balances not available as the books were with the internal auditor.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary May 2013))	£134.80
HMRC (PAYE))	£19.80
Mrs R Mullard Davies (accountant's fee)		£60.00
Broker Network Ltd (insurance)		£383.12
Bucknell Memorial Hall (hire for meetings)		£60.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£238.00
South Shropshire Landscaping (fence at school play area)		£2,610.00
Bucknell Nurseries (grasscutting & tree removal)		£341.00.

New Bank Mandate.

Mr Owen and Mr Kemp to complete the necessary forms after the meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Thank you letters. Mr Kemp suggested that letters of appreciation be sent to Mr T Hughes, Mrs K Law and Mr C Carter. Agreed by all Councillors present. Letters also to be sent to Ray Davies, the litter picking team, and Bucknell WI.

White posts at the Causeway. Mr P Davies and Mr W Davies declared a prejudicial interest. B & J Davies had provided a quotation for the repair and renovation of the posts in the sum of £110. Accepted unanimously on a show of hands by all other Councillors present.

Local youth gangs. Mr W Davies said that one teenage girl in particular had been jumping out in front of cars and threatening the drivers. The Chairman said that such incidents must be reported to the police.

Possible closure of Clun Fire Station. Mr Hartin declared an interest as he was a member of the Fire Authority, but stated that the possible closure of the Clun station and three others was only one of several possible scenarios. Retained stations like Clun were very effective and cheap to run, whereas full time stations were very expensive. Parish Councillors were very much against the proposed closure of Clun station as it was considered that adequate cover would be seriously compromised. Clerk to write stating this.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd July 2013 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Mr Savery to check that the hall had been booked.

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