

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2010**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mr W Davies,  
Mr C Savery, Mrs K Law, Mr P Davies, Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.  
Mr Alan Meyrick, Street Scene South West, Shropshire Council.  
7 members of the public.

#### **PRESENTATION BY MR A MEYRICK**

Mr Meyrick detailed the services provided to Bucknell village. The sweeper came every six weeks, but could respond between whiles if the situation warranted it. Dog fouling bags were provided at the garage. A pavement sweeper would be in the village on 27 March. Mr Ray Schneid, Street Warden, wearing a high visibility jacket, would be in the parish monthly and would have the power to issue fixed penalties of £80 (if paid within 14 days this would reduce to £50).

The Chairman asked whether there were any plans to leaflet households to publicise the service. Mr Cummings suggested that it could be mentioned in the Shropshire Council magazine which is circulated to every house.

Miss Edwards asked whether anything could be done about dog owners allowing their pets to foul the recreation ground. Mr Meyrick would check and let the Chairman know.

Mr Chambers mentioned the magnificent job that the litter picking team carried out in the parish, and said that litter mainly came from vehicles; could anything be done to prosecute drivers. Mr Meyrick replied this was difficult, but the registered keeper could be traced via DVLA and a warning letter sent.

Mr P Davies asked about fly tipping, Mr Meyrick said if it was on highway land it was the responsibility of Shropshire Council, but fly tipping on private land was the responsibility of the landowner concerned.

Mr Hartin mentioned the Big Litter Pick held recently in Clun. Mr Meyrick said that a similar one could be held in Bucknell.

Mr Cornes asked whether the unofficial layby near the Lingen Bridge could be cleared. Mr Meyrick would make sure this was in the schedule.

The Chairman requested that Mr Meyrick and Mr Schneid sign a book which would be kept at the garage whenever they came to the village. Mr Meyrick agreed.

Mr Chambers thanked Mr Meyrick for the litter bins being emptied so regularly, and detailed the problems with the litter picking team being sponsored by the Parish Council, namely Health & Safety, and Insurance. These had meant that the litter picking remained unofficial. Mr Meyrick explained the reasons for the regulations. The Chairman requested a plan of all the dog/litter bins in Bucknell.

The Chairman referred to the consultation on the provision of public toilets in Shropshire and asked for comments. Mr Chambers said that the public expected a decent service. Mr Hartin explained that the closure of public toilets in Ludlow was caused by the new owner of the site not agreeing to their installation.

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

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

The salt bin by the school corner has been damaged. Clerk to report this.

The street light by the church near Hall Farm entrance is on all the time. Clerk to email Prysmian.

The wall opposite the telephone box in Chapel Lawn Road is in a very poor state, and is damaged at head height over the footpath. Clerk to write to Mrs Rudd who owns the property. It was thought the tree in the wall may be contributing to the problem.

Mr Graves said that the website should be up and running in a couple of weeks. Mrs Reader was creating an events page.

Mr Graves said that the Parish Plan was being drafted now, there would be a meeting in April, with the draft out in May.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman).

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 2.2.10**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Allotments.** It was understood that the grant money had been made available.

**Tourism Signs at The Turnpike.** Nothing to report at present.

**Salt bins.** Mrs Hughes thanked the Parish Council for providing the required salt bins over The Mynd. Mr Carter had the two new salt bins, and would take one to Weston Road and the other to Bridge End Lane.

**Trees on Common Land, Chapel Lawn Road.**

The Chairman reported that the Contractor was on site today to take down the offending trees. The item to be removed from the Agenda.

**ROADS:**

The Chairman said the roads were in a poor state following the winter's bad weather.

**Road Markings.** The Chairman said that many road markings around the village needed repainting. Clerk to contact Mr Glyn Shaw at the Shirehall.

The Chairman said another load of tarmac had been laid down on the bus turning bay opposite The Tyndings.

**Proposed new street light.** No information from Prysman. Clerk to chase.

**Flooding on the Bedstone Road.** Clerk to establish the current situation.

**Dog Kennel Lane.** Near White Lodge. An area of subsidence had appeared, possibly caused by past drainage work. Clerk to inform Highways.

**Container outside the School.** It was understood this contained household items from the School House in connection with an insurance claim following an incident.

**PLANNING**

There were no applications for consideration.

**Applications Nos. 09/03923/COU** Change from agricultural land to domestic curtilage at 1 Rose Cottages, Bedstone, and **09/03535/FUL** Extension at Foxwood, Bucknell, had both been granted.

**Application No. 10/00064/TCA** Tree works at Bedstone College, Planning Authority had no objection.

**PARISH PLAN**

Dealt with in the Open Discussion.

**DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards reported that they were still waiting to hear from the Football Association re: grant.

Frances Hall, Shropshire Council, had located another possible source of funding, application can be made to the Local Joint Committee for the balance of the money.

An Easter Egg Draw was being held to raise funds for Daffodil Lane.

**FINANCE:**

**Account balances** were reported as:

Community current account

£9,700.41

Of which: £2,196.46 Parish Plan account

£7,503.95 Parish Council account

Business Base Rate Tracker account

£1,926.87.

**It was agreed unanimously** to pay the following:

Bridgnorth & District Crucial Crew (donation)

£20.00

Green Tech Limited (salt bins)

£348.98

G Bryan Jones Ltd (servicing mower)

£79.26

T Hughes (refund for payment for snow clearing church path)

£10.00.

**The Chairman proposed the following:**

Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall (donation)

£100.00

Bucknell Memorial Hall (donation)

£400.00.

(Calculated on the respective numbers on the Electoral Roll.)

These payments were approved unanimously on a show of hands.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Southern Shropshire Partnership letter re: next meeting. Mr Hartin said that funding had been withdrawn and the Partnership was being wound up.

SALC invitation to Buckingham Palace Garden Party. To Chairman.

Shropshire Council letter + enclosures re: LDF: Core Strategy Final Plan Publication.  
To Chairman.

The Chairman read out a handout which had been distributed to residents in Weston Road regarding the proposed allotments.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 April 2010 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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4.3.10

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**Allotments**

**Tourism Signs at The Turnpike**

**Street Warden**

**ROADS:**

**Report of road conditions/street lamp failures**

**Proposed new street light**

**PLANNING:**

**To consider applications received**

**To note decisions reported by Planning Authority**

**PARISH PLAN:**

**Report from Steering Group**

**DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT:**

**Report from Steering Group**

**FINANCE:**

**To note account balances**

**To approve settlement of accounts**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**To note correspondence received**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Late items**

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

**N E Adams**  
**30.3.10**