

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 March 2011

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr C Carter.
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
4 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Reader said that the website was currently not working as there were server problems with BT. It was hoped this could be sorted soon, possibly by transferring to another server.

Miss Edwards said the fence round the School Garden Play Area needed mending. Mr W Davies and Mr Carter to have a look at it.

Mr Chambers mentioned damage to the edge of the common land in Chapel Lawn Road which needed to be reinstated, also building materials had been dumped. Chairman to investigate.

The Chairman reported that the closing of toilet facilities was discussed at the recent Local Joint Committee meeting. Generally people were not happy about this decision.

Schools reorganisation. Mr Hartin said that it was a strong possibility that four local primary schools (Bucknell, Clun, Clunbury and Newcastle) would be recommended to form a Federation, ie sharing Governors, Head Teacher, and support staff. Ultimately it was up to the Boards of Governors concerned to decide.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr C Savery, Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs K Law, Mr P Davies, Mrs F Hughes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1.2.11

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Grasscutting at Chestnut Meadow. Clerk had sent a reminder letter to South Shropshire Housing Association.

Trees in Redlake Meadow. Clerk had telephoned Severn Trent, who had said it appeared the main sewer went along the pavement (footway), but householders were advised to consult their Deeds to be sure.

New post box in Weston Road. Clerk to contact Royal Mail again.

Litter bin down The Hales. This was installed in early February, at no cost to the Parish Council.

A further litter bin was needed either opposite the shop by the car park posts, or halfway down Weston Road by the salt bin, location to be decided. Clerk to request another bin.

Sewage leak at The Causeway. Severn Trent had written apologising for the delay in dealing with this problem. The enclosed Complaints Procedure leaflet to be forwarded to Mrs Edwards.

White posts on the village green. There was some discussion as to whether chains were required.

School garden play area. Dealt with under Open Discussion.

Signs to Bedstone village hall. Clerk had requested the signs, and given Mr Savery's contact details for the exact positioning required.

ROADS:

Bridge End Lane. The whole length of the lane is now in a very bad condition. Clerk to report this to Highways.

Top of Daffodil Lane. Mud needs to be cleaned away. It was thought this road was resurfaced about 5 years ago, Clerk to investigate.

Damaged light opposite The Tyndings has still not been repaired. Clerk to chase.

Street light in Weston Road outside Euxton House was shining into residents' bedrooms. Clerk to enquire whether a shield could be fitted.

New street light. Clerk reported that this matter was in hand.

PLANNING

There were no applications for discussion.

Application No. 10/05464/FUL, Ground mounted solar photovoltaic array at Pine Hill, Oil Mill Lane, had been granted.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

E-on/Central Networks were still planning to run the cables underground before the end of their financial year.

The second payment had been made to the builder which had enabled all the funds to be claimed from Shropshire County Council.

The Police had to be called last Wednesday as someone had entered the site and tried to gain access to the changing rooms. The Police believed it was just youths as they had tried to kick the door in when it actually opened outwards.

It was planned to apply to The Big Lottery Reaching Communities' Fund for a grant towards the New Memorial Hall.

Planning had now lapsed on the new hall but this will be re-applied for. Mr Hartin advised this should be done immediately to avoid a greatly increased cost.

Fund raising was being planned towards internal works to the changing rooms to cover plumbing, internal fitments and decorating. It was anticipated that some of the decorating would be done in house.

There was a general discussion on vandalism in the village, which seemed particularly prevalent at the moment. A gang of youths and girls, some from outside the village, were causing damage and intimidating people. Cans, bottles and pizza boxes had been littered in the play areas. Mr W Davies suggested CCTV cameras. Miss Edwards said that this would be considered at the appropriate time.

It was agreed to donate a further £300 to the playing field project in due course.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

The next training day was confirmed as Saturday 9 April from 10am to 2pm in Bucknell Memorial Hall. Names of those attending to be given to Mr Ian Owen, Vice Chairman. Posters were being distributed.

It was agreed that the Parish Council pay for the hire of the hall, plus heating.

Anyone who came on the day would need to bring passport and utility bill for a CRB check.

FINANCE

Account balances were reported as:

Community current account		£7,280.83
Of which	Parish Plan account	£1,014.49
	Parish Council account	£6,286.34
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£5,928.40.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs C Reader (website server fee)	£42.30
Bridgnorth Crime Prevention (crucial crew)	£40.00
Npower (energy charge December 2010 qtr)	£178.82.

Review of Clerk's Salary. The Clerk left the meeting while this was discussed.

The Parish Council agreed to increase the Clerk's salary from SCP17 (£1819.376 to SCP18 (£1855.152 on the NALC Salary Scale LC1 for Part-time clerks from 1st April 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notification from Shropshire Council re: New on-line Public Access and Consultee Access system.

ALC memo + enclosed Nomination form for Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Tuesday 19.7.11. To Chairman.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 April 2011 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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