

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 In Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Mr C Savery, Mr W Davies, Mr A Faulkner, Miss B Stone.
6 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Davies asked whether there was to be any further development on the south side of Weston Road. Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had no knowledge of this and that the only known development at Weston Road was the second phase of the affordable houses at the far end.

Mr Willson asked about the development adjacent to Redlake Meadow (known as Riverside), what was the reason to reduce the number of houses from 20 to 9? The Chairman said the majority of the 100 allowed-for houses were on the woodyard and the Riverlea site, plus some infill.

Mr Graves asked whether hard copy Minutes were available yet in the village. Clerk had asked at the shop and the garage, neither was prepared to have copies. Mr Graves offered to put copies of the Minutes in the box file at the Post Office.

Regarding dog fouling, Mr Graves offered to pay for a dog bag dispenser (£75) plus 1000 dog waste bags (£20). These should last up to a year. Chairman said the Parish Council would not expect Mr Graves to pay for these items. Clerk said signage was available from the Street Scene Department at Shropshire Council.

Mr Davies asked when the resurfacing of Weston Road and the splay at the entrance to the allotments would be done. Clerk to check.
Street light in Weston Road by Parson's crossing was not working, Clerk to report it.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr J Kemp (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Owen declared an interest in the AED/CFR schemes.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3.2.15

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Bucknell school report. Written report from Mrs Hartin:

Kitchen conversion was ongoing. Fund raising was needed to purchase a canopy so the children can play outside all year. Various outings and activities were planned, including a tea for Revd Diana Hoare on 27th March.

Public telephone boxes. Clerk reported that the phone boxes in Clunton and Clunbury had been repaired, but there was no information re: Bedstone and Bucknell. Clerk to enquire.

Parish newsletter. Nothing to report at present.

Revision of Parish Plan. Mr Graves said a notice would be put around the village asking people to join a small working group. Notice should also be on the website shortly.

Footpath wicket at The Hales. Clerk reported that Mike Starr had arranged for Shropshire Council to supply a new stock proof kissing gate to replace the damaged wicket. This was approved by the landowner, and the work should be done end March/early April.

Eroded riverbank/dredging by bridge. Email had been received from Mr Ian Simpson, Bridge Engineer at Mouchel confirming that the bridge would be inspected this year. Also confirmed that 64 tonnes of silt/gravel had been removed in February 2014. Due to ecological constraints clearance was only possible down to just above normal water levels.

VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk had checked with the Elections Office at the Shirehall, who had given permission to co-opt, and the Parish Council should advertise this. It was only if it was impossible to fill the vacancy by co-option that the process could restart.

After discussion it was agreed to advertise the vacancy, closing date end of March, and any applications to be considered at the April Parish Council meeting. Miss Stone offered to put up the notices on the notice boards.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES

Nothing to report at present.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

No report available.

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE COMMITTEE

NHS Future Fit. Clerk reported that a meeting was planned for Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm in Clun Memorial Hall, when Dr Bill Gowans would talk about proposals for NHS hospitals in Shropshire.

Also Philip Dunne MP's letter in the March Clun Chronicle addressed the subject of an ageing population in South Shropshire.

ROADS:

Street lamp failure in Weston Road to be reported.

Redlake Meadow. Nothing to report at present.

Old Bedstone Road. Nothing to report at present. New road sign required. Clerk to report this.

Salt bins: Causeway and station car park. Clerk said these would probably not be done until the autumn.

Dog Kennel Lane: signs: narrow road/pedestrians in road. Clerk to follow up.

PLANNING:

Application No. 15/00692/FUL. Extension at Gove End Paddock, Bucknell. Supported.

There were no decisions to be reported by planning authority.

Trees at the Causeway. Nothing to report at present. Awaiting quotations for the removal of the horse chestnut tree + trees in Chapel Lawn Road.

Mr Davies was unable to find the tree borer tool.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Spotlight” leaflets for March

HOWLTA Newsletter Winter 2015

St Mary’s letter requesting Parish Council representative to attend the Service of Dedication for the new facilities in the church. As Mr Kemp would be away, Miss Stone agreed to represent the Council.

FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£4,190.34
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,950.80
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Bedstone churchyard wall grant	£3,000.00	
Parish Council account	£6,936.31.	

Cheque number 101106 issued last month would be cancelled as it was a duplicate of one issued previously.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary February 15))	£198.42
HMRC (PAYE February 15))	£35.80
HOWLTA (Subscription)		£12.00
Ringway Infrastructure Services Ltd (street light repairs)		£174.66
St Mary’s Bucknell PCC (donation)		£500.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£204.10.

Review of electricity supplier. Clerk to email details shortly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th April in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

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