

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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Minutes of the concluding meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman), Cllr W Davies, Cllr C Savery, Cllr A Faulkner, Cllr I Owen (Vice Chairman)
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin
1 member of the public
Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

1 OPEN DISCUSSION

Dog fouling. There were problems in Dog Kennel Lane and the grass area by the ford. An extra dog waste bin at each site would be helpful.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr D Cullimore, Cllr B Sharpe, Cllr F Hughes.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

4 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4.4.17

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

5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS:

- (a) Shropshire Councillor Hartin.** Nothing to report at present.
- (b) Daffodil Lane Development Steering Group.** Chris Tranter's estimate for mowing of £85 per cut was accepted as the other estimate was £118 per cut. Miss Edwards said the grass had been cut twice and although it looked a bit of a mess at present, it should improve as the summer went on. The changing rooms were broken into last week and some power tools belonging to the man renting the building were taken, but his insurance would cover the loss. Chairman said incidents like this must be reported to the police.
- (c) Bucknell school.** The federation with Clunbury and Newcastle schools was going ahead, which should safeguard all three schools. Miss Anna Cook from Bucknell would be the overall Executive Head Teacher of the three schools. There would be one Board of Governors over all three schools.

6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:

- (a) Road conditions.** Road gullies in Bedstone had been cleaned out. There were raised ironworks in Dog Kennel Lane.

- (b) **Street lighting. (i) Street light on Old Post Office.** Dossier being prepared to send to the owner of the lorry. **(ii) Street light in Chestnut Meadow.** This light had failed and been reported.
- (c) **Finger post at Daffodil Lane.** This had gone, but a notice on a post provided adequate signage. Item closed.
- (d) **Open spaces. (i) Common land opposite the Baron. (a) safety posts.** Clerk to formally accept the Bucknell Nurseries quotation of £160. (b) notice board. Cllr Owen was progressing this.

7 ST MARY'S CLOSED CHURCHYARD:

- (a) **Steps to Chapel Lawn Road.** Nothing to report at present.
- (b) **Churchyard trees.** Nothing to report at present.
- (c) **Proposed war memorial.** The committee had decided to accept Jonathan Protheroe's quotation and had submitted the details to the church authorities for a faculty. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council take on the ownership of the war memorial, Chairman to speak to Mrs Meredith.

8 PLANNING:

There were no applications for discussion, nor any decisions to be reported by planning authority.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

- (a) **Date of initial meeting of new Council.** Confirmed as Tuesday 16th May in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.
- (b) **Co-option of two Councillors for Bedstone.** Notices to be put on the website and notice boards.

10 COUNCIL FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£5,948.48
Business Premium account		£10,961.75
of which:		
Parish plan account	£78.14	
Youth group	£1,166.00	
Parish Council account	£9,717.61.	

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Highline Electrical (street light repairs)		£1,175.25
Came & Co (Insurance)		£397.30
Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£342.00
Arts Alive (hire of film for youth group)		£84.00
npower (energy charge March 17 Qtr)		£168.98
Ms N Adams (salary April))	£260.75
HMRC (PAYE))	£65.00

Ms N Adams (expenses)

£162.25.

Cllr Owen asked whether it was possible to claim back VAT on consumables in Clerk's expenses. Clerk to investigate.

Accounts to year ended 31.3.17.

Clerk distributed Statement of Accounts and Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return. After discussion Councillors approved the accounts and Clerk and Chairman signed the Annual Return. Cllr Owen to pass the accounts to Lyn Cordrey who had kindly agreed to perform the internal audit again this year.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight leaflets for May. Distributed to those present.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13 VALETE/FAREWELL:

(a) Parish Council Chair's report. The Chairman summarised the work of the Parish Council over the past months and years.

(b) Retirements and Resignations. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Faulkner and Savery who were not standing again, and also Cllrs Beryl Sharp and Florence Hughes, who had completed over 40 years' service each. A small gift to be presented to each lady.

14 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the initial meeting of the new Parish Council and will be held on Tuesday 16th May in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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