

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 November 2008

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes, Mrs K Law, Mr C Savery,
Mr C Carter, District & County Councillor N Hartin.
6 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Evans asked whether the Chairman had heard anything from Severn Trent as the school was having considerable problems with blocked drains. The Chairman replied this was a matter for the Board of Governors. The Chairman remarked that he was still unhappy about the fact that the Parish Council was no longer represented on the Board of Governors. It was to be regretted that there was no longer any input from outside the school.

As there were no further items raised, the Chairman closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr P Davies, Mr W Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7.10.08

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

MATTERS ARISING

School Garden Play Area. This had been completed and Mr Hartin had obtained a further grant towards resurfacing the car park, etc.

Allotments. Mrs Fraser reported that a suitable site was still being actively sought. It was more difficult to get land for allotments in the country than in the town. Land opposite The Tyndings. Nothing further to report at present.

Village Sewerage system/Water supply. The river had been cleaned out. The Chairman said cut boughs had blocked the brook. It was thought these could have been brought down accidentally by flood water.

Coronation Oak, Bedstone. Clerk had spoken to Ms Soibham Reedy at the County Tree Officer's department, who had requested more information about the tree. Mr Savery to liaise with Ms Reedy.

Bedstone Notice Board. Mr Savery had obtained a grant of £350 from the Craven Arms Partnership.

ROADS

Street Lamp failures. Clerk to chase.

Hedge by the Railway Station. This had still not been cut. Clerk to pursue this as a matter of urgency, also with Highways, as the situation was dangerous.

It was considered that in view of the present publicity about level crossings, Network Rail should attend to this matter urgently.

PLANNING

Application No. 1/08/21230/LB Satellite dish at Bedstone Court Lodge. No objection.

There were no decisions reported by the Planning Authority.

PARISH PLAN

Nothing to report at present.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Mrs Edwards reported that a meeting was scheduled tomorrow with Advantage West Midlands, to supply more information to support the grant application.

There could be a problem with lack of facilities for the football club and the public, but temporary solutions were available if necessary.

FINANCES

Account balances not to hand

Accounts to year ended 31.3.08 had been received back from the External Auditor with the comment that the carry over year end balance may not be adequate. This was in view of the expense of renovating the churchyard wall.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mazars (audit fee)	£158.62
Npower (energy charge Sept 08 qtr)	£116.77
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)	£172.50
Bucknell Nurseries (cutting school garden hedge)	£98.50
U & DJ Gough (mowing land in Chapel Lawn Road)	£169.00

CORRESPONDENCE

South Shropshire District Council letters + enclosed Conservation Area Statements for Bucknell and Bedstone.

SSDC letter+ enclosed questionnaire re: South Shropshire Open Space Study 2008.
Shropshire County Council letter re: Emergency Planning briefing 14.1.09.

SCC letter+ enclosure re: ShropshireLink Launch-29 November 2008. Shropshire Hills AONB letter+ enclosed Annual Review 2007-8.

Communities and Local Government letter + enclosure re: Communities in control - A consultation.

All the above to the Chairman for his consideration.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

St Mary's church was holding a Christmas Tree Festival on 6/7 December. It was agreed the Parish Council should provide a tree.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 December 2008 in BuckneH Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

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