

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 2009

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter,
Mrs B Sharpe,
Mrs F Hughes, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
7 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Jackson asked whether the problems with road surface in Weston Road had been reported. Clerk replied that Mr Martin from Highways would contact Mrs Jackson for details.

Mr Hartin said he had received a complaint about dog fouling, and had been in touch with Mr David Roberts from County, who would organise a high visibility survey. Mrs Edwards said more dog bags were needed at the garage, Mr Hartin to ask Ms Janet Salisbury, the dog warden, to supply these.

Mr Mitchell, Turnpike Cottage, asked about the current situation regarding the proposed tourism signs. The Chairman tabled the proposed signs and replied that the Parish Council had approved these, and that the landlord of the Baron of Beef had been asked to go ahead and get the paperwork sorted. Mr Mitchell said he had no objection to the signs as proposed.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr C Savery, Mrs K Law, Mr W Davies, Mr P Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6.10.09

Under "Finances" split of the current account to read: "Parish Plan account £2,699.94,
Parish Council £10,680.59".

Subject to this correction, then Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Allotments. Mrs Fraser gave an up-to-date report on the current situation.

Tourism Signs at The Turnpike. Discussed at the Open Meeting, and nothing further to report at present.

Salt Bins at Bedstone. There was some confusion as to whether the salt bin outside Orchard Cottage was damaged. This salt bin needed to be replaced, and another bin was scheduled to be positioned by the barn. Mr Martin from Highways would investigate the provision of a salt bin at the top of Red Lane. Clerk to investigate the cost of providing salt bins.

BT Phone Box. Clerk had written to BT regarding the phone box in Bucknell.

Vacancy for Website Manager. Chairman thanked Mr Jackson for setting up and maintaining the website to date. Mr Graves said his wife was interested and would contact the Chairman re: this, and suggested a "What's On" section, which could be printed off and copies put in the garage and the shop, and notice boards.

Tree on Common Land, Chapel Lawn Road. Vice Chairman had obtained two quotations for the removal of the tree: £180 + VAT, and £160 + VAT. It was decided on a show of hands to accept the lower of the two quotations (Bicknell & Owen). However, it was not definite whether or not this tree had been cut down already, Vice Chairman to establish this.

ROADS

Street Light Shade down The Causeway. Nothing to report at present.

Proposed New Street Lights. Mr Owen reported on the quotations received and suggested that the light between the railway station and the Sitwell be installed first.

Proposed by Mr Owen, seconded by Mrs Sharpe and agreed unanimously on a show of hands.

The second most important light, between the school and the church, was more expensive owing to the traffic management systems needed.

Hedge along the Bedstone Road. Mr Hartin to ask Ian Martin from Highways to take another look at this.

PLANNING

Application No. 09/02890/LBC Internal alterations at The Old Farm House, Lower Lye. No objection.

Application No. 09/02857/COU Change of use holiday let to dwelling, The Old Coach House, Bucknell House. No objections.

Mrs Edwards said that approval had been received the the changing

rooms at Daffodil Lane, but official notification had not been received by the Clerk.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Graves said that the Community Council had received 150 responses from the survey, and 40 more from young people, equating to 40%. Owing to a lack to staff Mr Graves and Mr Jackson may need to input the data at the Community Council.

Mr Graves to organise a public meeting to present the Parish Plan. Mr Berriman to be invited to attend, and the two dates he suggested were the 17 and 24 November. Mr Graves to arrange the meeting for 24 November.

Mr Owen objected to the wording of the Minutes of the Steering Group meeting which implied that the Parish Council were unwilling to attend a meeting with the Steering Group. Chairman asked that the Parish Council be made aware of the date of the next meeting, and also that the Clerk be sent copies of the Minutes.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported that a letter had been received from Football Foundation to say that they have no funding available and the Steering Group now had to start again and fill in an Expression of Interest form.

Shropshire Council were still holding the monies for the changing rooms, situation to be reviewed in 2010.

A new funding round from Sport England had just been released and Miss Edwards to submit application before January 2010.

FINANCES

Account balances were reported as:

Community account

£12,503.31

Comprising: Parish Plan account

£2,669.71

Parish Council account

£9,833.60

Business Base Rate Tracker account

£1,926.63.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Npower (energy charge Sept 09 qtr) £117.06

Shropshire Council (Parish Plan expenses) £385.25

Mr Ray Davies (grass cutting etc) £198.20

Mr T Hughes (killer spray for R Davies) £24.99

Bucknell Nurseries (Round Up) £32.50

Bucknell Nurseries (spraying brambles, etc) £34.00

IJ & DJ Gough (mowing Chapel Lawn Road land) £154.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire Council letter re: Environmental Maintenance - Street Cleaning Survey. Chairman to complete on behalf of the Parish Council.

Two letters from Shropshire Council re: Local Joint Committee.

Shropshire Council letter + enclosure re: Urban and Rural Roads Speed Limit Policy.

West Shropshire Talking Newspaper letter requesting grant. After discussion it was agreed unanimously that a grant of £50 be awarded.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Owen reported that older children were pulling out the fence at the school garden play area.

There were problems parking at the school, Clerk to ask Mr Glyn Shaw to repaint the yellow zigzags, and extend them further towards the gate.

A car had been dumped by the water station at Bedstone. Mr Hartin to report this.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 December 2009 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. The following meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 January.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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