

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 November 2010

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter,
Mrs B Sharpe,
Mr P Davies, Mr C Savery.
4 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The case of the WI ladies being prevented from tending the flowers at the station had now appeared in national newspapers, and on television. It was understood that Network Rail had offered to pay for any insurance required, but a risk assessment would need to be done. Mr Philip Dunne MP was helping to sort things out.

Mr Chambers supported the Parish Council's proposal for a 20 mph speed limit from the school to the Post Office, a distance of 200m. This matter concerned the school and the village in equal measures, and was not limited to school children. Mr Chambers also mentioned the excessive speed of some vehicles travelling along this stretch of road.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs F Hughes, Mr W Davies, Mrs K Law.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5.10.10

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

MATTERS ARISING

Standing Orders & Financial Regulations. Copies to be circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to discussion at the next meeting.

Grasscutting at Chestnut Meadow. Clerk had written to the Housing Association.

ROADS

Bedstone Road. There had been reports of some kind of effluent washing onto the road. This was reported to Highways, but the source could not be traced. The situation would be monitored.

Road from Bedstone to The Mynd. Mr Savery reported that the drains were blocked and flood water was running down the road, causing more problems. Clerk to inform Highways.

Salt bin in Bridge End Lane. Highways had been asked to fill this as soon as possible and add it to their salt bin list.

Proposed new street light. The necessary information had been sent to Central Networks.

Road sweeping over The Mynd/Access to Mr Colin Jones' house. These had been reported to Highways.

PLANNING

Application No. 10/04623/TCA. Remove one Sequoia tree within Bucknell Conservation Area at Church Villa, Bucknell. No objection.

Application No. 10/04499/OUT. Renewal of extant Outline Planning Permission for one dwelling and access at Gove End Paddock. Supported.

Application No. 10/04503/FUL. Attached single garage at Highthorn, Dog Kennel Lane. No objection.

Application No. 10/03011/FUL. Two cabins and change of use of land at Hales Barn, Bucknell, had been granted.

Application No. 10/02565/FUL. Retrospective application for a balcony at 1 The Square, Bucknell, had been refused. It was understood the house was up for sale.

PARISH PLAN

No report available.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported that the Fun Day on 17 October had raised in excess of £815 towards the changing rooms.

Severn Trent had inspected the stand pipe and water pipes laid on the site and a date was awaited for the connection across the road.

The field had been completely sealed off with security fencing during the build and the members of the Football Club were parking elsewhere.

E-on/Central Networks were still planning to underground the cables before the end of their financial year. The Trustees of the Hall Committee and the Parish Council had been asked to sign the Deeds to progress this.

Dog Warden to be asked to help prevent dog fouling on the pathway nearest the road. It was understood that the identity of the offending dog's owner was known, and it was suggested that a warning letter could be sent from the Street Scene Department.

The total amount so far raised towards the changing rooms was £4,352.50, of which £2,000 was from the anonymous donor. More pledges had been made totalling in the region of £700, and another £3,000 from the anonymous donor, making a grand total to date of approximately £8,000. There was therefore a shortfall of around £2,000.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

Mr Owen and Mr Carter had attended the training course at Newcastle Community Centre.

Mr Eddie Jones, Newcastle Parish Council Chairman, and Mr Cliff Medicott, from the AED scheme were both prepared to come and speak to parishioners and also organise a training event if required. Clerk to contact Mr Jones for advice on publicity, etc, with a view to arranging a public meeting in Bucknell after Christmas.

Mr Owen said it was important to have a defibrillator in the parish as at present this area was not adequately covered.

FINANCES

Account balances were reported as:

Community account

£11,260.24

Of which: Parish Plan Account

£2,163.35

Parish Council Account

£9,096.89.

Business Base Rate Tracker Account

£5,927.66.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)

£118.60

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| IJ & DJ Gough (mowing & strimming at Chapel Lawn Rd.) | |
| £125.00 | |
| Bucknell Nurseries (clearing river bank) | £81.00 |
| BR & SC Green (petrol etc for mower) | £83.05 |
| Npower (energy charge for Sept 10 qtr) | £178.82 |
| Mazars (external audit) | £158.62. |

It was further agreed to pay the following:
Community Council of Shrops (Freepost rtns for Parish Plan)
£110.00.

Prysmian invoice in the sum of £39.21 inc VAT had been received for a repair to a street light in Redlake Meadow. It was thought this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council. Clerk to check and report at the December meeting.

Salary increase for Clerk. The Clerk left the room while this was discussed. It was agreed that the salary of the present Clerk would remain based on 4 hours per week at SCP 17 (£8.747 per hour/£34.988 per week/£1,819.376 per year) with effect from 1st October 2010, ie the last two quarters of this financial year. An increase to SCP 18 would be considered at the end of the financial year 2010-11.

Costs of closed churchyard. Clerk to establish an approximation of the expenditure so far, and also ascertain the ownership of the strimmer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire Council letter re: Winter Service Review
Shrops Council letter + enclosed Street Cleaning Survey
Shropshire Housing Group letter + Annual Report to 31.3.10
All the above to the Chairman for his consideration.

Laminated signs from Mr Philip Dunne MP with contact details. To notice boards.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tree in Redlake Meadow was lifting the pavement and was at risk of damaging the drains with root growth, potentially causing expense to householders. Mr Owen had contacted Ms Siobhan Reedy without success. Clerk to write to the Tree Officer.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 December 2010 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

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3.11.10