

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2013 In Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Miss B Stone (Vice Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr C Savery,
Mr J Kemp, Mr P Davies, Mrs B Sharpe.

Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

4 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Willson said the last Minutes did not mention that Mr David Lansbury MP had counted Bucknell school amongst the top 100 primary schools in the country.

Mr Willson also queried planning issues in the face of the proposed reorganisation. Mr Hartin explained that redundancies would impact on the planning department, there would still be three planning committees, but they would all be at Shrewsbury. If a Parish Council had a material objection to an application, a representative would need to attend the planning committee meeting to state their case. The Chairman said this was unacceptable as many Councillors would have to take a day off work to attend. Mr Hartin said these changes had been forced on Shropshire Council because of severe financial cuts.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs F Hughes, Mr A Faulkner.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared an interest in the AED/CFR schemes, and the Bucknell Show. Mr Kemp declared an interest in the Bucknell Show.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1.10.13

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Bucknell school. Mr Hartin reported that the Open Day was very successful. The Lottery grant application for the work on the kitchen was not approved. A grant from the LJC for £2,500 was subject to match funding. Other sources of funding were to be investigated.

School bus turning beyond The Tyndings. It was not known where the bus was presently turning.

Condition of phone boxes. Clerk had written to BT.

Litter bin at the end of Dog Kennel Lane. Mr Alan Meyrick from Shropshire Council suggested relocating the bin presently in the hedge outside the school. Clerk to check whether there would be any cost to the Parish Council.

Posts at The Causeway. Mr W Davies confirmed these were currently too wet to paint.

School garden play area. Mr Ray Parry had sent details of suggested replacements for the horse toy which had broken.

Notices. The Chairman submitted a notice which was a legal requirement, giving ownership and contact details, etc. Regarding the age of children using the play area, Mr Kemp would obtain two quotations from sign writers.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEME

The Chairman reported that arrangements were in hand for an AED unit to be installed in a box at the Sitwell Arms. More trained volunteers were always needed.

The photo display raised £425.45 for the CFR scheme. £25 of this would be needed to pay for the hire of the hall. Mrs Sharpe proposed that the Parish Council pay this.

The Heart Start training for groups could now include AED training as well.

On 1st December the CFRs will take delivery of the 4x4. The vehicle would be kept with the person who was on call.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

No report available from the Steering Group.

The Chairman reported that he had received a request from a parishioner to keep a horse on the changing rooms field. Some of this land was used for parking. Clerk to check whether there are any conditions on the Deeds re: renting land.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT GROUP

Miss Stone reported that the new heating system was working. The Chairman had received a complaint that it was too warm, Miss Stone replied that it could be turned down.

Churchyard wall. Mr Hay-Campbell was invited to speak from the floor and said that the whole section of wall was in a very poor state. Miss Stone to arrange a site meeting.

BUCKNELL SHOW

Mr Kemp tabled the final account from the show, which was discussed. A small group would meet in January with a view to holding another show next year.

The Chairman suggested that an application be made to the LJC for the purchase of trestle tables, and possibly tentage.

WEBSITE

Being updated constantly, thanks to Mr Jackson.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Litter picking group had been awarded £151.24 for equipment.

Bucknell school grant for £2,500 had to be match funded.

Shropshire Fire & Rescue. Meeting to be held on 29.11.13 at Clun Memorial Hall at 6pm as a consultation with Parish Councils to include the possible closure of Clun Fire Station. It was important to send a representative.

Next meeting. 13.2.14 – venue to be decided.

MARCHES CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER BROADBAND

The first villages were being connected up, these were mainly around Shrewsbury. Mr Philip Dunne MP had been contacted to ask for his support.

ROADS:

30mph repeater signs in Chapel Lawn Road. Miss Stone to follow this up.

Gullies in Chapel Lawn Road. It was thought these had been cleared. Miss Stone to check.

Survey of trees. Email from Ms Siobhan Reedy, Tree Officer, stating that two of the trees would have to be felled (not specifying which ones) and that the cost of her written report would be £150 + VAT. After discussion it was decided that a written report would not be required at this time. Mr Hartin to ask Ms Reedy which two trees needed to be felled.

Chairman and Mr W Davies to meet on site this week. The Chairman suggested that the trees be replaced in due course.

Tree in Weston Road on Bucknell House land. Mr W Davies to attend to this now Weston Road was open again.

Temporary closure of Weston Road. Mr Faulkner had been contacted by a parishioner who said that the Contractors had been especially helpful during the works. Mr Hartin was investigating complaints re: access.

Concrete plinths for tables/seats. Mr Carter had offered to supply the materials FOC, and would charge for labour only. There were fixing spikes missing as well. After discussion it was decided that the defects should be put right without any charge to the Parish Council. Clerk to write to Mr Carter, and find the original quote.

40mph limit Bedstone Road. Mr Hartin said the signs were not sufficiently visible because of the hedges.

Pavement/footpath from Green's garage to Dog Kennel Lane. The encroaching grass had not been cut back. Clerk to report this again.

River bridge by Green's garage. Clerk had established that the bridge was on Shropshire Council's biennial inspection programme and had asked for a copy of the latest report. Severn Trent had cut some weed, but not cleared the arch of the bridge.

Flooding at Willow Cottage, Mynd. Mr Hartin to chase up the report following the site meeting last week.

PLANNING:

Application No. 13/03807/FUL. Change of use from agricultural land to residential amenity land at Crossing Cottage, Bedstone, had been received between meetings and a comment in support had been returned. This was endorsed by those Councillors present.

SAMDev and Bucknell village. Email from Liam Cowden stating that discussions were ongoing re: development of the timber yard and he would return and speak with the Parish Council shortly.

STANDING ORDERS

Items 1 – 4. Discussed and amended to suit this Parish Council. Draft to be tabled at the next meeting for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Spotlight leaflets. Distributed to those present.

Email + attachments from Marches Energy Agency re: energy efficiency.

FINANCE:

Bank balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£4,298.67
Business base rate tracker account		£10,943.89
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£9,929.40.	

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mr R Davies (grasscutting etc)		£266.00
Mrs N Adams (salary October 13))	£135.00
HMRC (PAYE))	£19.60
Npower (energy charge Sept qtr)		£190.69.

It was further agreed to pay the following (the Chairman abstained):

Mr I Owen (mileage)	£9.00.
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Ringway invoice for repairs of street lights: Chapel Lawn Road and Chestnut Meadow. Although Ringway maintained all lights, the one in Chestnut Meadow was the responsibility of Shropshire Council and the Parish Council should not pay for its repair. Clerk to sort it out.

Incoming:

BT Openreach (Wayleave)	£149.83
Western Power (Wayleave)	£20.77.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Street light in Weston Road opposite No. 8 had lost its lens, possibly having been dislodged by a Contractor's vehicle during the recent works. Clerk to get it repaired.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd December 2014 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Mr W Davies tendered his apologies.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.20pm.

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25.11.13