

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5 October 2010

PRESENT

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Chambers said that Network Rail had banned anyone from working on the station for Health & Safety reasons, despite the fact that the WI had looked after the flowers for 25 years. There were similar instances at other railway stations on the line. The intention was to fence off the disused line and do a risk assessment at each station. There was a chance that volunteers who had kept stations tidy and attractive for years would not be able to continue.

Mrs Edwards said that two blockages in the sewer had been jetted through, this might only cause a problem further down.

The recent flooding had caused tarmac to lift on a pavement in Dog Kennel Lane. Clerk to report this.

The Chairman asked for ideas for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in 2012. Village organisations to be made aware of this event.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr C Savery, Mrs K Law, Mr W Davies, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7.9.10

Under "Open Discussion" second paragraph, last sentence to begin: "Mr Chambers had told the Chairman that . . ."

Under "Planning" Application No. 10/03011/FUL, last sentence to end: ". . . was passed on a show of hands, 3 in favour, 2 against, with the Chairman's vote in favour."

The Minutes were then approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Railway hedge. This had been cut back, and a letter from Network Rail confirmed that it would have to be reported every time the hedge needed to be trimmed.

ROADS:

20mph limit past the school. Shropshire Council had provided fluorescent jackets for the children to go from the school to the church. However, there was a 200m stretch along Chapel Lawn Road with no pavement, and the risk was not school times only, but all of the time.

Dip in the road by the Sitwell Arms. This had been repaired.

Salt bins. The bins by the school and at the bottom of Red Lane had been replaced, and the two Parish Council salt bins at Weston Road and The Mynd had been filled.

Gritting. Mr Martin from Highways had confirmed that Chapel Lawn Road to the garages by The Tyndings does get gritted.

Bridge by the garage. Mr Chris Wright from Shropshire Council had inspected the bridge and considered that no repairs were necessary at this time.

Flooding. Mr Martin had inspected the areas and considered that the problems had been temporary, and caused by a cloudburst.

New Street Light. Clerk had been in correspondence with Central Networks, who had unfortunately lost the letter giving details of the precise location of the cable. Clerk to email the information to Central Networks.

PLANNING

Application No. 10/04054/FUL. Extension and brick cladding at 1 Weston Road. Supported unanimously on a show of hands, as Councillors considered it would improve the look of the dwelling, and several other householders had carried out this work.

There were no decisions to be reported by Planning Authority.

PARISH PLAN

Apologies had been received from Mr Graves, who had supplied a written report to the Chairman:

During the last month a member of the group has been working on the format of the Parish Plan document, which would be distributed to all households in the parish. Unfortunately he had had some setbacks and if these could not be overcome soon, the PPSG would seek the assistance of the County to do the layout. The PPSG

anticipated having the layout finished within two weeks and the Chairman would be provided with a copy. The current date for distribution was late November/early December.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards report that the It's a Knockout/BBQ on Sunday 17 October would start at 2pm and a bar had been applied for. This was a fund raising event for the Football Club to help towards the provision of changing rooms.

Mr Peter Davies was putting on a film show.

Severn Trent would carry out the connection work soon.

Miss Edwards would attend a site meeting this week with the Architect and the Builder.

The field would be sealed off for Health & Safety reasons during the build. The Football Club had been advised and would park elsewhere for the time being.

E-on/Central Networks were still planning to run the cables underground before the end of their financial year. Mr Meggitt was unable to give a start date as there had been a hold up with Covenants.

There had been reports of dog fouling on the pathway nearest the road, and the Dog Warden to be asked to patrol this area.

The Chairman thanked Miss Edwards for her report, and thought there may be some parishioners who were unaware of the Daffodil Lane Development project. Perhaps more publicity could be given to it.

ALLOTMENTS

Mrs Fraser reported that the allotments had been started in April this year, and lots of vegetables had been produced. All of the original plots had been taken, but there was a wet piece of land which could not be used. A large shed had been installed for gardeners to store their tools.

Mr Owen said there had been a write up in the Shropshire Star last week.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

An information/training session was being held at Newcastle Community Centre on Saturday 9 October. More copies of the poster to be put up in the village.

It would be helpful to have one of the organisers attend a Parish Council meeting to answer questions.

FINANCES

Account balances were reported as:

Community account

£12,144.40

Of which: Parish Plan account £2,196.46
Parish Council account £9,947.94

Business Base Rate Tracker account
£5,927.35.

Incoming:

BT Wayleave £149.83
Central Networks Wayleaves £19.42
£17.83

Total = £187.08.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mr I Graves (reimbursement for Parish Plan expenses)

£33.11

Bucknell Nurseries (trimming hedges at the school & church)

£92.00

Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)

£127.60

Mrs N Adams (salary/expenses Sept 10 qtr)

£446.45.

It was further agreed on a show of hands, 5 in favour, Mr Carter abstained, to pay the following:

Carter's Landscaping & Property Maintenance (notice boards)

£160.00.

A quotation had been received from Bucknell Nurseries to clear the vegetation from the bank of the River Redlake, in the sum of £81.00. The Chairman recommended acceptance, and this was agreed unanimously on a show of hands.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire County NHS PCT mental health care consultation.

West Shropshire Talking Newspaper letter requesting donation. It was agreed to donate £25.00 to this charity.

Shropshire Council letter re: Shropshire Charter. To Chairman.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported on the current situation with regard to LJC funding.

Mr Mike Starr and the P3 group had replaced the stiles with kissing gates on the footpath from the church to Daffodil Lane. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mr Starr.

The External Auditor had requested that the Parish Council adopt Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as required by the Local Government Act. The Chairman had a copy of these, and requested a further two copies from the Clerk. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mrs Hughes said that the road between Bucknell and Bedstone over the Mynd needed to be swept as the accumulation of chippings was dangerous. Clerk to report this.

Mrs Hughes also reported that the access road to Mr Colin Jones's house at The Mynd was in a poor condition. This should be repaired as a matter of urgency as Mr Jones needed medical supplies delivered once a month. Clerk to contact Highways.

Chairman to attend a NALGO meeting and would report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

Mr Ray Davies had reported that the strimmer needed a new head. This was agreed, but there was a query as to whether the church groundsman was using it, in which case the cost might properly be borne 50/50 with the church.

Clerk had received a telephone call from a resident of Chestnut Meadow stating that the grass play area had not been cut for months. After discussion, it was thought this may be the responsibility of the Housing Association. Clerk to contact them about this.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 November 2010 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30p.m.

The January meeting will be held in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall, provided it is available.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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20.10.10

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**A Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2
November 2010 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.**

A G E N D A

OPEN DISCUSSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5.10.10

MATTERS ARISING:

**Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
Grasscutting at Chestnut Meadow**

ROADS:

**Report of road conditions/street lamp failures
Proposed new street light
Road sweeping over The Mynd
Access to Mr Colin Jones' house at The Mynd**

PLANNING:

**To consider applications received
To note decisions reported by Planning Authority**

PARISH PLAN:

Report from Steering Group

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT:

Report from Steering Group

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

FINANCE:

**To note account balances
To approve settlement of accounts
To consider salary increase for Clerk**

CORRESPONDENCE: To note correspondence received

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Late items

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

N E Adams

26.10.10