

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 October 2011

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Savery, Mrs K Law, Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
6 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Graves said that the kissing gate onto the railway near the school had been replaced with a metal gate which did not close very well. Also there was a large gap under the gate which would allow a child, or dog, access to the railway. Mrs Jackson suggested a self-closing gate, Mr Owen said there may be problems with Health & Safety and the risk of trapped fingers. As there was a £1,000 fine for trespassing on the line, there should be a solution.

Mr Owen had reported three street lights out, and Mr Hartin said there was one more which needed repair. Mr P Davies said there had been a surge on the main electricity line which blew out security lights at the timber yard. Mrs Law said the surge had caused a fire in her house, which fortunately was brought under control.

Mrs Sharpe asked about the Ludlow bus service, and said that one bus failed to pick up at the shop one morning, and in the afternoon the bus failed to go on its proper route through the village. Clerk to report this to Mr Fred Ratcliffe, Transport Manager at the Shirehall.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs F Hughes, Mr C Carter, Mr W Davies.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2011

Mrs Law had apologised for her absence at this meeting, and the Apologies for Absence were amended accordingly. The Minutes were then approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Trees in Redlake Meadow. Mr Owen declared a personal interest. Situation to be monitored.

School garden play area. The three culprits who had damaged the play equipment had each contributed £50 towards the repairs. This would cover the invoice from Active Gardens, who had repaired the damage.

Mr Carter had repaired the fence, and it was thought the damage to the netting had been caused by a car, rather than vandalism.

Schools reorganisation. Mr Hartin said nothing would be reported on this for some time and recommended that it be removed from the Agenda.

ROADS:

Street lights. Mr Owen would report the failed street light.

New street light. Still not connected up. Clerk to chase this up urgently.

Zigzag markings near the school. Needed to be extended a further 10 metres towards the station. Clerk to report this.

Footbridge at Seabridge Meadow. Mr Hartin to establish whether this was on the definitive map, and therefore the responsibility of Shropshire Council.

Higgins Bridge, Bedstone. To be closed for up to two weeks from 7 November to facilitate repairs to the wing walls of the bridge.

PLANNING:

Application No. 11/03522/OUT. Residential development at Riverlea, Bucknell. This new proposal reduced the number of houses from 15 to 8. The site was therefore less crowded, and the Parish Council had no objection to this, although there were still concerns as to whether the village sewerage system could cope.

Application No. 11/03845/VAR. Variation of conditions on a house already constructed on Plot 5 at Hall Farm, Bucknell. Noted.

Application No. 11/03560/FUL. Village hall, etc at Daffodil Lane. Renewal of previous planning permission. Noted.

The following applications had been granted:

No. 11/03304/FUL. PV solar panels at Bedstone College.

No. 11/02385/FUL. Ten affordable dwellings at the site in Weston Road.

No. 11/01990/FUL. Detached garage, etc. at Chestnut Cove, Bucknell.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Renewal of planning permission for the new hall had been applied for and it was thought this had been approved.

Miss Edwards further reported as follows:

The heating system and showers were to be run off bottled gas and the work was being carried out at that moment.

Bench seating, tiling, painting, electrics and other internal works were still to be completed. The Football Club had had offers of work but until completion by the Builder it was not known what this work would involve.

Work was taking place on the recreation ground to clear the pathway initially. This work was being undertaken by young offenders who were supervised by two officers. The problem of the mound on the pathway had been resolved. Further work would include painting the benches and cutting around some of the trees on the mound. Miss Edwards had contact details if work was needed on any other community ground.

The 100 Club tickets were still available for renewal and could be obtained from the garage at a cost of £10.00. This was towards funding for the new hall.

The Football Club had reported dog fouling around the football pitch, which was a Health & Safety issue. Miss Edwards asked whether the Street Scene Department, or Dog Warden could help solve this problem.

Further discussion identified other areas in the village where dog fouling was prevalent, especially Daffodil Lane. Clerk to ask the Dog Warden to carry out a survey in the village.

A badger had been reported on the field by the goal posts and Chris Sanson would be asked for advice.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Spotlight” leaflets. Distributed to Councillors present.

Copy letters from Memorial Hall Committee and Mr Nicholas Dummer regarding the Memorial Hall piano. The Chairman explained that a parishioner had bequeathed a very good piano to the village, and invited Mr Eddie Price to relate the details of the recent problem. Essentially the piano had been swapped with the school piano without permission, and it was feared that some damage might have occurred since they were not moved by professionals. The Memorial Hall piano would be tuned on Friday in readiness for a concert on Saturday, and the Memorial Hall Committee felt the cost should be borne by those who had moved it to and from the school.

Boundary Commission for England letter re: 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England. It was understood that the aim was to average 76,000 people in each constituency.

FINANCE

Bank balances were reported as:

Community current account		£8,615.23
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£7,600.74	
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£9,931.27.

Incoming:

Wayleaves:	Western Power Distribution	£18.35
	“ “ “	£19.83
	BT Openreach	£149.83.

It was agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary – September)	£123.80
HMC (PAYE – September)	£30.80
Active Garden (repairs to play equipment)	£150.00
Bucknell Nurseries (hedge trimming, etc)	£82.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)	£118.60.

Accounts to year ended 31.3.11

The Annual Return had been received from the External Auditor with the following comment:

“on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission’s requirements and no matters

have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.”

It was agreed to pay Mazars fee note of £162.00 for the external audit.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

Mr Owen gave a report on the progress of the scheme, and said that a unit now cost £1,000 with an additional £700 should an enclosure be needed.

Quiz sheets were still available at £1 each, closing date was 5 November.

The next training day was scheduled for 12 November at Clunton village hall 10am – 2pm.

The scheme now had charity status, and the website address was:

www.clunvalleyaeds.co.uk.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The next Local Joint Committee meeting was scheduled for this Thursday 6 October in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7pm.

Mr P Davies’s film show night was scheduled for 22 November in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7pm. Tickets were available from the garage at £3 each.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 November 2011 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Mr Savery to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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7.10.11