

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1 September 2009**

#### **PRESENT**

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Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mrs K Law, Mr P Davies, Mrs B Sharpe.

Mrs J McNickell, Shropshire Partnership.

8 members of the public.

#### **PRESENTATION RE:**

#### **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2009-20**

The Chairman introduced Mrs McNickell, who explained that the Shropshire Partnership had produced a consultation document on proposals aimed towards the vision for Shropshire in 2020. The proposed structure included five themes, and seven cross cutting issues which would need to be tackled. Input from all parties and individuals was very much encouraged, and forms and cards were available for completion and posting back.

Following questions from the floor, the Chairman thanked Mrs McNickell, who then left the meeting.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

The Chairman said he had sent a sympathy card to Mr Keith Barnett following the recent death of his wife Marion, who had also been a Parish Councillor.

Mr Wright said that Sunshine Radio 855, based in Ludlow, would be promoting Bucknell on Thursday 1 October, and Friday 2 October, between 11am and 3pm, and contributions from parishioners were invited. Mr Wright was asked to put posters on the notice boards re: this.

Mr Chambers said that a similar event had been broadcast some time ago on Radio Shropshire, and it had been very successful.

Mrs Edwards said the resurfacing work had started in Weston Road, but the weather was not ideal.

It was not known when the level crossing would be closed for repair work.

Mr Cornes said that the river survey had been carried out for house insurance companies.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs F Hughes, Mr W Davies, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4.8.09**

Under "Finance - Trimming churchyard hedges", second quotation to read "£286 including VAT".

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

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

Allotments. Mrs Fraser had reported that a meeting of Bucknell Allotment Association would be held within the next two weeks. There was a possibility of buying a piece of land in the village with grant funding.

Coronation Oak, Bedstone. Nothing to report at present.

Tourism Signs at The Turnpike. Mr Wright said that the businesses in Bucknell were generally in favour, and submitted a suggested design for the required signs. The cost would be £880.18 + VAT for both signs. Mr Wright said that the businesses would help towards the cost, and asked if the Parish Council could make a financial contribution as well. Chairman asked that more detailed information be provided, and a decision would be made next time.

Salt bins at Bedstone. Nothing to report at present.

BT Telephone box. Still contained an operational telephone, therefore responsibility for its upkeep rested with BT. Clerk to pursue this matter.

## **ROADS:**

Street light down The Causeway. Nothing to report at present.

Proposed new street lights. Nothing to report at present.

Drainage in Weston Road. This had been repaired. There were other areas of flooding, it was thought Mr Hartin was aware of them.

Hedge along Bedstone Road. This had been trimmed back, but Councillors were of the opinion that more drastic pruning was required.

Vehicle Activated Signs policy. To be discussed next time.

## **PLANNING**

There were no applications for consideration nor any decisions to be reported by the Planning Authority.

## **PARISH PLAN**

Mr Cummings said that the questionnaire was nearly finalised.

## **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

Central Networks (E-on) have provided the quotations required to carry out the work needed to provide an electricity supply on site: Electricity connection £18,214.03 + VAT = £20,946.13, Plant and equipment diversion £31,763.05 + VAT = £36,527.51.

A meeting had taken place with Wayleave Survey & Engineering Ltd regarding the placing of the high voltage overhead cable underground. This should reduce the costs from Central Networks.

The work on the bike ramps is still to be started and health & safety issues to be looked into.

A grant of £1,598 had been awarded by the Community Council of Shropshire towards new tables for the Memorial Hall.

A grant of £50,000 had been awarded from Shropshire County Council towards changing rooms on the new hall site, the match funding was to be sought from Football Foundation and the application should be away this week once information had been received from the Football Club.

The entrance onto the hall site would be improved, and gates and fencing were to be installed. This had been funded by monies left over from the Bucknell Oral History Group. There were still some books for sale at £3 available from the garage.

A planning application had been made for the changing rooms.

Ray Parry had been contacted regarding the minor defects to the play area at Daffodil Lane.

100 club tickets were now up for renewal at Bucknell garage, £10 for the year.

## **FINANCE**

Account balances were reported as:

Community accounts £13,429.72  
Comprising: Parish Plan account £2,643.74  
Project account nil  
Parish Council general a/c £10,785.98.  
Business Base Rate Tracker account £1,926.39.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Bucknell Nurseries (hedge cutting, etc) £373.50  
Mr Ray Davies (grass cutting etc) £114.60.

Mr Hughes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following payment, which was unanimously approved by the remaining Councillors.:

Mr T Hughes (stationery and postage) £45.00.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Pearce Cycles letter re: Mountain Bike Event in Bucknell Wood 5th and 6th September.  
Community Council letter + enclosures re: Collaboration Benefits. To Parish Plan Steering Group.  
Shropshire Council letter re: Withdrawal of Bus Services - Update.  
Southern Shropshire Partnership letter re: date of next Forum.  
West Mercia Police poster re: recruitment of Special Constables. To Post Office.  
Shropshire Council letter + enclosed core strategy consultation (5 copies).

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman tabled a quotation for spraying brambles, nettles, etc along the churchyard wall, in the sum of £35. It was unanimously agreed to accept this. Chairman to establish exactly which areas were to be sprayed.

### **DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 October 2009 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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7.9.09

