

# **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5 May 2009**

### **PRESENT**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mr C Savery, Mrs F Hughes, Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies, Mrs K Law, District & County Councillor N Hartin, Former District Councillor Mrs J Williams, 5 members of the public.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr W Davies.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman. Mr Hughes was proposed by Mr P Davies and seconded by Mrs Law. As there were no further nominations, Mr Hughes was re-elected unanimously on a show of hands.

Vice Chairman. Mr Owen was proposed from the chair by Mr Hughes, and seconded by Mr P Davies. In the absence of any other nomination, Mr Owen was re-elected unanimously on a show of hands.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7 APRIL 2009**

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

### **MATIERS ARISING**

**Planning permission query.** Mr Hartin reported that the work done was in order. Footpath to Hayes Wood. This matter had been resolved at a site meeting.

Mr P Davies said that a house in the village had been charged extra council tax because it was on a flood plain. Mr Hartin to liaise with Mr Davies. It was queried whether this was in fact higher insurance premiums.

**Coronation Oak Bedstone.** Mr Savery said he was still waiting for Defra to make another site visit.

**Allotments.** Mrs Fraser reported that Bucknell Allotment Society was still in negotiations regarding a suitable site.

### **ROADS**

Street light outside Yew Tree House. Still not yet repaired. Clerk to report this again.

**White posts/pot holes.** Mr Owen had spoken to Mr Ian Martin of the Highways Department this afternoon, and he had agreed to do this work.

**Bedstone Road.** The edge of the road was being broken away because traffic was being forced across by the overgrown hedge. The Highways Department could require the owner to cut back the hedge or the Council would do the work and bill the

### **PLANNING**

There were no applications for consideration.

Application No. 1/09/21471ffCTree works at Manor Farm House, Bedstone, had been granted.

### **PARISH PLAN**

Mr Graves reported that a brief survey document was being put together for public distribution, this would be checked by the Parish Council Chairman first.

### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Mrs Edwards reported that a meeting was scheduled for 12 May with Shropshire Council and the Community Council of Shropshire to get a progress report on the project from all parties.

Clerk had provided details on RoSPA and the Playing Fields Association. Contractors had been instructed to carry on with the mowing.

### **FINANCE**

Appointment of Cheque Signatories. These were currently Mr Hughes, Mr Owen, - and Mr W Davies. It was agreed unanimously on a show of hands that these be reappointed en bloc.

#### **Account balances were reported as:**

Community current account		£22,289.60
Comprising:		
Parish Plan account	£2,643.74	
Project account	£5,127.04	
Parish Council account	£13,912.62	
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£1,925.6
<b>Incoming: Precept 2009/10</b>		<b>£11,016.00</b>

#### **It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:**

K J Watkins & Sons (resurfacing school garden car park)	£3,910.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£346.79
Npower (energy charge March 09 qtr)	£114.49

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Information Commissioner's Office letter + enclosed DVD re: Freedom of Information Act.

Shropshire Council letter re: Local Joint Committees. To Chairman. Shropshire Council publication "Parks & Countryside". To Post Office.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 June 2009 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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