

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2010

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.
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs K Law, Mr W Davies.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman. It was agreed unanimously that Mr Hughes be re-elected as Chairman.

Vice Chairman. It was likewise agreed unanimously that Mr Owen be re-elected as Vice Chairman.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Miss Edwards asked whether anything could be done about the storage container outside the school as it had been there for several months and was a hazard. Clerk to write to the Chairman of the School Governors, c/o the school.

Street light by the school corner still not working, although the Clerk had reported it. Mrs Sharpe to telephone Prysman.

Mr Owen reported that a one-bedroomed Housing Association house was to be sold, and was under offer. However, it was subject to a Section 106 Agreement.

Mrs K Fraser provided a copy Transfer of the allotment land in Weston Road for Parish Council files.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6.4.10

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

MATTERS ARISING

None.

ROADS

Mr Owen had spoken to Mr Ian Martin about a couple of items.

A red car was parking just on the edge of the hatched area by the school, this was considered dangerous. Clerk to write to the Head Teacher.

PLANNING

None.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Graves submitted a written report stating that the preliminary draft was presently being edited, this should be completed by 15 May, and it was hoped that it could be discussed at the June Parish Council meeting. Other local organisations were also being consulted. The final date for comments was 19 June.

Photographs were being collected for inclusion in the Plan. The aim was to send the final version to print by 30 June.

There were more than adequate funds to pay for the printing, etc of the Parish Plan, with a copy going to each household and other interested parties.

Mr Graves ended his report by encouraging those interested to attend the Shropshire Council meeting at Bishops Castle on 13 May.

Mr Owen suggested that the closing date for the consultation be moved from 19 June until the Chairman returns from his holiday.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Mrs and Miss Edwards reported that another funding scheme called "Build the Game" had been launched by the Football Foundation, and an application for the maximum grant of £20,000 had been sent today. A decision should be made by the end of June.

An application for funds had also been sent to the Local Joint Committee for the balance of the funds, but a decision on this may be deferred.

The money secured from Shropshire Council had to be spent by July 2010, but Mr Hartin would be speaking to the Council after the Election to see if an extension on the deadline was possible.

Mrs Edwards also mentioned that the notice board at the Causeway had been vandalised. Mr Carter to repair this.

FINANCES

Bank balances were reported as:

Community account	£18,884.64
(Includes £11,466 Precept)	

Of which: Parish Plan account £2,196.46
Parish Council account £16,688.18

Business Base Rate Tracker account
£1,927.11.

Clerk was instructed to transfer £4,000 from the Community account to the savings account.

Bill had been sent for the rent of Daffodil Lane ground 1.1.08 - 31.12.10 in the sum of £3.00.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mr R Davies (grasscutting etc)	£178.70
SALC subs	£239.22
Npower (energy charge March qtr)	£168.22.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Bucknell Parochial Church Council thanking the Parish Council for their care of the churchyard. Clerk to acknowledge.

Letter from Miss Evans thanking the Parish Council for providing the salt bin in Weston Road.

Shropshire Council letter re: Consultation on a new Educational Vision. To Chairman.

Letter from Mr Simon Taylor re: provision of scouting in the area. Copies to Ms Carol Martin, Bucknell School, and the Parish Plan Steering Group.

Shropshire Council letter + enclosures re: Local Development Framework, "Issues and Options". Consultation to end on 25 June.

Shropshire Council letter re: Shrewsbury North West Relief Road. To Chairman.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Sharpe asked that the annual thank you letters be sent to the Litter Pickers, the WI, and also to Mr Hartin and Mrs and Miss Edwards. Agreed.

Our newly appointed Community Support Officer is Julia St John Martin.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 June 2010 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

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

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19.5.10