

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1 May 2012

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs K Law, Mr W Davies, Mrs F Hughes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr Hughes and Mr Owen agreed to remain in post as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively until the Parish Council elections next year, and were reappointed unanimously on a show of hands.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jubilee Celebrations. Arrangements were coming together, the generator had been ordered and insurance organised. A decision from the LJC re: grant was awaited, and various fund raising events were being held.

Mr P Davies and Miss Edwards to decide where to have the bonfire.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Owen declared a personal interest in the Clun Valley AED Scheme.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3.4.12

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Housing Association at Ladywell. Clerk had written to Mr Holland at SSHA re: poor condition of some external doors. Mr Hartin said it would take some time to get the problem fixed, and suggested telephoning the Housing Association.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Mr Savery had researched a 6' hardwood bench for Bedstone at a cost of £220 + VAT. This was approved on a show of hands.

Mr Carter quoted £200 for a suitable concrete base, this was also approved on a show of hands.

Bucknell School. No report available.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

Mr Owen reported that the Community First Responder scheme was now in place. Fifteen people were now active operators of the AED scheme in the village. The next training day was scheduled for 16 June 10am-2pm, venue to be advised. Leintwardine and Bucknell CFRs were arranging joint fund raising events.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at present.

ROADS

Speeding traffic past woodyard. Mr P Davies and Mrs Law had held a site meeting with Ms Alice Dilly and Mr Glyn Shaw from Shropshire Council. Mr Shaw had suggested a speed strip as a first step, with a view to installing a mandatory 40mph limit from the village sign by Oil Mill Lane to the existing 30mph limit. It had been proved that the “step down” scheme was more effective than simply extending the 30mph limit. This was agreed unanimously on a show of hands, Clerk to write to Mr Shaw.

Road surfaces in the village. It was noted that roads had been resurfaced and then dug up again to install water mains. Although the finished result was acceptable, Councillors made the point that co-operation between the Agencies regarding timing of their respective work would have been better.

PLANNING

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

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

Some members of the Football Club had spent days painting the interior walls.

The tiles were now down in the shower area, and the toilets and sinks had been installed.

Miss Edwards hoped to order wall tiles for the shower area this week.

The Football Club still had to start the electrical work, this was planned for the next few weeks.

Plans for the Jubilee Celebrations were going well and the disabled toilet should be installed for the day, and also the use of the other toilets inside, although the rest of the changing rooms would be blocked off.

A Duck Race had been arranged for this Sunday for funding towards the Jubilee Celebrations, starting at 3pm at the Causeway by the garage.

It was hoped to form a new Memorial Hall Development Committee and prospective members were asked to contact Miss Edwards.

Flooding at the end of Daffodil Lane. This had been very bad during the recent heavy rain, and was damaging the fence and hedge. Mr Martin at Highways was aware of the situation, Clerk to contact him urgently.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Spotlight” leaflets. Distributed to Councillors present.

Shropshire Council Briefing April 2012 re: improving broadband.

SAMDev Proposals. To Chairman for his consideration.

FINANCES:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account

£15,961.22

(Includes Precept of £12,500)

Of which:	Parish Plan account	£1,014.49
	Parish Council account	£14,946.73.

Business Base Rate Tracker account	£9,933.75.
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It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary April 12))	£123.90
HMRC (PAYE))	£30.80
Mrs N Adams (expenses)		£107.32
Npower (energy charge March qtr)		£176.25
Gifts2impress (jubilee mugs)		£830.40
Association of Local Councils (subs)		£274.03
Mr R Davies (grasscutting, etc)		£60.80.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 June 2012 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 8pm. Mr Savery to book the hall.

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

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