

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr I Owen, Mr W Davies, Mr C Savery, Mr J Kemp, Mrs F Hughes, Mrs B Sharpe,  
Mr P Davies, Miss B Stone, Mr A Faulkner.

Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

6 members of the public.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Chairman.** Mr Owen was proposed by Mr P Davies and seconded by Mrs Sharpe.

Miss Stone was proposed by Mr Owen and seconded by Mr Savery.

Following a secret ballot, Mr Owen was elected Chairman.

**Vice Chairman.** Miss Stone was proposed by Mr Faulkner and seconded by Mr Kemp. As there were no further nominations, Miss Stone was elected unanimously on a show of hands.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**

Mr Owen, Mr W Davies, and Mr Kemp were unanimously approved as cheque signatories. A new Bank Mandate would be required.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Miss Edwards said there was a skip on common land opposite the Baron of Beef and the resulting stones, also car parking, were damaging the mower. Was it possible to get the person hiring the skip to reinstate the land to enable it to be mown? Clerk to contact the householder concerned.

Mr Chambers made the point that there was not much future expense required on the maintenance of the churchyard walls compared to costs in the past, although some work was needed on the lych gate side.

Mr P Davies said that rubbish was being dumped at the entrance to the forestry road. Mr Hartin had asked for this to be removed.

Mr P Davies also said that some guttering on the new changing rooms had been broken by the weight of recent snow. Miss Edwards said she was aware of this.

Miss Edwards reported that there was a pothole by the school with a metal grid over the top, and would make enquiries as to who was responsible for its repair.

Mrs Sharpe said that some of the white posts at the end of the Causeway were broken. Mr W Davies to investigate.

Miss Stone said that potholes had opened up beside manhole covers in the village, notably at the top of Old Bedstone Road. Mr Hartin to contact Mr Ian Martin.

Mr Kemp reported that the concrete under the new benches was breaking up and the screws were rusting. Also two more bolts were required on the bench at Bedstone. Clerk to write to Mr Colin Carter.

School garden play area. Chairman said that the new gates had been sent for galvanising. To try to discourage teenagers, signs stating that the play area was for “children up to the age of . . .” could be considered. Mr Hartin asked about the rocking horse, Chairman said it had been repaired. Miss Edwards to let the Clerk have contact details for the play equipment supplier.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman declared a personal interest in the AED and CFR schemes.

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2.4.13**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**School bus.** Mr Hartin to establish the current situation.

**Wheelie bin for Coxall chapel.** Mr Hartin to pursue this matter.

### **CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME/CFRs**

The Chairman said there was presently a recruitment drive – if there were enough volunteers no-one would have to do more than one or two days a month.

CFR fund raising was continuing, there were three events next month:

A stretcher carry from the Baron of Beef to the Sun at Leintwardine on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

On 14<sup>th</sup> June a ukulele band and barbeque at the Sun.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June a vintage tractor run from Daffodil Lane, Bucknell, to the Sun.

In September it was proposed to put on another photo display.

### **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

The next meeting was scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm, venue to be decided.

### **ROADS**

**Drainage at The Mynd.** Mrs Hughes asked whether this had been sorted to prevent flooding of the house concerned. Mr Hartin said that a scheme for drainage work at the top of the lane was presently being worked out, and would check with Mr Gavin Wong. Also the entrance to Daffodil Lane needed attention because all the levels were wrong.

**Street light on the Old Post Office.** Still not working. Clerk to chase this up.

**Bedstone.** Mr Savery asked whether there was to be some more work to be done at the bottom of the Mynd road. Mr Hartin confirmed that there was.

## **PLANNING**

**Application No. 13/00685/LBC.** Replacement windows at Weir House, Bucknell, had been withdrawn.

The following applications had been granted:

**No. 13/00818/FUL.** Extension, brick skin, etc, at 19 Weston Road.

**No. 13/00846/FUL.** Extension at The Firs, Mynd.

**No. 11/03522/OUT.** Demolition of buildings and erection of 8 new dwellings, etc, at Riverlea, Bucknell.

## **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The electrician was planning to carry out some of the outstanding work this week.

A meeting was still to be arranged with the football club re: remaining works.

The carpenter was hoping to complete some of the work in the new few weeks.

Miss Edwards had had a meeting with Countrywide Ground Works who hopefully would quote to cut the grass on both fields. A quote had been received from Bucknell Nurseries, this would need to be discussed with the hall committee.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email from SSHA requesting local connection for an Applicant. Chairman to follow this up.

## **FINANCE**

**Account balances** not available.

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

Npower (energy charge)	£186.54
SALC (subscription)	£280.56
Mr T Hughes (expenses)	£4.00
Mr R Davies (grasscutting etc)	£210.00
Mrs N Adams (salary)	£135.00
HMRC (PAYE)	£19.60.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Bucknell school.** Mr Hartin reported that the school's Open Day was scheduled for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The broadband contract had been negotiated down from £16K to £4.5K. Schools needed a special type of broadband. It was hoped to find a more effective supplier next time.

**Newsletter.** Mr Kemp said that the closing date for contributions to the next newsletter was 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**List of Contractors.** The Chairman announced that Miss Stone had offered to create a spreadsheet of Contractors' details for future reference. Clerk to email Miss Stone the necessary information.

**Website.** Bucknell had a page on Facebook, but the website was not up-to-date. Clerk to write to Mrs Carolyn Reader asking whether she wanted to continue with the job of updating it.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

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