

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 April 2009

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr P Davies, Mrs B Sharpe, District & County Councillor N Hartin, Former District Councillor Mrs J Williams,
6 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Cornes said that Severn Trent had made a site visit to the village. Mrs Edwards had spoken to their driver who had said there was a major fault. Mr Hartin suggested that Severn Trent be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain themselves.

Mr W Davies said that gates on the footpath to Hayes Wood had been left open and pinned back two or three times a day recently. This would cause considerable problems when stock was turned into the field. Mr Hartin to investigate and arrange a site meeting to discuss this.

The Chairman explained the situation with regard to Local Joint Committees and said that Bedstone & Bucknell Parish Council was now orientated towards Clun. Mr Hartin said that there was money coming down from Shropshire Council to the LJC's, who would decide how this should be spent. Mr Hartin said that the interim Planning Authority met for the first time today, after the Election there would be Northern and Southern Groups, meeting alternately in Ludlow and Bridgnorth.

The suspected non compliance of planning permission granted on the barn conversion opposite the notice board would be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting.

It was thought that the police had withdrawn funding for the Community Police Officer, although nothing official had been heard.
The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs K Law, Mr C Carter & Mrs F Hughes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 2009

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

MATTERS ARISING

School Garden Play Area. Watkins of Leintwardine had been told their estimate was acceptable, and that the work should be done in the Easter holidays.

Allotments. Mrs Fraser had handed a lot of paperwork to the Chairman for his perusal. A suitable site was still being sought, and Mr P Dunne MP was now involved.

Land opposite The Tyndlngs. This was now in the ownership of Shropshire Council and a request would be made to have it resurfaced.

Coronation Oak, Bedstone. Nothing to report at present.

ROADS

Faulty Street Light. Chairman to give the Clerk the relevant telephone number for the maintenance contractor.

Various potholes around the village, also white posts opposite the shop. Mr Hartin to report these.

PLANNING

Application No. 1/09/21591/F Garage and workshop/store, with study over at Hillberry, Chapel Lawn Road, had been received between meetings and a reply returned that the two storey building was out of context with the surrounding bungalows.

There were no decisions to be reported by the Planning Authority.

PARISH PLAN

Nothing to report at present. Chairman had managed to obtain a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held in December. The next meeting was scheduled in May.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Work to install the services on site had been completed with the money from the District Council. e-on to carry out a source survey to enable them to quote for electricity supply on site.

The dirt bike ramp would be started once the better weather came, and Health & Safety issues had been looked into.

Further funding was still being sought.

The entrance would be improved onto the hall site with the provision of gates and the end of the roadway levelled out.

FINANCES

Account balances were reported as:

Community current account		£12,205.73
comprising:		
Parish Plan account	£2,643.74	
Project account	£5,127.04	
Parish Council	£4,434.95.	

Business Base Rate Tracker account		£1,925.68
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It was agreed unanimously to pay the following

Mrs N Adams (March 09 qtr)		£409.30
comprising: Salary	£313.60	
Expenses	£95.70	
HOWLTA subs		£10.00
SALC subs		£226.53
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)		£286.50

CORRESPONDENCE

Two letters from Shropshire Council re: Local Joint Committees. To Chairman

HOWLTA Newsletter. To Post Office.

British Red Cross letter + enclosure re: Rural Ambassador Project. To Post Office.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Letter had been received from Bucknell Football Club thanking the Parish Council for the donation of .£200 towards the provision of toilets.

Two quotations had been received for the refurbishment of the outside of the lych gate: £2,133.00 and £1,030.00.

Two quotations had also been received for the refurbishment of the inside of the lych gate: £1,397.00 and £600.00.

It was agreed unanimously on a show of hands to accept the lower of both quotations in each case.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly and the Annual Parish Council Meeting and will be held on Tuesday 5 May in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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