

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5 April 2011

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr C Carter, Mr P Davies, Mrs K Law, Mr C Savery, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin, CSO Ms J StJohn-Martin, 10 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION RE: VANDALISM

Windows had been broken on two occasions at The Old School House down The Causeway, money stolen from the honesty box, and the hedge trashed.

At the School House next to the school on Friday and Saturday nights cars had been “keyed”. This had been reported to the Police, and incident numbers allocated.

Oak doors and frames at the Station House had been damaged on two occasions, cost of repairs was estimated at over £2,000. This was reported to the Ludlow Police, who promised extra patrols, possibly after dark. It was thought that the Railway Police may wish to be involved since the damage was initiated from the platform.

A window was broken at Bucknell Court, and a double glazed window in the barn conversion by the Post Office was also broken.

One of the circus people who rent the station yard over the winter was asleep in his caravan when it was attacked. (Some residents thought that the circus people may be responsible for the vandalism but all present at this meeting strongly refuted this.)

It appeared that the vandals were being served alcohol in some pubs when they were clearly under age.

Bottles were smashed in the driveway of Oil Mill House, and the vandals squared up to the householder until he informed them he was a Prison Officer.

Daffodils were bashed down outside the woodyard.

Kids were banging on doors and windows in Weston Road. Several of the residents could be termed vulnerable and this was very distressing for them.

The Chairman offered to go to Ludlow School and speak to the Head Master, and asked whether the Police could approach the school as well.

Generally in the village antisocial behaviour had now escalated to criminal damage.

Mr Hartin said that Ludlow School had written to all parents re: bad behaviour on the school bus, but as the letter had been sent home with pupils, it was not known whether the parents had received it.

CSO StJohn-Martin said that Police would be patrolling between 10pm and midnight, targeting the youth of the village, and would speak to their parents. It was important that every incident was reported to the Police for their records. In an emergency people should dial 999, take photos providing there is no risk, but for non-emergency incidents the number to dial is 0300 333 3000. CSO StJohn-Martin would drop off contact cards at the garage. Clerk to inform CSO StJohn-Martin of all incidents to date.

The Chairman thanked CSO StJohn-Martin, who then left the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1.3.11

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Grasscutting at Chestnut Meadow. Nothing to report at present. Clerk to contact the Housing Association again.

Trees in Redlake Meadow. A detailed letter had been received from Ms Siobhan Reedy, which would be copied to Mr Owen. Ms Reedy did not address the problem of damage to pavements, and Clerk to write requesting a site meeting with Mr Blessington and Mr W Davies to discuss this.

New Post Box in Weston Road. Nothing to report at present.

Litter bin at station car park/Weston Road. Nothing to report at present.

White posts on the village green. Chairman still investigating.

Fence at school garden play area. Mr Hartin advised that there may be funding available from the LJC for this.

Damage to common land in Chapel Lawn Road. Chairman still investigating.

Schools Reorganisation. Mr Hartin reported that discussions were ongoing, and that the consultation would end on 30 April. The Cabinet meeting on 6 May would discuss this.

ROADS:

Bad pot holes were being filled in through the village and the sweeper had been in operation recently.

New street light. This matter was in hand.

Muddy roads in Bedstone. Mr Hartin to report these.

Damaged light opposite The Tyndings. Central Networks had mislaid the fault form, Clerk had sent another one.

Shield for street light in Weston Road. Nothing to report at present, Clerk to chase Prysmian.

PLANNING

Application No. 11/00852/AGR. Agricultural building for storage of implements at Orchard Cottage, Mynd Farm, had been sent for information only.

Application No. 11/00189/FUL. Dwelling + detached garage at Land at Hall Farm, Bucknell, had been withdrawn.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

E.on/Central Networks were still planning to run the cables underground before the end of their financial year.

A quotation was awaited from Central Networks for the connection of the changing rooms.

It was planned to apply to The Big Lottery Reaching Community's Fund for a grant towards the new Memorial Hall.

Planning had now lapsed on the new hall. Discussions had been held with the Architect who was in contact with the Council to see if anything could be done to reduce the re-application fee of £2,435.00.

Fund raising was being planned towards internal works to the changing rooms to cover plumbing, fitments and decorating. Mr Hartin suggested the Steering Group apply again to the LJC.

The Bucknell Charity Cup was being held on 17 April.

There was an Easter Egg Draw to raise funds towards the playing field maintenance. This was at the garage at the moment and would be drawn next Wednesday at the Whist Drive.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

The next training session was planned for 9 April at Bucknell Memorial Hall.

FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£7,019.71
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£6,005.22.	
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£5,929.14.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (Mar. qtr: sal. £454.84, exp. £111.28)	£566.12
Association of Local Councils (50% seminar fee for Clerk)	£10.00
Association of Local Councils (subs 2011/12)	£272.63
HOWLTA (subs 2011/12)	£10.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)	£118.60
G Bryan Jones Ltd (servicing mower and strimmer)	£125.77
Mr T Hughes (refund for heating of Memorial Hall)	£12.00.

Clun Valley AED Scheme. Letter had been received from Eddie Jones, Organiser of the Scheme thanking the Parish Council for its donation. It was unanimously agreed to donate the remaining £150 to the Scheme, as had been suggested in the past.

Bucknell Allotments Association. Letter had been received from the Secretary requesting a donation. After discussion it was agreed to donate £100 towards the cost of the fence.

CORRESPONDENCE

RBL letter re: Great Poppy Party Weekend.

2 x Good Councillor's Guide

Shropshire Council letter re: Closure of Clun Bridge from 9 May.

Shrops Council letter + enclosed posters re: Consultation on schools' proposals.

Shrops Council letter re: SW Shrops Flood Forum – 30 June 2011.

Correspondence from Philip Dunne MP & Shrops Council re: Localism Bill.

Shrops Council letter + enclosures re: Delivery of Infrastructure, etc.

HOWLTA Ticket Application forms for Knucklas Viaduct Walk 10.4.11.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bedstone Village Hall signs. Mr Savery had been quoted a price of £137 per sign, two were required. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council pay for these.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting and will be held on Tuesday 3 May 2011 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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25.4.11