

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 August 2010**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter,  
Mr C Savery,  
Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies.  
4 members of the public.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr Chambers referred to the occasion when members of the WI had been challenged by the police for "trespassing" on the station in order to water the plants. They had been quite officious, especially as this access had been fully agreed with the authorities.

It was possible that a complaint had been made as children and youths had been coming onto the station and litter had been strewn around. There were other problems in the play area and at Daffodil Lane, where there were similar problems with litter and fast food containers, and the bins full of wine bottles.

There was a sign to say that the WI looked after the flowers on the station. It was not clear whether it was the transport police or the regular police.

The Chairman said that some changes were proposed to the churchyard and the interior of the church. There would be an information session on Saturday 4 September between 9.30am and 1 pm. The PCC were responsible for the church, but this was really a matter of concern to the whole village. One possible change was the provision of flood lights outside to illuminate the paths and the church building at night.

Mrs Edwards had written on behalf of the Village Hall Committee as several of the members had concerns particularly with the proposal to remove some of the pews to provide an "entertainments centre", which would be in competition with other venues in the parish and was thus a sustainability issue. There were also concerns expressed as to where the money would come from to fund these projects.

Mrs Edwards said the main road through the village was scheduled to be resurfaced tomorrow.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs F Hughes, Mr W Davies, Mrs K Law, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **MINUTES OF WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD 15.6.10**

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

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6.7.10**

Under "Open Discussion" first paragraph. The last sentence should begin: "The Chairman reported . . .". Subject to this correction, the Minutes were then approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Storage container at the school.** It would appear that Ms Jill Middleton, School House, was having problems with her Insurance Company regarding payment for the damage. Chairman to follow this up.

### **ROADS**

**Dip in the road by Sitwell.** The Vice Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr Ian Martin at Highways about this, but no repair had taken place. Clerk to write.

**The sign at the Station** blocking the view had been moved.

**Road bridge by the garage.** Vice Chairman reported that stones were working loose on the parapet. Clerk to write to the appropriate authority.

**Proposed new street light.** Clerk to contact e.on re: this.

### **PLANNING**

**Application No. 10/02748/FUL** Proposal at Brookfields, Bucknell. No objection.

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

### **PARISH PLAN**

Mr Graves apologised for the delay in production of the PP but the Steering Group had decided that more thought needed to be given to the content. The Chairman requested that a full copy be

provided, and Mr Graves said this should be available by the end of August.

### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Mrs Edwards reported as follows:

An extension on the money secured from Shropshire Council had been approved, and the date put back to December 2010.

A sum of £1,545.00 had already been promised to the Football Club from villagers.

The date of the Memorial Hall Committee and Football Club funding day was confirmed as Sunday 19 September and would involve It's a Knockout and BBQ.

A revised quotation had been received from e-on for the electricity connection to the changing rooms and the Memorial Hall in the future. This amounted to £23,033.04 including VAT.

The Builder was hoping to start on site in approximately 5 weeks.

The 100 Club was due to start again at the beginning of September, tickets were available from hall committee members.

### **FINANCES**

**Account balances** were reported as:

Community account

£13,249.86

Of which: Parish Plan account

£2,196.46

Parish Council account

£11,053.40

Business Base Rate Tracker account

£5,927.35.

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

Playsafety Limited (inspecting play areas equipment) £148.05

Npower (energy charge June 10 qtr)

£176.87

Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)

£174.00.

**Playsafety Report** on the play area by the school, and the Daffodil Lane play area had mentioned some items which needed attention. Chairman to read the report and arrange for a Contractor to carry out the required repairs at the play area by the school. Mrs Edwards to arrange for the repairs on the Daffodil Lane play equipment to be done.

### **Repairs to Notice Board by the garage.**

Mr Carter declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting while this matter was discussed. Two quotations had been received for the work and after discussion, those present approved Mr Carter's quotation.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Shropshire Council letter re: Consultation on Draft Shropshire Parking Strategy.

Shrops Council letter re: Future Consultation on Planning Applications.

Shrops Council letter re: Changes to weekly food waste collections.

Shrops Council letter + enclosure re: Spotlight on the Shropshire Economy.

Shrops Council Press release + enclosures re: working with "grass roots" councils.

Shrops Council poster & leaflet re: Kick Start home improvement grants.

Letter from Cllr M Bennett re: rural mobile library service.

West Mercia Police Authority letter + report.

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust newsletter Spring 2010.

All the above to the Chairman for his attention/action.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Railway hedge.** This is very untidy at present. Some time ago the Parish Council agreed to have the hedge trimmed, but following a complaint, the railway authority had the hedge cut down. Clerk to write asking that they undertake to have the hedge trimmed regularly.

**20mph limit past the school.** The Chairman had received a letter from Mr Andy Wilde, Traffic & Highway Engineering at Shropshire Council regarding the Parish Council's request for a 20mph limit. Mr Wilde explained the difficulties, and said that at a recent meeting, the Head Teacher had not mentioned a 20mph limit. Chairman to speak to the Head Teacher.

**Clun Valley AED Scheme.** Clerk reported that the intention was for every parish in the Clun valley to have its own defibrillator, operated by a team of First Responders. Enquiries to be made re: this scheme.

### **DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 September 2010 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

THH/NEA  
19.8.10