

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2013

PRESENT

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Ms B Stone (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies,
Mr J Kemp, Mr A Faulkner.

17 members of the public.

Mr Mathew Mead, Community Action Team, Shropshire Council,

Mr Liam Cowden, Senior Policy Officer, Shropshire Council.

Mr Patrick Cosgrove & Mr Robert Humphries, Campaign for Better Broadband.

PRESENTATION RE: SAMDev PROPOSALS

Mr Mead explained what SAMDev was, and introduced Mr Cowden, who detailed the revised approved options proposed for the timber yard/station yard. The Environment Agency had submitted a revised risk plan for the flood plain.

Mr Brian Heelis, McCartneys, representing Mr & Mrs Brian Morgan, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed development of the field north of Redlake Meadow.

Following questions from the floor, the Chairman thanked Mr Mead and Mr Cowden, and said the Parish Council may well invite them back in the next two or three months.

PRESENTATION RE: BROADBAND

Mr Cosgrove, succinctly detailed the aims and progress of the Marches Campaign for Better Broadband. Basically BT's present aim of installing superfast broadband to areas which already have a good service should be shelved in favour of providing an acceptable broadband to rural areas which currently have a very poor service.

The Better Broadband campaign would appreciate support from the Parish Council, and possibly a grant. This to be put on the next Agenda for discussion.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cosgrove and Mr Humphries.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Path across the railway. Mrs Davies, Euxton House, said that the path was in a poor state of repair. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council was unable to do anything about this in view of the problems the WI had with Network Rail in the past. There was also ballast/gravel in the shelter on the station. Clerk to include this in the same letter to Network Rail.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 2.7.13

Under “Matters Arising: Bucknell School” “AED scheme” to be replaced by “CFR scheme”.

Under “Local Joint Committee Ambulance Service” second and third sentences to read: “There would be severe cuts and no large ambulances would be based in this area, cover would be provided by Community Paramedics & CFRs. There were rapid response vehicles (with a community paramedic on board) in Craven Arms and Ludlow who back up CFRs.”

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

MATTERS ARISING

Bucknell School report. Not available.

School bus turning at The Tyndings. A tree had been cut down in a garden opposite the forestry road, but it was thought that overhanging branches in the road itself may cause problems. To be investigated further.

Condition of phone boxes. Nothing to report at present.

Skip opposite Redlake Cottage. Mr Fairclough, the householder, had replied saying that he would undertake to keep the area tidy and reinstate the grass, etc, once the skip had been removed. Mr Fairclough also thanked neighbours and villagers for their patience and understanding during the renovation of his house.

BUCKNELL SHOW

Mr Kemp reported that arrangements were going ahead. Attractions included face painting, children’s sports competitions, dog show, hog roast, music, vegetable/flower/craft competition, prize draw. There was also a lucky programme scheme.

Miss Edwards had not yet established the figures for the hire of the marquees. Mr Owen and Mr Kemp declared an interest. Mrs Sharpe proposed that the Parish Council make a donation of up to £500 towards the cost of putting on the show, seconded by Mr Faulkner, and agreed on a show of hands: 3 in favour, 1 against.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEME

Mr Owen reported that fund raising was continuing for a 4x4 vehicle, and that more volunteers were needed for the AED scheme.

WEBSITE

Mr Jackson said that the new website was up and running, and suggested that the website address be put on the Agenda, under the Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council name.

Ms Stone would act as a conduit for information between the Parish Council and Mr Jackson.

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS

The Parish Council had two notice boards in the village, the others were for general use. Management of notice boards to be discussed at the next meeting.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at present.

ROADS

Damaged street light in Chapel Lawn Road. Lantern had been replaced and the street light was on. Clerk to enquire about the 30mph repeater sign.

Light outside the Old Post Office. Still not working, Clerk to make enquiries.

Tree in Mynd Lane. The offending bough had been removed and the tree was now safe.

Independent survey of trees. Being arranged by Mr P Davies and Mr W Davies. The Chairman requested a written report from Ms Siobhan Reedy, Tree Officer, on the condition of the trees in Chapel Lawn Road, and on the grass triangle at the end of Dog Kennel Lane. It was understood there would be a charge for this.

Tree in Weston Road on Bucknell House land. Mr P Davies to speak to Mr W Davis.

Salt bin in Redlake Meadow. Nothing to report at present.

Weston Road closure. Proceeding satisfactorily. Some properties were to have their electricity supply cut off temporarily.

Gullies in Chapel Lawn Road. Clerk to chase this up.

PLANNING

There were no applications for discussion, nor any decisions to be reported by planning authority.

SAMDev. Mr P Davies declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting. It was decided unanimously on a show of hands to support the proposal for development on the timber yard and station yard.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

No report available.

CORRESPONDENCE

Note from Mrs Jean Roberts, Bucknell WI, enclosing leaflet from Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service re: survey of vulnerable people in the community. The WI Committee did not think it appropriate to ask the WI ladies, mostly in their 70s and 80s, to undertake this. There were also questions about CRB checks, etc. To be discussed at the next meeting.

The Good Councillors Guide. Hard copies were available for £2 each from SALC. Clerk to obtain a copy for each Parish Councillor.

Letter + enclosure from Philip Dunne, MP, re: Onshore Wind.

RoSPA safety inspection report. The survey was satisfactory, except that the bouncy horse had reached the end of its useful working life and should be removed/replaced.

FINANCE

Account balances not available.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Bucknell Nurseries (mowing, Chapel Lawn Road)	£67.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)	£210.00
Playsafety Ltd (inspection of play equipment)	£156.00
SALC (seminar fees 22.7.13)	£60.00
Mrs N Adams (salary July 13))	£134.80
HMRC (PAYE July 13))	£19.80
Npower (energy charge June 13 qtr)	£188.62.

New Bank Mandate. In progress.

Proposed Expenses claim form. To be discussed at the Standing Orders review.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2013 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

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