

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August 2016 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman), Cllr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Cllr A Faulkner, Cllr B Sharpe,
Cllr F Hughes, Cllr C Savery.
7 members of the public.
Mrs N Adams (Parish Clerk).

1 OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Bates asked whether the Parish Council had any bylaws regarding bonfires in the village, as a parishioner was lighting two or three bonfires per year and burning potentially toxic and/or industrial waste. The Chairman replied that anything of this nature should be referred to Shropshire Council's Environmental Department.

Mr Bates also asked about the advertising banner opposite the station, whether there were any rules or regulations. Clerk to ask Highways.

Miss Stone queried Item 5 on the Annual Governance Statement recently uploaded to the Parish Council website. **She was concerned whether proper risk assessments had been carried out in relation to Item 5 of the Annual Governance Statement. She also asked if the Risk Assessments would be published.** The Chairman answered that there was a grant to buy a computer for the Clerk specifically for Parish Council matters. Documents were held securely at the Clerk's house in a fireproof cabinet, and periodically were taken for storage at Shropshire Council's Archives in Shrewsbury. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council was on course to have all the required information on the website by the September meeting and that Miss Stone's letter of 30th June would be answered soon. **The Risk Assessment would be published on the website.**

Mrs Meredith had received a card and photograph from one of the Queen's ladies in waiting thanking all the volunteers of Bucknell who had held a charity tea party for Her Majesty's 90th birthday celebrations on 23rd April. This had raised £1,131.35 towards the war memorial fund. The High Sheriff had attended, and had invited Mr & Mrs Meredith to an event at RAF Cosford on 10th September. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Meredith on behalf of the village, all agreed. The card and photograph would be mentioned in the newsletter, and framed for display in the memorial hall. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council pay for the framing, agreed by all Councillors present.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr W Davies.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD 5.7.16

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

5 MATTERS ARISING:

St Mary's closed churchyard:

Church Architect's Quinquennial report. The Chairman handed out copies to all Parish Councillors to read, and this will be discussed next time.

Steps to Chapel Lawn road. A site visit was held with Glyn Shaw from Highways, and the following were discussed:

Speeding traffic in the village generally. Speed bumps were discounted as they were not popular.

Narrowness of the road by the churchyard wall.

Single line traffic. This would need lit signs and would be logistically difficult.

Possible signs: "Narrow Road", "Sharp Bend - Take Care". Or something similar.

Solar powered signs would cost £3,700 each, one would be needed each end of the narrows and there was a long waiting list for them. The Parish Council could look at the possibility of funding one of the signs if Shropshire Council funded the other one.

CLlr Sharpe said it was mainly local people who were speeding. CLlr Savery asked whether the pavement could be extended.

One suggestion was that the steps be ramped instead to accommodate wheelchairs.

To be further discussed next time. One more quotation was needed.

6 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

No formal applications had been received, although there had been some interest. To be re-advertised and discussed at the September meeting.

7 FINANCES

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£13,735.59
Business Premium account		£10,959.01
of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,834.71	
Parish Council account	£9,124.30.	

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

npower (to clear account to date)		£363.60
		(includes £17.89 VAT)
Mrs N Adams (salary July))	£251.34
HMRC (PAYE July))	£63.00
Paul Robertson (repairs to lych gate)		£50.00
Playsafety Ltd (playground inspections)		£159.60
		(includes £26.60 VAT)
Chris Tranter (mowing playing field)		£150.00
Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£360.00
G Jackson (contribution towards computer software)		£37.50.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight leaflets for August. Distributed to those present.

Pearce Cycles letter re: Mountain Bike Event in Bucknell Wood 13th & 14th August.

RoSPA report on school garden play area. To be discussed next time. Report on Daffodil Lane play area was passed to Miss Edwards.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Owen said that there was a charity car run this coming Sunday, 7th August, approximately 135 miles starting and finishing at the Sitwell Arms. This was to raise money for the First Responders and Blood Bikes in Staffordshire and Shropshire. So far there were 30 entrants.

10 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September 2016 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

JK/NEA
9.8.16