

# **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 February 2009**

### **PRESENT**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mrs K Law, Mr C Savery, Mr P Davies, County Councillor N Hartin.  
6 members of the public.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Clerk said that Mr Kevin Jones, Rights of Way Team, had been unable to attend tonight's meeting, but would speak at the March Parish Council meeting.

Mrs Cummings said that the new school signs were very impressive.

The Chairman reported on the Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee meeting which he had attended on 13 January. Two items of special interest had been discussed the first being a report on the move to the unitary authority. Council tax would not be increased, but this did not include Police, Fire Authority, or Town and Parish Councils. £10m had been saved on redundancies, but the changeover would cost £9m. Mr Hartin said that an extra £2m had been saved and it was possible that council tax could be reduced by 1%.

Secondly, the current Local Plan ended In 2011 and a new plan was being worked on. This was called the Local Development Framework and several options were under consideration. Mr Hartin said the new LDF would be in operation within the next two years, and would include the provision of 28,000 new houses as per instructions from Central Government.

The Chairman announced that the planning application for the station yard and timber yard had been withdrawn.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs B Sharpe, Mr C Carter, Mrs F Hughes, Mr W Davies.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6.1.09**

Under "Finance: Precept for 2009/10:" First sentence to read: "The Chairman said that provision must be made for the further expenses relating to the closed churchyard,

Subject to this correction, the Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **School Garden Play Area.**

An Electricity Board vehicle had reversed into the fence, but had returned and repaired The damage.

Funding of £3,800 plus £1,302 from the District Council had been secured to tarmac the car parking area. It was thought this could be done during the school holidays. Mr Harinn asked when the presentation could be held, the Chairman said after the car park had been resurfaced.

**Allotments.** Nothing to report at present.

**Land opposite The Tyndings.** Mr Hartin said it was possible that the District Council could take over this land, and then pass it on to Shropshire Council.

Clerk had spoken to Arrlva about the excessive speed of their bus through the village. The message had been passed to the relevant Manager who would instruct his drivers to respect the speed limit.

**Coronation Oak.** Mr Savery reported that the Tree Specialist had made a site visit and said that the tree was in a poor state. Samples had been taken to confirm that it was suffering from a notifiable infection.

**Bedstone Notice Board.** Invoice had been received, but the notice board would not be erected until the problem with the tree had been resolved.

Mrs Jackson was invited to speak from the floor and said that lights at the school had been left on unnecessarily. Chairman to notify the school.

## **ROADS**

Bedstone Road was causing concern - areas of flooding and the condition of the surface. Mr Hartin said this was in hand. Mr Owen said that the hedge by the llamas needed cutting back as it was forcing traffic out into the road. Mr Savery said that the edge of the road was breaking away, possibly caused by water damage.

**Salt bins over The Mynd.** Nothing to report at present, Clerk to chase.

## **PLANNING**

Application No. 1/09/21471/TC Tree works at Manor Farm House, Bedstone. No objection.

Application No. 1/08/21364/0 Thirty new dwellings business and industrial use, at the coal & timber yard/rail sidings, Bucknell, had been withdrawn and the site meeting cancelled.

## **PARISH PLAN**

Mr Graves reported that a joint newsletter from the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Plan Steering Group would be sent out.

The balance of £1,500 had been requested from the District Council and would be paid into the Parish Council's bank account.

Mr Graves confirmed that the Steering Group had not met since December.

### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

The Chairman said that this project was progressing slowly. Unfortunately it had not been possible to apply for the Advantage West Midlands grant as not all of the criteria could be met.

### **FINANCE**

Bank balances were reported as follows

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| Community Current account          | £.10, 936.85 |
| Business Base Rate Tracker account | £1925.68.    |

The Chairman pointed out that these figures included monies ring fenced for the Parish Plan and school playing area expenses.

**Incoming.** Cheque for £7.80 from Mr Graves, being the balance remaining after the purchase of stamps and envelopes as agreed, relevant receipts attached thereto.

#### **It was approved unanimously to pay the following;**

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| Ron Smith & Co Ltd (new mower as agreed)   | £429.00  |
| T Hughes (locks etc for mower shed)        | £13.56   |
| BR & SC Green (petrol etc for mower)       | £26.14   |
| Bridgnorth & Dist Crucial Crew (donation)  | £30.00   |
| Meadow Design Ltd (balance for Notice Brd) | £490.00. |

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Shropshire Council letter + enclosures re: Local Development Framework for Shropshire. Copy of enclosures to all Councillors.

Shrops Council notification re: Core Strategy meetings) local events: Ludlow 23.2.09 and Craven Arms 25.2.09.

Shrops Council Strategy and Development Newsletter No. 1.

Shrops Council letter re: Town & Parish Councils' Forum.

South Shropshire District Council letter + enclosed "South Shropshire Unitary Matters" - one copy to each Councillor.

Shropshire County Council letter + enclosed copies of Summary of Accounts 2007/08.

Shrops Council letter + enclosed Highways and Traffic newsletter. Future editions would be posted on their website.

CPRE newsletter re: Rural Public Transport.

Shropshire County Council letter + enclosure re: Emergency Planning briefing held 14.1.09.

HOWLTA Newsletter Winter 2008/9.

SALC invitation to Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2009.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Cornes confirmed from the floor that the litter picking team was still in operation, comprising five retired people.

The Chairman said that the best security system was to say "Good morning" to strangers in the village to let them know that they have been seen.

It was agreed that copies of the Minutes be placed in the two pubs in the village.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 March 2009 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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10.2.09