

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1 February 2011

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mr C Savery, Mrs F Hughes, Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies, Mrs K Law, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
Mr E Jones & Mr G Barker – Clun Valley AED Scheme.
6 members of the public.

PRESENTATION RE: CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME (Automatic External Defibrillator)

Mr Jones said that the scheme was set up in the early part of last year and to date over 50 people had been trained to use the equipment. So far £3,500 had been raised by the Community Heartbeat Trust, and this money was used immediately to purchase more AED machines. An application for additional funds had been submitted to the Local Joint Committee and an answer was expected by 10 February. Fund raising was ongoing to keep the scheme active.

The next training event was scheduled for 9 April.

Mr Barker said that the AEDs were very user-friendly. Children aged 8 and over could be trained to use the machine, but could not go on call until they were 18 years old. Mr Barker explained the procedure for using the AED and the safety features that were incorporated.

It was hoped to arrange for the training on 9 April to be held at Bucknell. There would be no charge for trainees, but some form of identity and a utility bill would be needed if further training was required, for instance Community First Responder.

Following questions from the floor, the Chairman thanked Mr Jones and Mr Barker, who then left the meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

There were no matters to be discussed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr W Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4.1.11

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

MATTERS ARISING

Grasscutting at Chestnut Meadow. Nothing to report at present.

New post box in Weston Road. The 8 weeks will be up on 3.2.11.

Trees in Redlake Meadow. Letter had been received from Ms Siobhan Reedy suggesting that there was some confusion as to whether this particular tree should be removed, as another birch tree had been felled some years ago, and requesting copies of any correspondence on the subject. Mr Owen said it had been agreed verbally, and Clerk to reply in this vein. Also that the tree was breaking up the pavement causing trip hazards, and potentially damaging the drains.

Litter bin down The Hales. Mr Meyrick, Street Scene Department, was visiting Bucknell today to assess where a bin could be located, and would contact the Clerk.

Sewage Leak at The Causeway. Nothing to report at present.

ROADS

Pot holes around the village had been filled in.

Street light opposite The Tyndings. Prysmian had reported that this light was damaged and would need to be repaired by Central Networks. Clerk had the matter in hand.

New street light near Sitwell Close. Clerk reported that an additional VAT payment of £15.12 was due. The exact position of the new light was revised.

PLANNING

Application No. 10/05464/FUL Ground mounted solar photovoltaic array at Oakhill, Oil Mill Lane. No objection.

Application No. 11/00189/FUL Four bedroom dwelling + garage at Land at Hall Farm, Bucknell. After some discussion it was decided on a show of hands 6 in favour, 1 abstention, to object on the grounds that a second house would be overcrowding the plot.

Mr Hartin said the process for Parish Councils to object to planning applications was about to be changed and that training would be available to Councillors. It was anticipated that a member of the Planning Department would come out to talk to Parish Councils on this matter.

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

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The field had been completely sealed off with security fencing during the build for Health & Safety reasons, but there had been reports of vandalism. The toilet had been tipped over and the first aid box stripped. Someone had been climbing up the walls causing them to crumble.

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

There were reports of dog fouling on the pathway nearest the road. Dog Warden to be asked to patrol this area and possibly suggest other ways to prevent this.

The first payment had been made to the builder.

An extension to the date for funds from Shropshire Council had been given and all works to this value should be complete before this expired.

A site meeting had been arranged with the builder, the architect, a representative from the football club, and Miss Edwards to decide what additional work could be done to the changing rooms.

Funds raised by the football club amounted to £4,552.50.

FINANCE

Account balances were reported as

Community current account		£8,642.95
Of which	Parish plan account	£2,011.49
	Parish Council account	£6,631.46.
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£5,928.40.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Central Networks (excess VAT)	£15.12
Scenesetters (Parish Plan expense)	£240.00
Shropshire Council (Parish Plan expense)	£757.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

HOWLTA Newsletter

Shropshire Council letter re: Emergency Planning Briefing 11.4.11. To Chairman.

Shropshire County NHS PCT documents re: consultation on the future of hospital services. To Chairman.

Royal British Legion letter + enclosure re: Great Poppy Party Weekend 10-12 June 2011. Agenda next time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Plan booklet. Mr Owen said this was in effect just a survey, similar to the one done 5 years ago. The Chairman said the parish was required to do it. Mr Savery said there was ample opportunity during the creation of the Plan for comment. Mr Owen said there was nothing in the Plan about employment.

Public toilets. Mr Chambers was invited to speak from the floor and said that people were concerned about Shropshire Council's plans to close all the public toilets, especially in Ludlow. The Chairman replied that he had brought this up at the last LJC meeting and was told the decision had already been taken. Parish Councils had not been asked to comment. Bishops Castle Town Council had taken on the running of the public toilets there.

Mr Hartin said that in urban areas some businesses had contributed to the cost of maintaining public toilets. Clun had doubled their Precept to cover the cost of running theirs because of the number of holidaymakers who visited.

Chairman to write to complain about the lack of consultation on this matter.

AED Scheme. After discussion it was agreed to make a donation of £350 to the scheme as a first payment. Further donations to be considered in the future.

Railway crossing. Large white bags had been dumped on the Craven Arms side of the crossing. Clerk to get them removed.

White posts on the village green need to be replaced. Chairman to obtain quotations.

School garden play area. Mr Hartin said the fence had been damaged. Mr Owen proposed wire mesh be fixed to the fence.

Bedstone Village Hall. Mr Savery asked whether a sign or signs could be provided to direct visitors to the hall. Clerk to make enquiries.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 March 2011 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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