

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mr C Carter, Mr P Davies, Mr C Savery, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.  
7 members of the public.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr Willson mentioned an item in last Friday's local paper which stated that (part of) the planning permission for wind turbines on Reeves Hill had been withdrawn. Mr Hartin to make enquiries.

Mr Willson also reported that the 740 service bus to Ludlow was increasingly unreliable, this could be because the buses were mainly old. The Chairman said that all incidents must be reported to Mr Fred Ratcliff, Transport Manager at the Shirehall, email: [fred.ratcliff@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:fred.ratcliff@shropshire.gov.uk). Clerk to write to Mr Ratcliff to explain the problems.

**Bucknell school.** Staff were very pleased with the readers who were coming in to help the children. There was a shortfall of £11,000 in funding. It seemed that the provision of school meals would continue, with a small price increase.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs K Law, Mrs F Hughes, Mr W Davies.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Owen declared a personal interest in the Clun Valley AED scheme.

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8.1.13**

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Litter bin by the shop.** Mr Hartin said it appeared the bin was being emptied as required. Situation to be monitored.

**Proposed Bucknell Show.** Mr Owen was on the organising committee, and reported that it was planned to hold the show on 7<sup>th</sup> September. A further meeting would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, and suggestions were invited for the programme of events.

#### **CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME**

Mr Owen said that funding was continuing towards the purchase of a 4x4 vehicle and grant application had been made to the LJC. Further fund raising events were planned. Bedstone School were having a non-uniform day and half of the proceeds would be donated.

Mr Owen and Miss Edwards were now qualified to teach basic life support to school children aged 10 years upwards, the two hour course was free, but donations were welcome.

### LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The next meeting was scheduled for next week.

### ROADS:

**Road conditions** were generally very bad because of the poor weather over the past several months.

**Willow Cottage, The Mynd.** Mr Hartin said that Mr Chris Fisher from Highways had attended a site meeting and had suggested a scheme which could alleviate the problem.

**Speed petition** requesting the extension of the 30mph limit north of Bucknell to the llama farm was presented to the Parish Council. Mr Hartin said that a 40mph buffer was proposed to the entrance to the nursery. The petition was passed to Mr Hartin. Mr Owen asked whether a “speed cameras” sign could be provided, since they had been used in the village recently. Mr Hartin would raise this matter at a scheduled meeting next week.

Mr Glyn Shaw was investigating the provision of interactive signs.

**Bus services at The Tyndings.** The school bus was turning round at Chestnut Meadow. This meant the children had to walk along the narrow road with no pavements. Councillors considered this was unacceptable. The service bus turned round in the forestry entrance just beyond the village. Clerk to write to Mr Fred Ratcliff, who was not in charge of school buses, but would be able to refer the letter on to the relevant person.

### PLANNING

**Application No. 13/00150/TCA.** Tree works at Bedstone House, Bedstone College. No objection.

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

### DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

No report available.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight magazine. Copies for distribution.

### FINANCE

#### **Account balances were reported as:**

Community current account		£1,387.91
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£13,939.31
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Fence around play area	£2,610.00	
Church refurbishment grant	£2,000.00	
Parish Council account	£8,314.82.	

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

Mrs N Adams (salary January 13, no PAYE due)	£154.60
Mrs N Adams (use of home & computer 2012/13)	£100.00
Npower (energy charge Dec 12 qtr)	£190.22
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)	£126.00

**Incoming:**

Bucknell Memorial Hall (rent for Daffodil Lane site - 1.01.11 – 31.12.15)	£5.00.
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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Play area fence.** Mr Owen said this work would be done in the next few weeks.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Mr Savery to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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**ELECTION 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2013**

There will be several retirees from the Parish Council this year, and it is important that parishioners are well represented in local government, particularly in these difficult times.

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