

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6 January 2009

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr C Savery, Mr C Carter, Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs K Law, District & County Councillor N Hartin.
7 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Comes reported that the edge of the Bedstone Road was breaking away in places, Miss Edwards also said there was standing water near the Alpha stud which, in the current very cold weather, was a sheet of ice. Mr Hartin to report these problems to Highways, together with some potholes which he had noticed in the village.

The Chairman said that Mr Carter had repaired the notice board which had been damaged by vandals.

A new Community Support Officer had been appointed, and would be taking up her duties soon.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs F Hughes, Mr P Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2.12.08

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

MATTERS ARISING

School Garden Play Area. Chairman reported that there were one or two items of play equipment which needed modification at the supplier's expense.

Mr Hartin had negotiated a grant of £3,825.00 from South Shropshire District Council.

Clerk to email Lisa Bedford at SSDC to formally request that the £1,300 outstanding from the Play Chest grant be used towards resurfacing the car park.

Allotments. Mrs Fraser reported on the current situation and said that a suitable piece of land was still being actively sought.

Land opposite The Tyndigs. Notting further to report at present

Coronation Oak, Bedstone. Still awaiting a site visit from the County Tree Officer. Clerk to write and request the site visit.

Bedstone Notice Board. Nothing to report at present.

ROADS

Mr Savery said that the two salt bins over The Mynd had still not been received.
Clerk to chase.

PLANNING

Application No.1/08/21421/F Dwelling and alterations to access and demolition of a building at Bucknell Memorial Halt This was a renewal of the existing planning permission. No objection.

Application No. 1/08/21230/LB Satellite dish at Bedstone Court Lodge had been granted.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Graves reported that a newsletter was being published and requested an advance of £200, which would be claimed back from the grant provider. Agreed unanimously. A meeting between the Steering Group and the Parish Council was suggested. Mr Savery would represent Bedstone, Chairman/Vice Chairman would represent Bucknell.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Mrs Edwards confirmed that the grant from the County Council would be used to put services on the site, and possibly upgrade the entrance.

Miss Edwards said that a grant had been obtained for a dirt bike track.

There were also tentative possibilities for further funding providing certain criteria could be met, but these were in the very early stages.

The Chairman asked if a written report could be submitted, as some of the details were confusing, Miss Edwards Said the problem was lack of time, but would email the Clerk.

FINANCE

Account balances still not to hand.Clerk tabled a letter to Barclays from the signatories authorising the Clerk to manage the Parish Council accounts.

It was agreed unanimously that this be signed.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mr I Graves, Chairman, Parish Plan Steering Group (stamps/envs)	£200.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)	£171.90
Mr G Jackson (website registration)	£41.40
Mrs N Adams (salary Dec 08 qtr & expenses to 31.12.08)	£425.72

Incoming:

Grant of £3,825 from the District Council.

Precept for 2009/10: The Chairman said that provision must be for the further expenses relating to the closed churchyard, specifically the lych gate and proposed that a Precept of £11,016 be requested, which was an increase of 8%. Agreed on a show of

hands: 5 in favour, 1 against Mr Hartin said that the new Unitary Authority had undertaken not to increase the council tax for two years.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire County Council letter re: Rights of way user survey 2008. (Clerk said that Mr Kevin Jones from the County Access Team would be attending the February Parish Council meeting to discuss public rights of way).

British Red Cross newsletter.

West Mercia Police Authority newsletter.

Communities and Local Government consultation document.

Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee notice + enclosures re: meeting 13.1.09.

All. the above to the Chairman for his consideration.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

THH/NEA

8.1.09