

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 January 2011

PRESENT

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Edwards said there had been a sewerage problem at the end of The Causeway by the bridge on Christmas night and a lingering smell remained. Clerk to write to Severn Trent asking for prompt action to correct this and any similar future situations.

The rubbish collection was now up to date. Some roads could not have their rubbish collected because of bad road conditions.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr C Carter, Mr W Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 2.11.10

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

MATTERS ARISING

Standing Orders & Financial Regulations. It was agreed unanimously on a show of hands to adopt these.

Grass cutting at Chestnut Meadow. A letter had been received from the Housing Association stating that the piece of land in question did not belong to them. However, the Parish Council believe that one of the last acts of South Shropshire District Council was to sell this area to South Shropshire Housing Association for the nominal sum of £1. Clerk to follow this up.

Trees in Redlake Meadow. Clerk had written to the County Tree Officer but as yet had received no reply. Reminder letter to be sent with copies to Mr Kim Ryley, Chief Executive, and Mr Hartin.

New post box in Weston Road. Letter had been received from Royal Mail stating that they were investigating the possibility of installing a post box half way down Weston Road. Situation to be monitored.

ROADS

Road between the school and the station. It appeared the road was sinking as the pavement was coming away from the kerb. Clerk to report this.

Bottom of the hill in Bedstone. Mr Savery reported that the surface had become cracked and would break up very soon. Clerk to report this also.

Bridge End Lane. Mr Martin Garland was invited to speak from the floor and said that the road surface was broken up very badly especially at the village end where it had been cracked up by lorries. Clerk to write to Highways.

Proposed new street light. The application form was completed and a cheque for £710.88 was approved.

Access to Mr Colin Jones' house at The Mynd. Letter had been received from Highways stating that this was a private road. To be copied to Mr Jones.

Road from Bedstone to The Mynd. Highways had issued an order for the drains to be cleaned.

Litter bin down The Hales. Letter had been received from Shropshire Council stating that a bin could be provided at a cost of £236 including a post and installation. It was agreed unanimously on a show of hands to supply this. Clerk to progress.

PLANNING

Application No. 10/04905/FUL. Extension to agricultural building at land north of Hayes House. No objection.

Application No. 09/03091/OUT. Thirty dwellings, business and industrial use, etc at Coal and Timber Yard/Railway Sidings, Bucknell. A site visit had been made by the Planning Committee on 23 November and it was understood the application had been granted that day.

Application No. 10/02565/FUL. Construction of a balcony (retrospective) at 1 The Square, Bucknell. An appeal had been made regarding refusal of this application.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Graves distributed copies of the finished Parish Plan. A copy of the A5 booklet would be delivered to every household in the parish. The Chairman proposed that any money remaining be ring fenced to pay for any follow-up actions which may be required. This was agreed.

A review of the Parish Plan would be carried out in a few years' time.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

No report available.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

Mr Owen said that two representatives would attend the February Parish Council meeting to give a talk. Volunteers and fund raisers would be needed. It was important to get as many people as possible to attend. Clerk to contact the Ludlow

Advertiser and the Journal. Mr Graves to get the details put on the website, and Mr Owen to produce posters.

FINANCE

Account balances were reported as:

Community current account		£9,832.71
Of which		
Parish Plan account	£2,053.35	
Parish Council account	£7,779.36	
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£5,927.66.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)	£118.60
Bucknell Memorial Hall (hire for 5 meetings)	£40.00
Mrs N Adams (salary/expenses/use of home allowance)	£650.86
Central Networks (Connection for new street light)	£710.88
Mr G Jackson (refund for Parish Plan expenses)	£41.86
Bucknell Community Sports Project (donation: changing rooms)	£200.00.

Precept for year 2011/12. Clerk tabled a forward budget estimate and after discussion, the Chairman proposed a Precept of £12,000 which was approved on a show of hands 5 in favour 1 against.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire Council letter re: consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance. Affordable Rural Housing guide for parish councils
Letter from Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire re: Jubilee Preparations 2012.
Shropshire Hills AONB letter + 2009-2010 Review of progress and achievements.
Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust newsletter "A Healthier Future"
"The Playing Field" newsletter.
All the above to the Chairman for his consideration.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Graves was invited to speak from the floor and explained the Knighton Rotary Club's "message in a bottle" scheme to make medical/next of kin/etc information available to emergency workers when necessary. Mr Graves was asked to pursue this matter.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

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

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10.1.11