

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

**SAMDev.** Mr Wilson asked whether there had been any progress following the consultation. Mr Hartin replied that there was nothing to report at present.

**Pot holes.** Miss Edwards said there were several large potholes on the junction opposite the garage. Mr Hartin would report this to Highways.

**School bus.** Miss Edwards also reported that the school bus no longer picked up at The Tyndings. Councillors considered this was unacceptable, and Mr Hartin would take this up with the relevant authorities. It was not known where the buses were now turning following the recent sale of the piece of land opposite The Tyndings.

**Proposed Bucknell Show.** Mr Kemp said that an open meeting was scheduled for 22 January at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, with a view to forming a committee to run a village show, possible date: 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**Bucknell school.** Mr Hartin said that the school had received a good Ofsted report. Also there was concern about the fence around the play area. Mr Owen said this should be repaired this month.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs F Hughes, Mr P Davies.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4.12.12**

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Litter bin by the shop.** Mr Hartin to speak to Mathew Mead.

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

Mr Owen reported that Leintwardine was now up and running in its own right.

Another training day was scheduled for February.

The recent Draw had raised £322 for CFR funds.

Fund raising was continuing towards the provision of a 4x4 vehicle.

Mr Owen detailed the web of emergency cover in Shropshire.

## **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report at present.

Miss Edwards had made an application to the LJC on behalf of the First Responders for a grant towards the 4x4 vehicle.

## **ROADS:**

**Road conditions.** Generally very bad, caused by the wet weather last year. Mr Hartin to report this to Chris Edwards at Highways.

**Street lights.** Councillors decided not to make provision for part night time operation. Clerk to pursue change of street lighting Contractor.

## **PLANNING:**

There were no applications for consideration.

**Application No. 12/04207/FUL.** Extension, etc, at The Quillets, had been granted.

## **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The Electrician had done some of the wiring, and hoped to complete the work by next weekend.

Other work still to be completed would then be easier when power was available.

A meeting would then be arranged with the football club to schedule the remaining works. Their existing changing rooms had had a ceiling collapse over Christmas, and they were now keen to progress.

The Chairman said that the Memorial Hall Committee had met last night and were proposing to decorate the hall and provide new curtains. The cost of this would be £1,000, and the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council make a grant of £500 towards this total. Approved unanimously on a show of hands. Miss Edwards said that the committee was doing most of the work themselves, and fund raising was being carried out.

**Willow Cottage, The Mynd.** Mrs Sharpe asked whether this flooding problem had been sorted out. Mr Hartin said he would speak to Chris Edwards tomorrow.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email from Helen Walters, Shirehall, regarding ownership of a piece of grassed land opposite the shop, which was needed for a soakaway test. After consulting the attached plan, Councillors concluded that this land had been owned by B & J Davies, but Shropshire Council had apparently taken over ownership by putting in posts, and a fence, etc. Clerk to reply in this vein.

Email from David L Edwards, Shropshire Council, re: Flood Insurance and Information Workshop to be held on 24 January at the Shirehall.

## **FINANCE:**

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

Community (current) account		£2,154.51
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£13,939.31
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£12,924.82.	

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

Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)	£112.00
Mrs N Adams (salary Dec 12 – no PAYE due)	£154.60
Bucknell Memorial Hall (grant)	£500.00.

**Precept for financial year 2012/13.**

Clerk submitted a discussion document. Mr Hartin explained a Shropshire Council letter which stated that owing to a recalculation, a Precept request the same as last year (£12,500) would be classified as a 12.5% increase on the parish rate. After discussion it was agreed on a show of hands 4 in favour, 1 against, to request a Precept of £10,500, which would be a nil increase.

In addition to possible expenditure on the churchyard wall, interactive speed signs could be hired to tackle speeding traffic in the village. Clerk to make enquiries. Mr Hartin to establish if other villages would be interested in a share scheme.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

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