

# Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

[www.bedstoneandbucknell.org/](http://www.bedstoneandbucknell.org/)

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
In Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## PRESENT

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman), Cllr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Cllr C Davies, Cllr S Jones, Cllr N Edwards, Cllr C Savery, Cllr D Cullimore.

Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.

1 member of the public.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

## 1 OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Sherring asked whether the Agenda was put on the website, Chairman confirmed that it was. Cllr Cullimore suggested it also be put on the Facebook page, Cllr Jones agreed to do this. Action: Cllr Jones

Mr Sherring also said that parents' cars were being parked on the zigzag lines and feared the situation was potentially dangerous. Clerk to write to the school asking that this be discouraged. Action: Clerk

The Chairman then closed the Open meeting.

## 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr W Davies.

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

## 4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

Under 10(c) Management of village website. Action should read "Cllr Edwards".

Subject to this correction the Minutes were then approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

## 5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS:

(a) **Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.** Two consultations – parking strategy and libraries – were nearing completion with the aim of making savings because of Shropshire's £44m shortfall. Locally, parking would primarily affect Ludlow; and it was thought there would be no change to the villages' mobile libraries at present. There was no information re: the amalgamation of the fire and police authorities.

(b) **South West Shropshire LJC and Shropshire Town & Parish Councils Forum.** Next LJC to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February; nothing else to report at present.

(c) **Daffodil Lane Development Steering Group:** (i) quotes for work to complete changing rooms. Third quote still awaited. Cllr Edwards and chair to attend a training session on 'LEADER' funding in Shrewsbury next Tuesday. (ii) repairs to play area gate. Cllr Edwards to contact Bucknell Nurseries to complete this. (iii) "No Horses" sign. Cllr Edwards to research online for this. Action: Cllr Edwards

(d) **Bucknell school report.** Mrs Hartin had submitted a comprehensive written report, which the Chairman read out. This report is appended hereto. The Chairman thanked Mrs Hartin. Action: Clerk

## 6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:

(a) **Roads: (i) drainage at Willow Cottage, Bucknell (Red Lane/The Mynd – address to be confirmed).** Cllr C Davies reported that a neighbour had opened up the drain by Willow Cottage, but the soakaway above was still blocked. To be reported to Ian Martin, Highways. Action: Cllr C Davies

(ii) **gritting/salting.** Chairman reported that Highways salted main roads, B roads, plus the road to the school, with the vehicle turning at The Baron. Chairman to ask Ian Martin to extend the gritting route and also enquire about a salt bin at the end of the Causeway opposite the Post Office. Action: Chairman

(iii) **pot holes** were reported by the crossing, by the end of Sitwell Close, both had been reported to Shropshire Council via the “pot hole line”.

(iv) **hedge trimming.** The hedges were trimmed by a local farmer who owned the adjoining land. Cllr Owen said that some hedge trimmers had a blower on the back to move trimmings off the road.

(b) **Street lighting: (i) light on Old Post Office – unmetered usage refund.** Reply still awaited from npower.

Action: Clerk

(ii) **SOX lamp change to LED .** Quotes were coming in. Failed street light by Stonelea in hedge to Myndenlee. Clerk to get quotes from Highline for both SOX and LED replacements for comparison. Action: Clerk

(c) **Other pathway issues: (i) grass triangle by the ford at Seabridge Meadow.** Awaiting advice after site visit by Ian Martin, Highways.

(d) **Other open space issues: (i) common land at Chapel Lawn Road (1) replacement notice board.** Quotes were coming in. Action: Cllr C Davies

(2) **recycling sign.** Cllr Edwards to check online. Action: Cllr Edwards

(ii) **lime tree on common land by Old School House.** No information from Cllr W Davies.

Action: Cllr W Davies

(v) **proposed Bert Green memorial seat at The Causeway.** Cllr Edwards declared an interest. Cllr Savery had evaluated the quotes and recommended the Corido teak seat at £319.99 + delivery and fittings on four legs. Clerk to send an order letter to all Councillors for approval prior to posting to Corido. Action: Clerk

A brass plaque was needed. Cllr Edwards and family to decide on suitable wording. Action: Cllr Edwards

## **7 ST MARY'S CLOSED CHURCHYARD**

(a) **Flagpole.** Cllr Cullimore tabled a costed report for a replacement. Funding of £700 approx had been secured to date. After discussion the Chairman proposed that a Harrisons 12 metre flagpole with external halyard be ordered at a cost including delivery and installation of £1,082 + VAT, with the Parish Council meeting any shortfall up to £250. This was seconded by Cllr Owen and agreed unanimously. Chairman thanked Cllr Cullimore for progressing this. Action: Cllr Cullimore

## **8 PLANNING:**

(a) There were no applications for consideration. Application No. 17/05987/FUL Four new dwellings with new vehicular access and rear car parking area (revised scheme). Clerk to email details to all Councillors and a decision would be taken out of committee. Application No. 17/05152/OUT 20 houses etc on land to the west of The Tyndings: Parish Council's response had now been registered as an objection.

(b) There were no decisions to be reported by planning authority.

(c) **Shropshire Local Plan Review.** Clerk to reply that Bucknell was content to be defined as a “Community Hub”. Action: Clerk

(d) **Place Plan Review.** Chairman and Cllr Cullimore had updated Bucknell's entries in the Bishops Castle Place Plan with Mathew Mead.

(e) **Public attendance.** Parishioners tended to attend Parish Council meetings when there were planning applications to be discussed. Clerk reported that there were insufficient applications for an official planning committee. However an ad hoc Planning Committee could be formed, names to the Clerk.

## **9 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) **Team building session.** The evening at The Baron had been very enjoyable. Thanks to Cllr Jones for organising this.

(b) **Parish Council election costs.** Chairman had written to Shropshire Council, no reply as yet.

(c) **Vacancy for website manager.** Cllr Jones declared an interest. Cllr Edwards had received 5 quotes and suggested that a bid review group be formed. One more quote was awaited. Action: Cllr Edwards

(d) **Further Transparency Grant application.** Clerk to forward relevant email to the Chairman. To be discussed next time. Action: Clerk

**10 COUNCIL FINANCE:**

**(a) Account balances were reported as:**

Community (current) account		£9,157.99
Business Saver account		£10,963.67
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£78.14	
Transparency Grant fund	£815.03	
Youth Group	£927.92	
Parish Council account	£9,142.58.	

**(b) It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:**

Ms N Adams (salary December)	£260.55
HMRC (PAYE December)	£65.20
Enterprise House (training for Clerk – Transparency grant)	£75.00
	(includes £12.50 recoverable VAT)
Bucknell Nurseries (mowing Chapel Lawn Road)	£60.00
	(includes £10.00 recoverable VAT)
Ray Davies (grounds maintenance December)	£228.00.

**(c) Precept 2018/19**

The Clerk tabled a discussion document. Cllr Owen proposed a Precept of £20,700, seconded by Cllr C Davies. Cllr Savery proposed the Precept of £18,000 remain unchanged, seconded by Cllr Edwards. Cllr Cullimore proposed a compromise amount of £19,350, seconded by Cllr Jones, this was approved on the Chair's vote.

Action: Clerk

**(d) Review of Ray Davies' salary.**

The national Living Wage Foundation had raised its hourly rate by 3.5%. If this was applied, with rounding, it would bring Mr Davies' salary to £9.85 per hour. This was agreed unanimously on a show of hands. Chairman to write to Mr Davies.

Action: Chair

**11 CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

Email from Richard Whately requesting a donation towards the funding of SpArC in Bishops Castle. Chairman said that virtually no-one in the parish used SpArC as the facilities in Ludlow were more accessible. It was therefore decided not to support this.

**12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**13 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.