

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1 July 2008

PRESENT

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Evans asked about the current position regarding the proposed wind farm at Reeves Hill, Herefordshire. Mr Hartin said that the original proposal had been reduced to four smaller turbines. The proposal for Garreg Hill in Powys involved 23 very big and less efficient turbines. It was understood the cabling would be underground. The Chairman had attended a meeting in Knighton, and said that everyone should write to Herefordshire Council to make their opinion known.

Mrs Jackson had seen two tankers emptying the tanks by the garage and wondered why, as they were specifically to take the overflow. The Chairman said that the whole sewerage system in Bucknell left a lot to be desired. Mr Owen said that the number of houses built in the village over the past few years had contributed to the problem. In some cases surface water now entered the sewerage system rather than going into soakaways and this also had an effect.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr P Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3.6.08

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

MATTERS ARISING

School Garden Play Area. Chairman had received a telephone call from Mrs R Eardley regarding the availability of the £9,000 grant funding from the District Council. Mr Hartin said that the grants would be given when receipted invoices were submitted, but an interim payment could be obtained to provide working capital. Mr Hartin to speak to Mrs Eardley.

Chestnut Meadow Play Area. Mr Hartin reported that a recent survey of residents had been inconclusive, and would speak to all residents of Chestnut Meadow himself.

Allotments. Nothing to report at present.

Land opposite The Tyndings. Mr Hartin still making enquiries with Mrs Calderbank. Chairman asked if the scalplings from the resurfacing work at Weston Road could be used to fill in the pot holes. Mr Hartin to enquire.

Village sewerage system. Dealt with during the Open Meeting.

ROADS

Bucknell to Bedstone road. Mr Hartin had held a site meeting with Mr Glyn Shaw. Some of the road signs were obscured by vegetation. It was considered that the hedge trimming could be improved, particularly where the hedges were very high, and Mr Rutherford to be contacted about this. Mr Owen suggested another site meeting when the road was flooded.

Hedge by the Railway Station. This had been cut down by the railway company in response to a complaint from a member of the public. It had now regrown and was looking unsightly and also obscuring the view of the level crossing. Clerk to write to the railway company.

Bollards opposite the shop. Mr Ian Martin from Highways had agreed to provide these.

Resurfacing of part of Weston Road. This was scheduled to take place between 30 July and 2 August and incorporated a road closure. All ironworks would be raised beforehand. It was anticipated the road closure would allow for local residents and access by emergency vehicles. The Chairman cautioned that residents' cars could be damaged during the resurfacing process and advised that they be temporarily parked elsewhere. Resurfacing of the other section of Weston Road was dependent on the planning application by South Shropshire Housing Association.

PLANNING

Application No. 1108/20842/TC Tree works at Brambles, Bedstone. Supported.

Applications Nos. 1/08/20759 & 1108/20760/LB. Erection of a walk-in freezer at Bedstone Court, Bedstone College. Supported.

The following applications had been granted:

No. 1108/20694/F Replacement potting shed/greenhouse at Hillside Cottage, Bridgend Lane, Bucknell.

No. 1/08/20696/TC. Tree works at Church Cottage, Bucknell.

No. 1/08/20725/F. Temporary siting of mobile home (renewal) at Hales Barn, Bucknell.

Affordable Housing for local need. It was understood that South Shropshire Housing Association would apply for planning permission for affordable houses in Weston Road, possibly in August this year.

PARISH PLAN

The inaugural meeting of the Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Plan Steering Committee was held on 19 June and was attended by 11 villagers. The following Officers were elected:

Chairman: Mr Ian Graves

Vice Chairman: Mr Ian Hay Campbell

Secretary: Mr Grahain Jackson

Treasurer: Mr Peter Pryke.

The Chairman was asked to provide a short progress report at the month y Parish Council meeting and reported as follows:

Mr Graves gave the assurance that the Steering Committee's purpose was to reflect the view of the village as a whole, and ensure that the parish plan was as comprehensive as possible. A questionnaire would be devised at the appropriate time. Further members of the Steering Committee would be welcome, especially from Bedstone.

Mr Hartin explained that the grant off£1,500 from South Shropshire District Council was as a right, and would be used as working capital. The District Council was to produce a flyer for the Steering Committee, the cost of which would be deducted from the grant prior to payment.

Mr Hartin also said that the grant of £2,000 from the Community Council was on a prepayment basis, and to be claimed back on submission of receipted invoices.

The Chairman said that the insurance for those involved must be sorted out. Clerk to telephone the insurance company.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Report from Steering Group. Not available. The Chairman paid tribute to the Steering Committee, especially Mrs Dorothy Edwards and Miss Nicky Edwards who had worked tirelessly over a period of years to keep this project going.

Second Lease. This was now in operation for a period of 999 years.

Mr Hartin reported on a meeting held in the Memorial Hall earlier this evening.

FINANCE

Account balances. Not available from the Bank. Clerk to make enquiries. Bank statements should be received soon and Parish Councillors would be informed of the account balances.

It was agreed unanimously on a show of hands to pay the following:

MedlicottSnows Solicitors (legal fees re: Lease)	£564.13
IJ & DJ Gough (grasscutting at Chapel Lawn Road)	£162.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£280.00
Mrs N Adams (salary June 08 qtr)	£313.60.

CORRESPONDENCE

Independent Policy Commission on Primary School Organisation. Mr Hartin explained that this was in effect another look at the primary schools policy. All options were in theory still open, including the merging of Lydbury North and Clunbury Schools, possibly on the Clunbury site.

Shropshire County Council letter re: Unitary Boundary Review of Shropshire.

SCC letter re: Countryside Access Team Annual Report 2007 2008- on the website.

SCC letter re: "Let's Talk" Local Meetings- Autumn 2008. Planning meeting to be held 17.7.08 at the SpArC Centre, Bishops Castle.

Developing Health and Health Care. Briefing Note 5 dated 9.6.08 & Public Engagement Events. To Chairman.

SSDC notice, etc re: Private Sector Landlords' Forum. To Post Office.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 August 2008 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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