

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2009**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mr W Davies, Mrs K Law, Mr P Davies, Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes.

Four members of the public.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

It was proposed to widen the top end of Weston Road and this was a condition of the planning permission for the proposed new houses, but it was not thought there was any provision for a footway.

The Vice Chairman said that a Highways Technician was coming to inspect the hedge along the Bedstone Road this week.

Mrs Edwards reported that surface water was pooling outside Tues Hill in Chapel Lawn Road, possibly as a result of a new driveway next door.

Mr W Davies said that the matrix signs in Aymestry were very effective, and asked whether they could be used in Bucknell. Shropshire Council had written with a consultation paper on Vehicle Activated Signs Policy. To be discussed next time.

Mr Cornes asked whether a street light could be provided between the Memorial Hall and the church, as there was a very dark area and no footway. The Vice Chairman said that we could get an estimate for a street light there.

The Vice Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr C Savery, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Carter declared a personal interest in his account for payment under "Finances".

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 2.6.09**

Under "Any Other Business. New Street Light in Weston Road"  
Sentence to read: "Mr Carter had been approached by a parishioner who had enquired about the street light, and had also mentioned that the new drains did not take away the surface water."

Subject to this correction, the Minutes were agreed unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and accurate record.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

Allotments. Mrs Fraser has submitted a written report detailing progress to date. Negotiations were continuing with the Housing Association regarding the piece of land in Weston Road. Enquiries had been made about another piece of land, but the price being asked by the Land Agent was excessively prohibitive.

Coronation Oak, Bedstone. Nothing to report at present, but the new Notice Board was in position.

Tourism Signs at The Turnpike. Site meeting was arranged for next Monday, 13 July at 7pm.

### **ROADS**

Various potholes had not yet been mended. It was understood that Mr Martin from Highways was on holiday this week.

Light outside Yew Tree House. Mrs Sharpe had telephoned Mr Bate from Prysmian, and the light had been mended the next day.

Proposed new street lights. Awaiting estimates from Central Networks.

Drainage in Weston Road. A Highways Technician would be making a site visit this week, and would also inspect the standing water at The Tyndings.

### **PLANNING**

There were no applications for consideration, nor any decisions to be reported by the Planning Authority.

### **PARISH PLAN**

Mr Jackson read out a written report from Mr Graves, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group.

Following an extensive consultation, the proposed questionnaire would be circulated shortly to all members of the Parish Council via the Clerk, for consideration and approval at the Parish Council meeting in August. Any suggested changes to be notified to Mr Jackson asap. The Community Council would produce a "smarter" version prior to printing.

The survey would be delivered to and collected from every house in the parish in September. Extra copies would be available if requested, also a young person's (under 18) version.

The intention was that this survey would be combined with the results of the original community questionnaire of 2006, and the results of interviews carried out this year, to produce the Parish Plan early in 2010 in glossy booklet form. Each household would receive a copy.

### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Mrs Edwards said that there was little to report at present.

### **FINANCE**

Account Balances were reported as:

Community account £15,652.45

Business Base Rate Tracker account £1,926.39.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary June qtr £313.60,

Expenses £118.55, Use of home & computer

Year ended 31.3.09 £100) Total: £532.15

IJ & DJ Gough (mowing/strimming Chapel Lawn rd) £152.00

Mr Ray Davies (grass cutting, etc) £401.10.

It was further agreed on a show of hands, 6 in favour, Mr Carter abstained, to pay the following:

Mr C Carter (repairs to fence around play area) £15.00.

Accounts to year ended 31.3.09.

The Annual Return was formally approved and signed as required.

Mrs Lyn Cordrey was unanimously reappointed Internal Auditor.

The Parish Council considered all risks involved and it was unanimously agreed that the current arrangements were adequate.

The Parish Council had been selected by the External Auditors as part of their 5% spot check sample of councils with income or expenditure below £200,000. Clerk was given leave to supply the additional information required.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr P Dunne MP letter + enclosure re: Village SOS funding initiative. Copies had been sent to the Chairman and Mrs Edwards.

Marches Energy Agency letter + enclosure re: Light Fantastic exhibition.

SAPTC Area Committee Minutes and Agenda for meeting 13.7.09. To Chairman.

Telephone call from Melanie Lomax, Outreach Worker, British Red Cross, asking to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss volunteers in communities in the event of a major crisis or emergency. To be invited to the September meeting.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs Hughes requested an additional salt bin near the barn on the road up from Bedstone, another at the top of Red Lane, and a replacement bin by Orchard Cottage. Mrs Hughes said that depositing tumps of salt and grit at the side of the road was wasteful as it got washed away, and also asked whether the salt bins were water tight.

Work was being done at the sewage works, but it was not known exactly what was being done. Recent planning permission had been granted for washrooms and showers.

Mr Carter said that work had started on the fence around the school garden play area.

## **DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 August in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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