

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 July 2012**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mr W Davies, Mrs F Hughes,  
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.  
5 members of the public.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Bucknell School.** Mrs Hartin reported that the school had recently been very busy, the library opening went really well, with visiting story tellers, etc., and many parents attended. The school would value donations of up-to-date non fiction children's books, and would appreciate help from volunteer readers. The Vice Chairman said these would have to be CRB checked and there would be a cost for this.

The school went to Ludlow to see the Olympic Torch, there was also a visit to Liverpool. A visit was planned to RAF Cosford to see the Queen, some adult tickets were still available at £5 each towards the cost of transport. There would also be a visit to Clun School for a poetry day.

As part of a project on eco-systems one speaker had talked to the children about bees and another would be speaking about bio diversity.

A Leaver's Service would be held for Year 6 children in church on 20 July at 2pm, all were invited to attend.

Number will go down to 39 in September which will be a concern.

**SAMDev Proposals.** Miss Stone had written to Mr Andy Mortimer, Shropshire Council, to enquire why Bucknell had been selected as a Community Hub. Mr Hartin said it was partly because of the size of the village and its facilities such as public transport. Community Hub status meant that development was not restricted to affordable housing, and could include open market housing as well. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was a national scheme and would mean that money would come into the community as part of the Government's Localism requirements.

**Litter.** Mr Graves asked whether local firms could be held responsible for the litter they produce which was dropped by customers. It was thought that the Company could be approached by either the Street Scene Department at Shropshire Council, or by the Parish Council.

**Environment Agency Flood Plan.** Mr Cornes said that this covered areas in Bucknell which had never flooded, and because of this, Insurance Companies were reluctant to insure properties within this postcode. The centre of the village had been flooded in 1966, when there were two weirs downstream and the bridge arches had not been cleared of debris. The weirs had since been removed.

The Vice Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mr C Savery, Mr P Davies, Mrs K Law.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12.6.12**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Replacement doors at Ladywell.** Reply awaited from Shropshire Housing Group. Mr Graves offered from the floor to progress this matter with Shropshire Housing. Mr Hartin said the houses were being checked at the present time.

**SAMDev proposals.** Mr Hartin said that after the end of the consultation he would set up a meeting to discuss the results, possibly end September.

**Code of Conduct.** After discussion it was agreed unanimously to accept this without modification.

## **CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME**

Mr Owen reported that another person had been trained, bringing the total to 16, of whom 14 were active members.

The Community First Responders scheme was up and running. A tractor run had started from Daffodil Lane on 24 June, the money raised would be divided between Bucknell Memorial Hall and Leintwardine & Bucknell CFRs. So far £1,046 had been raised.

Mr Hartin said it was hoped to one AED unit on each floor at the Shirehall. Mr Eddie Jones was liaising with a representative in Worthen re: this. It was also proposed to have two units in Craven Arms, and one in Leintwardine.

The price of the enclosure box could be reduced by about £300 as another supplier was cheaper but a decision was yet to be made on this.

More volunteers were always required. Letters had been sent to local Parish Councils requesting grant funding.

## **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

Mr Hartin said that Police representatives were concerned about the reduction in funding, this would result in redeploying existing CSOs. Fortunately crime in this area was still relatively low.

Broadband provision would be rolled out across the county. There were problems as local providers were effectively locked out of the bidding process owing to a technicality.

Funding for affordable housing had dried up and the scheme had stagnated.

Mr Owen said that a grant application had been made by the CFR scheme towards the cost of a 4x4 vehicle and the LJC had requested further information, which had been provided by Eddie Jones.

## **ROADS:**

**Street light** opposite the Butcher's still not working. Clerk to chase.

**Speed limit by the woodyard.** No report yet available following the speed strips recently installed.

**Flooding at Daffodil Lane.** Mr Martin, Highways, had replied that a new road gully would be installed to solve the problem, and that the hedge and fence were not being damaged.

#### **PLANNING:**

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

#### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT:**

Miss Edwards report that work had started on behalf of Western Power Distribution to underground the cables. All residents in Chapel Lawn Road had been informed.

The tiles were down in the shower area and those for the walls had been delivered.

The toilets and sinks were installed but could not be used for the Jubilee Celebrations as there were no doors for the cubicles. The disabled toilet was used, and mobile toilets had been hired.

There had been problems with the mowing of the recreation ground resulting in the Contractor giving up the work.

It was still intended to form a new Memorial Hall Development Committee, and those interested should contact Miss Edwards.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

“Spotlight” leaflet. Distributed to those Councillors present.

Letter + enclosures from Mr C Price re: Proposed Wind Farm at Reeves Hill. The Parish Council had previously commented on this. Councillors were concerned about the visual impact and the size of the required construction vehicles. Contact details to be put on the website so that individuals could object should they wish.

Invitation from Shropshire Hills AONB for event on 11 July.

Email from Shropshire Council re: Free trees scheme.

#### **FINANCE:**

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

Community current account	£3,116.02
Business base rate tracker account	£19,935.02.

(Clerk had transferred £10,000 from Community account to Tracker account.)

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

Mrs N Adams (salary June 12)	£123.80
HMRC (PAYE June 12)	£30.80
Mrs Mullard-Davies (accountant's fees)	£60.00
Mr R Davies (grasscutting etc)	£182.40.

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

Mr C Carter (concrete pads/pointing of churchyard wall) £1100.00.  
(Mr Carter abstained.)

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Grasscutting in Chapel Lawn Road.** The grass was getting rather long. The Contractor had said he no longer wished to cut the grass at Daffodil Lane, but it was not known whether he intended to continue to cut Chapel Lawn Road. Clerk to enquire.

**Bench in Chapel Lawn Road.** This had already been vandalised. Mr Carter to make modifications to the installation.

**Dog fouling.** Mr Graves said he had posters ready and had tried to work with the Street Scene Department. He would take up this matter again in late summer.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 August 2012 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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