

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2015 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle village hall at 7.30pm.**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr J Kemp (Chairman), Mr I Graves, Miss B Stone, Mrs F Hughes, Mrs B Sharpe,  
Mr C Savery.

Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

3 members of the public.

#### **1 OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr Davies said the street light by Parson's Crossing was now working.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr A Faulkner.

#### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **4 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 2.6.15**

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

#### **5 MATTERS ARISING**

**Lead responsibilities.** Chairman distributed copies of the amended list of lead responsibilities.  
Clerk to distribute to absent Parish Councillors.

**St Mary's closed churchyard.** It was suggested that RoSPA be asked to inspect the steps down onto Chapel Lawn Road. Miss Stone said that the Parish Council was responsible for maintenance, not betterment, and therefore any reconstruction work would have to be in collaboration with the PCC.

**Bucknell school Deeds.** re: play area/car park hedge. Letter to be sent to Shropshire Council stating that our Deeds require the Parish Council to maintain the hedge, and would there be any objection to our removing it for safety reasons?

Bucknell Nurseries to be asked to take a look at the hedge as there is a chain link/concrete post fence embedded in it, to ascertain what would be involved in its removal.

Clerk to write to the school acknowledging their letter and stating that this matter had been discussed again.

Mr Graves said there was a dangerous drain/grid in front of the school. This area belonged to the church.

#### **6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

**Parish Plan Revision Steering Group.** At the last meeting Mr I Graves was elected Chairman, Mr N Dummer Vice Chairman, Miss Stone Secretary/Treasurer. Mr M Wray had responsibility for Bedstone.

The next meeting was scheduled for 22nd September to assess suggestions for the questionnaire, which it was hoped would be distributed in the new year, with the Parish Plan Review estimated to be completed in September 2016

The PP group would have a tent/stand at the Bucknell Show.

Miss Stone asked that the £15 for the hire of the church for Parish Plan meetings be paid from the PP money ring fenced in the Parish Council's bank account.

**Clun Valley AED/CFR schemes.** Miss Edwards said the AED unit was back in the box at the Sitwell. The British Heart Foundation was providing a Heartstart course for years 5 and 6 at Bucknell school.

**Daffodil Lane development.** Miss Edwards reported that the mowing was being done regularly. They were in contact with Mr M Mead who would help with applying for grants for the new hall from lottery funding.

Plans for the new hall would be on display at the Bucknell Show.

**South West Shropshire LJC.** Mr Hartin said the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 9th July at Lydham village hall at which two speakers from Shropshire Council would be present. The future of rural services would be discussed. Mr Graves to attend.

Mr Hartin said the LJC still wanted donations towards the small grant scheme, these had been forthcoming from Parish Councils and local businesses.

**Bucknell school.** No report available, but Mr Hartin said the playgroup had held a promise auction and raised over £1,000 towards the outside play area, which would be constructed over the summer holidays, together with work to the back wall of the memorial hall.

## **7 ROADS/STREETSCENE**

**Dog fouling.** Mr Graves had purchased 1,000 bags and stapled them together in batches of 5 to enable them to be handed out from the garage as emergency supplies.

Mr Hartin said there were still signs available from Shropshire Council.

**Redlake Meadow.** Miss Stone reported that the subsidence outside No. 35 had been repaired, also the repairs to the footway had been done.

Mr Hartin said that as a result of a site meeting with a representative of the Tree Department some of the trees would be cut back, including a cherry and a horse chestnut, and the silver birch outside No. 20.

**Damaged signs.** One-way sign and street name at Old Bedstone Road, also recycling sign opposite the Baron of Beef still not replaced. Mr Hartin said that Shropshire Council had problems getting Ringway to put up signs at the moment.

**Dog Kennel Lane.** "Pedestrians in the road" signs on the corner by Red Lane. Clerk to ask Glyn Shaw from Highways to liaise with Miss Stone.

**Salt bins.** At the Causeway and the railway station car park. Mr Ian Martin, Highways, was aware.

**Parish Council notice boards.** Miss Stone suggested that perspex doors be fitted to protect the

notices. Mr Hartin said the Minutes, etc could be laminated as a first step. Mr Graves said the wood on the notice boards was too hard to use drawing pins.

**Weston Road.** Mr Hartin said the resurfacing should take place this month, unknown whether this would include the splay by the allotments as this area would probably need stoning first. Also traffic monitoring strips would be installed to record the speed of the traffic.

## **8 TREE WORKS**

**Causeway/Chapel Lawn Road.** Dodd & Son to start work in the next two or three weeks. Chairman to contact Mr Owen to clarify the details of the work and also to put signs on the notice boards and inform two adjacent householders.

**Five-year plan for trees.** Lime tree at the Causeway - Insurance Company to be informed of Shropshire Council's opinion that the tree is safe. Information from Insurance Company - Mr Owen to progress, Clerk to contact him.

**Overhanging Trees in Weston Road.** Another tree had come down across the road. In the first instance, the landowner should be consulted about dangerous trees. Shropshire Council could then be asked to come and take a look, and write to the landowner. If the landowner refused to do any remedial work, Shropshire Council could do it and send the bill to the landowner.

## **9 PLANNING**

**Poultry units at Hopton Heath.** It would appear the application had been withdrawn.

There were no applications for consideration, nor any decisions to be reported by planning authority.

**Training for planning matters.** Clerk said SALC would be arranging a seminar in the autumn.

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE**

"Spotlight" leaflets for July. Distributed to those present.  
RoSPA report on the school garden play area. To Miss Stone.

## **11 FINANCE**

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

Community (current) account		£11,484.54
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,953.53
of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£9,939.04.	

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

Mrs N Adams (June salary)	)	£187.42
HMRC (PAYE)	)	£46.80
npower (energy charge)		£33.58
Mr G Jackson (reimbursement for website fee)		£57.57
Mrs R Mullard-Davies (payroll services)		£60.00
Mrs N Adams (expenses)		£264.19
Mr I Graves (reimbursement for dog bags)		£22.17

Mr R Davies (grasscutting etc)	£320.79
Playsafety Ltd (inspection of 2 x play areas)	£156.00.

**12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**RoSPA report.** Miss Stone said that the only fault seemed to be bird droppings on the swings. Ray Davies to be asked to clean these off.

**13 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st September in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm, unless an urgent meeting is required in August.

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

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