

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 June 2009

PRESENT

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mrs F Hughes, Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies, Mrs K Law, Mr C Carter, Mr W Davies, Mr C Savery, District & County Councillor N Hartin.

7 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr P Wright, Baron of Beef, said he had been in contact with Herefordshire Council regarding the positioning of official brown tourism signs on the main road at The Turnpike to inform motorists of facilities available in the village, but without much success. Mr Wright asked whether the Parish Council could make a formal application to Herefordshire Council requesting these signs. It was expected that the cost of the signs (approximately £250 per symbol) would be met by businesses within the village.

The Clerk had been in contact with Ms Fiona Miles, Hereford Council Highways Department, who had suggested a site meeting with the Parish Council.

After discussion, Parish Councillors agreed that the Clerk contact Ms Miles and arrange a site meeting.

Miss Edwards said there was a pothole near Bucknell Nurseries. Mr Savery said there was another one on the Bedstone Road, among others around the parish. Mr Hartin would attend to these, subject to the local Election on Thursday.

Mr Cornes reported that some bushes along The Causeway and on the banks of the river had been trimmed into topiary shapes. Mr Owen informed him that some of the land was common, and some of it privately owned, like the piece where the bushes were situated.

The Vice Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr T Hughes (Chairman).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Carter declared a personal interest in his item under "Finance".

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

MATTERS ARISING

Allotments. Mrs Fraser reported that meetings were taking place re: finding a piece of land, and to ascertain what grants were available, also to establish the biodiversity requirements of the site, which would have to be accommodated.

Coronation Oak, Bedstone. Nothing to report at present. Mr Savery to email Ms Siobhan Reedy. Parish Council also to write.

Flood Plain Council Tax. Mr P Davies said that a survey had recently taken place regarding the flood plain.

ROADS

Street light outside Yew Tree House. Still not been mended. To be reported again.

White posts at railway station have been repaired/replaced.

Hedge along the Bedstone Road. To be reported to the Highways Department.

PLANNING

There were no applications for consideration.

Application No. 1/09/21471/TC Tree works at Manor Farm House, Bedstone, had been granted.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Graves reported that the Steering Group had met again last Friday to finalise the survey, which was being checked at present.

This would be run past the Parish Council and Community Council prior to distribution. Clerk to have a copy of the survey by the next Parish Council meeting in July. 'Draft Survey' to be on the Agenda for the August meeting.

Questionnaire to be sent out in September.

Mr Hartin asked about the distribution. Mr Graves said there would be pre-printed labels, and an SAE to return the questionnaires. Mr Hartin suggested collecting them by hand.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Mrs Edwards reported that a grant of £50,000 had been applied for from Shropshire Council towards changing rooms on the hall site.

A grant of £5,000 had been applied for from Shropshire Council towards new table and chairs for the Memorial Hall.

A Planning Application for the changing rooms is likely to be made in the next couple of months.

Match funding for the changing rooms is likely to be available from the Football Foundation.

RoSPA inspections of the play areas had been arranged.

FINANCE

Account balances were reported as:

Community current account £18,774.91
Comprising: Parish Plan account £2,699.94
Project account £1,727.04
Parish Council account £14,347.93.
Business Base Rate Tracker account £1,925.68.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mr Ray Davies (grass cutting, etc) £286.50
Allianz Cornhill (insurance) £545.67.

It was further agreed on a show of hands, 7 in favour, with Mr Carter's abstention, to pay the following:

Mr C Carter (restoration of lych gate) £1,730.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be put before the Parish Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

New street light in Weston Road. Mr Carter had been approached by a parishioner who had also said that the new drains did not take away the water.

Clerk to update the prices for the installation of the proposed new street lights.

There was some opposition in the village to the proposed widening of Weston Road. This to be an agenda item under 'Open Discussion' next time.

Pot Holes in The Tyndings. Mr Hartin to speak to the Housing Association.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 July 2009 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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