

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2011**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies, Mrs K Law, Mr C Carter, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

2 members of the public.

Mr Owen assumed the Chair for this meeting.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr Hartin had received a complaint about trees overhanging the swings in the school garden play area. Miss Edwards also said there was a suspicion of a CCTV camera looking into the children's play area.

Seats in the new cemetery were collapsing and needed to be repaired. Clerk to report this to the PCC.

Mr P Davies said that a fence had been damaged at the railway station car park and youths were gaining access to the garden of Bucknell House and depositing litter there. Mr W Davies to be advised to replace the fence in the first instance.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mrs F Hughes, Mr C Savery.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Carter declared a personal interest in a quotation for repairs to the school garden play area fence.

#### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3.5.11**

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

#### **MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING HELD 27.5.11**

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Grasscutting at Chestnut Meadow.** Mr M Holland, Chief Executive of South Shropshire Housing Association, had written to say that the SSHA were not the owners of the piece of land. Clerk had written to the Property Services & Estates Team at Shropshire Council asking them to check whether the transfer from the District Council to the Housing Association for a nominal £1 had in fact ever taken place.

**Trees in Redlake Meadow.** Mr Owen had attended a site meeting with Mr John Blessington and Ms Siobham Reedy from the Shirehall, and Mr Ian Martin from Highways. It was agreed that although the trees were damaging the pavement, they

must stay because they are healthy, but some crown work would be done as they were taking light from the houses. Shropshire Council would agree in writing to take responsibility should the drains be damaged.

**New post box in Weston Road.** No response from Royal Mail following the Clerk's recent letter. Clerk to chase again.

**Litter bin at station car park/Weston Road.** Mr Meyrick from Shropshire Council had inspected the wrong area. Clerk to write again.

**White posts on the village green.** Mr P Davies to ask Mr W Davies how many posts were involved.

**Schools reorganisation.** Mr Hartin said there was nothing further to report at present.

**School garden play area.** Mr Carter had quoted £120.00 to repair the fence, this was agreed on a show of hands, four in favour, Mr Carter abstained. Mr Carter also to take a look at the overhanging trees with a view to trimming them back, and also to investigate the reports of the camera.

**PCC Church Restoration Committee.** After discussion it was decided that the most suitable Member to represent the Parish Council on this committee was Mr T Hughes.

#### **ROADS:**

**Top of Daffodil Lane.** Mr Martin, Highways, had issued an order for Daffodil Lane to be swept. The reconstruction at the top was carried out in 2003 with surface dressing being done in 2005 on this section.

**Collapsed drain opposite the shop** was being mended today.

**Bottom of Daffodil Lane** floods badly to one side of the triangle, following heavy rain. Clerk to report this.

**New street light** was in place, now needed to be connected up. Clerk to chase.

**Damaged street light opposite The Tyndings.** It was thought this may have been repaired, Mr Owen to check.

**Shield for street light in Weston Road.** A written complaint had been received from the resident of Euxton House, who objected to the light being shaded. It was agreed to ask the opinion of other residents nearby.

#### **PLANNING:**

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

#### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The quotation from Central Networks for the connection of the changing rooms was £22,331.17 including VAT. This had been discussed with the Football Club but no decision made. Possibly a generator could be used instead.

It was planned to apply to The Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund for funding towards the new Memorial Hall.

Planning had now lapsed on the new hall, and an application would cost £2,435.00.

Fund raising was still being planned towards internal works, probably an application to the LJC.

Various posts and rails had to be replaced at a cost of £240.60.

RoSPA would carry out the inspection of both play areas in July.

Ideas for a street party at the Recreation Ground were being considered for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, along the lines of the Royal Wedding Party in April this year, where the whole community can be involved in the organisation.

All Parish Councillors present agreed unanimously to pay the £240.60 for repairs to the fences, and also to pay the remaining £300.00 previously promised to the Memorial Hall committee.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Spotlight magazine. Copies distributed to Parish Councillors.

Bucknell Allotments Association letter of thanks for the grant.

Shropshire Council letter + enclosures re: Closure of Clun bridge from 20.6.11.

Shropshire Hills AONB letter + enclosure re: Friends of the AONB.

Forestry Commission letter + enclosures re: Bucknell Forest Design Plans. To Mr P Davies for assessment.

Notice "From Peckham to Bucknell" re: living history experience 15 & 16 June.

### **FINANCE**

**Account balances** were reported as:

Community current account		£12,826.14
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Of which:	Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
	Parish Council account	£11,811.65.	

Business Base Rate Tracker account	£9,929.14.
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**It was agreed unanimously** to pay the following:

Bucknell Memorial Hall (hire for meetings)	£40.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc + strimmer cord)	£170.03
Bucknell Memorial Hall (grant)	£300.00
Mr J Edwards (repairs to posts & rail fences)	£240.60.

An invoice had been received from G Bryan Jones in Bishops Castle for repairs to the mower, which included some items missed from a previous invoice. Mr Owen to investigate. Clerk was asked to provide an up to date Assets Register, detailing all trimmers and mowers owned by the Parish Council.

**Annual Return** had been received from Mrs Cordrey, who kindly did the internal audit, and the Parish Council reviewed and approved all internal controls prior to signature by the Chairman and Clerk.

**CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME**

This was now up and running in the village and six people have been trained to use it. The emergency 999 telephone call would activate it if necessary. The next training day would probably be held at The Kangaroo, Aston on Clun.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 July 2011 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Mr Savery to be asked to book the hall.

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

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