

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr J Kemp (Chairman), Mr A Faulkner, Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes,  
Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman).  
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.  
5 members of the public.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr S Davies said there was a danger of overhanging trees in Weston Road falling and taking out the telephone lines. Clerk to contact Mr W Davies and ask whether they were his trees, and if so could he trim them back.

Mr S Davies also asked about resurfacing Weston Road. Mr Hartin said this was in the plan, and would speak to Mr Ian Martin of Highways.

The failed street light by Parson's Crossing was reported to Ringway in March, but still had not been mended. Clerk to inform Mr Chris Fisher, Divisional Surveyor, of this problem.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr C Savery, Mr I Graves, Miss B Stone, Mr W Davies.  
Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman)(late arrival).

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

#### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 5.5.15**

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Bucknell school report.** Not available. This item to be a main heading on future Agendas.

**Public telephone boxes.** Cleaning/painting. Clerk to pursue, although it seemed unlikely that BT would be interested in doing this.

**Revision of Parish Plan.** May meeting was well attended, individual topics for the questionnaire had been discussed and shared out to each member to study and devise draft questions. Next meeting to be at the end of this month when Mr Graves should be available.

**Dog fouling.** Clerk had contacted Mr Graves to ask him to get a supply of bags, this he had agreed to do, also to contact Shropshire Council re: signs.

### **LEAD RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Chairman asked for support in principle from Councillors regarding his requirement to share out responsibilities. Agreed unanimously.

Mr Davies had asked not to be responsible for trees as this could lead to a conflict of interest. Mr Owen to take on trees, and Mr Davies the war memorial. All other Councillors were satisfied with their allocated issues.

Mr Faulkner (Planning) asked whether there was any training available on planning matters. Mr Hartin said there were seminars at the Shirehall annually, Clerk to establish details.

Mr Kemp said he would circulate a revised set of leads.

### **CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES**

Mr Owen said the heater in the box at the Sitwell Arms was still not sorted.

The decals on the CFR car were no longer legal owing to a change in the Road Traffic Act. Changing them would be difficult and costly. Chairman to draft a letter to Mr P Dunne MP to ask why there was no warning of this, with copies to other Councils in the area.

### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards said there had been four cuts of the grass, and tabled an invoice to the Parish Council for two of these, totalling £150.00.

Mr Hartin asked re: grant funding and suggested that Mr Mathew Mead be contacted. He was available in Bishops Castle on Tuesdays.

Miss Edwards said that work on the changing rooms was progressing.

### **PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL**

Mr Davies to represent the Parish Council on this committee.

### **SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LJC**

Nothing to report at present.

Next meeting to be held in July.

### **ROADS**

**Redlake Meadow:** Tree roots in the pavements. Mr Ian Martin, Highways, said this would be sorted in the summer. Mr Hartin will arrange to meet Ms Siobhan Reedy, Tree Officer, on site with Parish Councillors as available. Damage caused by any falling trees/branches would be the responsibility of Shropshire Council. Mr Owen said that now the trees were in full leaf, it made the houses dark inside. Concern was also expressed about roots getting into residents' drains.

Clerk confirmed she had reported the **defaced Recycling point sign** at the Baron of Beef and the **damaged Old Bedstone Road sign**.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should have a copy of **Highways' Forward Plan**.

Clerk to obtain.

**Grass opposite Baron of Beef.** As this had been cut by Shropshire Council, Chairman to ask Bucknell Nurseries to trim the edge of the river bank.

### **TREE WORKS**

**Quotations for works.** Two had been received: B W Dodd & Son £1,800.00 + VAT and Arbour Tree Services for £3,600.00. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation from B W Dodd & Son. Clerk to contact both and ask that Dodd & Son liaise with Mr Owen. Chairman to put up site notices to inform parishioners of the works and also contact Bucknell Nurseries regarding replacement trees.

**Five year plan for trees.** Clerk to contact the Insurers for advice.

A tree halfway down the Causeway behind the street light needed attention.

The horse chestnut tree on the grass triangle at the Dog Kennel Lane junction was the responsibility of Shropshire Council.

### **PLANNING**

**Application No. 15/02177/TCA,** tree works at 13 Bedstone, had been received between meetings and no comment made. This was approved by all Councillors present.

There were no decisions to be reported by planning authority.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

"Spotlight" leaflets for June. Distributed to those present.

Letter from Pearce Cycles re: Mountain Bike Event in Bucknell Wood 4th & 5th July.

"The Forum" magazine from Shropshire Seniors. To Mrs Sharpe/Mrs Hughes.

Bucknell School letter requesting that the Parish Council remove the hedge from the car park adjacent to the school for safety reasons. Clerk to check Council's Play Area Deeds for ownership; and to ask the school to check its Deeds also.

### **FINANCE**

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

Community (current) account		£12,198.76
This included the Precept of £14,500, and the payment of £3,000 grant towards repairs to Bedstone churchyard wall.		
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,952.06
of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£9,937.57.	

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

Mrs N Adams (May salary)	)	£187.42
HMRC (PAYE May)	)	£46.80
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£314.00
Bedstone & Hopton Castle village hall (hire for meeting)		£16.00
Chris Tranter (mowing playing field x 2)		£150.00.

**Accounts to year ended 31.3.15:**

Clerk tabled the accounts which were discussed and approved, and signed by the Chairman. Clerk to arrange audits.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Flag pole, Dog Kennel Lane.** Clerk had been approached by a parishioner who wished to install a flag pole on his property. Shropshire Council did not require planning permission, and the neighbours did not object. After discussion it was agreed the Parish Council had no problem with this.

**St Mary's closed churchyard.** Nothing to report at present.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th July in Bedstone & Hopton Castle village hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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4.6.15