

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2017 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman), Cllr D Cullimore, Cllr W Davies, Cllr C Davies, Cllr N Edwards,
Cllr S Jones (late arrival).

Mr C Savery.

4 members of the public.

Ms N Adams (Clerk).

1 OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Fairclough asked that the subject of the proposed installation of posts around the green opposite the Baron in Chapel Lawn Road be reconsidered as there were occasions when he and/or his visitors had to park on the green. One of his neighbours was also concerned about this proposal. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman seek Shropshire Council's views on the matter.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr I Owen (Vice Chairman).

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Davies declared an interest in the planning application at Yew Tree House.

4 MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 2.5.17 AND 16.5.17

Agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman as true and accurate records.

5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS:

(a) **Shropshire Councillor.** Not available.

(b) **South West Shropshire LJC.** Next Planning meeting - 29.6.17

Full Public meeting - 20.7.17.

Shropshire Town & Parish Councils Forum. Nothing to report at present.

(c) **Parish Plan implementation.** In progress and being incorporated as current business.

Clerk to check with Mathew Mead to find out if Shropshire Council required any checks to be made as to how their £1,000 grant to the new Youth Group was being spent. It was noted that the Club was setting up its own bank account.

(d) **Daffodil Lane Development Steering Group.** Cllr Edwards reported that the mowing was continuing. The unsightly loose grass had been cleared up by volunteers and deposited on the changing rooms field. The field would be topped soon.

The tenant in the changing room building had been given notice, there was still some

money owing. Chairman advised that the locks should be changed. A tractor run starting on the field was scheduled for 18th June.

(e) **Bucknell school.** Nothing to report at present.

6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:

(a) **Road conditions.** (i) Cllr Edwards reported that the road surface on the junction opposite the garage was getting very rough/potholed, and would report this to Shropshire Council. (ii) 30mph post damaged at Sitwell Terrace. Chairman had reported this.

(b) **Street lights.** (i) Damaged street light on Old Post Office. Clerk had written to Speed Welshpool and was awaiting a reply. Chairman asked that a follow-up letter be sent. (ii) Shropshire Council/Developer light in Chestnut Meadow opposite the little car park. Clerk to chase this up.

(c) **Pathways.** (i) Two bollards out down the Causeway. Chairman had contacted Bucknell Nurseries. (ii) Grasscutting by the ford at Seabridge Meadow. Clerk to check who was responsible and get this done.

(d) **Open space issues.** (i) Posts around the common land opposite the Baron. Dealt with in the Open Meeting, (ii) Notice board, nothing to report at present. (iii) Recycling sign. This might be replaced at the Parish Council's expense if Shropshire Council was no longer supplying the signs, more information from Mr Hartin.

7 ST MARY'S CLOSED CHURCHYARD

(a) **Steps to Chapel Lawn Road.** Chairman reported that the Contractor was scheduled to start work within the next few weeks, and would confirm his exact starting date. It was reported that young people had been climbing on the scaffolding on the clock tower at the church. The PCC had put up a warning sign.

(b) **Trimming of churchyard trees.** Chairman said this was a great improvement. Cllr Edwards said there were pictures taken from the top of the large yew tree and would put these on the Facebook page.

(c) **Proposed war memorial.** Chairman to liaise with Mrs Meredith on the design. The new memorial will be dedicated on 11th November.

(d) **PCC M&G Charibond Charity.** As reported at the April meeting, there was money in an account in Hereford, which had been donated by families to cover the cost of maintenance of graves. Bucknell PCC had now provided details of the relevant graves. Chairman reiterated the points made and agreed in April that the Parish Council felt that the money should be used for capital projects, eg reconstruction of the steps. He would discuss this further with Mr Hay-Campbell.

8 PLANNING:

Application No. 17/02162/FUL. Dwelling and garage at Yew Tree House. Cllr C Davies left the meeting while this was discussed. Supported.

Application No. 17/02063/VAR. Variation to alter dimensions of existing industrial building at Riverlea, Bedstone Road. After discussion it was agreed to offer no objection, but with the comment that it was unfortunate the old planning system did not give neighbours the opportunity to comment on the original application.

Application No. 17/01830/FUL. Extension to commercial building at Chestnut Cove, Bucknell. Supported.

Application No. 17/01782/FUL. Replacement dwelling, etc. at Lower Lye Farm, Bucknell. Supported.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:

- (a) **Co-option of two Councillors for Bedstone.** Mr Chris Savery had offered to rejoin the Parish Council and was co-opted unanimously. Clerk to check the legal position re: one Councillor short.
- (b) **New Councillors:** (i) Training seminars. All new Councillors had been booked on training seminars. (ii) Reference paperwork. Clerk reported that all required paperwork had been distributed.
- (c) **Lead Responsibilities.** Chairman to circulate suggested responsibilities for Parish Councillors. Cllr W Davies questioned whether it was necessary to report on every subject at every meeting and perhaps have a rota of subjects from one meeting to the next. Possibly the subject of Parish Plan could be brought forward in (say) June 2018 for a progress report. Individual items would be taken forward in the meantime.

10 COUNCIL FINANCE:

(a) Bank balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£20,979.69
Includes incoming Precept of £18,000.00		
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,961.75
of which:		
Parish Plan account	£78.14	
Transparency grant account	£1065.00	
Youth group	£1166.00	
Parish Council account	£8652.61.	

(b) It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Chris Tranter (mowing Daffodil Lane field)	£170.00
SALC (Good Councillors' Guides)	£6.60
Ms N Adams (salary May))	£260.55
HMRC (PAYE))	£65.20
Ms N Adams (refund re: Transparency Grant expenses)	£249.97
Ms Juliet Earp (Youth group expenses)	£53.08
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£280.00
Bucknell Nurseries (mowing common land opposite the Baron)	£148.00
	(includes £24.66 VAT).

(c) Accounts to year ended 31.3.17..

Clerk to check that all required signatures were in order. Mrs Lyn Cordrey had been officially thanked for carrying out the internal audit.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight leaflets for June. Distributed to those present.

HOWLTA Newsletter. To Cllr Cullimore.

Merchant Navy Day - proposed celebrations. To Chairman.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Shop to close. Cllrs W Davies and N Edwards declared an interest. It was noted that the shop had closed due to illness.

AED at the Sitwell. Cllr Edwards said that this was still operational although there was a shortage of volunteers. A meeting was scheduled to be held in Bedstone re: an AED in that village. The Clun Valley AED scheme's AGM would be held soon.

Ex-Cllr Beryl Sharpe. Cllr C Davies said her Mother was thrilled with the silver dish presented by the Parish Council as a leaving present, and also the cards signed by everyone.

Ex-Cllr Florence Hughes. Chair stated that he had recently called on Mrs Hughes with her card and dish; had found her well; and reported that she too was touched to receive the gift.

13 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

JK/NEA

14.6.17