

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2013

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Savery, Mrs F Hughes, Mr P Davies, Mrs K Law, Mr C Carter, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
7 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Miss Edwards said that the potholes opposite the garage had not been filled. Mr Hartin to be asked to follow this up.

Mr Kemp distributed the Spring edition of Bucknell newsletter.

Mrs Fraser said that a lot of machinery had arrived on the site in Weston Road to start building the affordable houses.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs B Sharpe, Mr W Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Owen declared a personal interest in the Clun Valley AED Scheme.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5TH FEBRUARY

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Proposed Reeves Hill wind farm. Mr Willson was invited to speak from the floor and said that the amendment for partial withdrawal of the application only applied to a minor detail on the access road.

School garden play area. A heap of road planings had been deposited on the car park. Mr Hartin to ask the school governors whether they have any knowledge.

Service bus 740 route. Mr Fred Ratcliff had replied that he had spoken to Arriva and they had promised to improve the service.

School bus. No information available at present. Mr Hartin to chase this up.

CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME

Mr Owen reported that Leintwardine were now virtually up and running with the defibrillators. They had 10 volunteers trained + fire crew. Bucknell had 11 trained volunteers, but more would be welcome.

CFRs. Mr Owen and Miss Edwards, and two volunteers in Leintwardine were qualified, plus one more in training.

Fund raising events included:

18 th March	Bucknell	Bingo
20 th March	Leintwardine	Quiz
18 th April	Ludlow	Edinburgh Woollen Mill – 20% off – profits to CFRs.

Heart Start. Two hour training session now available for ten-year-olds upwards, in accordance with British Heart Foundation recommendations.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The last meeting had been held in Lydham.

Reallocation of SSHA houses. In accordance with central Government policy, tenants with one or more spare bedrooms should be required to downsize, the problem being that there were not enough one bedroomed properties available for people to downsize into.

Red Cross/St John's Ambulance. There was concern that "competition" for first aiders was being created with the training of AED/CFR volunteers. Mr Owen explained the system whereby certain volunteers were limited by their very qualifications as to what medical help they could give, therefore first aid training was essential.

ROADS:

Pot holes. There were lots of pot holes around.

Speed limit north of Bucknell. Mr Glyn Shaw was currently consulting with the police and anticipated moving forward with this early in the new financial year.

Interactive road signs. The policy and pricing regime was being reviewed and Mr Shaw would inform the Parish Council as soon as the relevant information was to hand.

PLANNING:

Application No. 13/00416/OUT. Outline dormer bungalow next to Dou-Kel, Chapel Lawn Road. Planning application not to hand, but a dwelling on this site was an inevitable consequence of the plot being sold. In answer to a question, Mr Hartin said any Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) would be granted automatically if it applied in this case.

There were no decisions to be reported by the planning authority.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from St Mary's Church, Bucknell, asking for the £2,000 grant promised by the Parish Council towards the cost of installing a ground source heat pump. Agreed on a show of hands. The Chairman said that the PCC had a meeting later this week, and he would hand over the cheque at the appropriate time.

Email from Shropshire Housing Group re: official turf cutting ceremony at Weston Road, on 21st March at 11.30am.

HOWLTA Newsletter. To Post Office.

“Spotlight” leaflets. To Post Office.

FINANCES:

Account balances were reported as:

Community current account		£817.09
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£13,939.31
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Fence at play area	£2,610.00	
Church refurbishment	£2,000.00	
Parish Council account	£8,314.82.	

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (February salary – no PAYE due)	£154.60
Mr T Hughes (heating of hall)	£14.00
Mrs N Adams (expenses to date)	£108.80
Bridgnorth & S Shrops Crucial Crew (contribution)	£63.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£140.00
St Mary’s Bucknell PCC (grant)	£2,000.00.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Parish Council Elections. Clerk handed out Election packs to all those who were considering standing at the next Election. It was hoped Mrs Sharpe would feel able to stand again and complete 40 years’ service as a Parish Councillor. Clerk to contact Mrs Sharpe.

Wheelie bins for Coxall chapel. Mrs Hughes asked whether it was possible to have both a black bin and a green bin at the chapel. Mr Hartin to check.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd April 2013 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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