

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6 November 2007

PRESENT

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

Mrs V Ashmore, Environment Improvement Officer, South Shropshire District Council.
11 members of the public.

PRESENTATION RE: DOG FOULING

The Chairman introduced Mrs Ashmore, who first explained that her Streetscene team covered such items as street cleaning, dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, fly tipping, stray dogs, and pest control.

Specifically regarding dog fouling, Mrs Ashmore explained the system of enforcement and the positive campaign of "Golden Paw" awards. Feedback from the general public was helpful, and quite often a warning letter was sufficient. A supply of dog waste bags would be available at the garage, and could be put in a normal litter bin after use.

The Streetscene team could be contacted by telephone: 01584 813238, or Email:
streetscene@southshropshire.gov.uk.

Following questions from the floor, the Chairman thanked Mrs Ashmore, who then left the meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Edwards said there was a considerable amount of dog fouling along Daffodil Lane. The Chairman said it was difficult to decide where the Forestry land started.

Mr Graves asked when the examples of other Parish Plans would be put in the Post Office. Mr Owen would put them in the Post Office next week.

Mr Hartin said that any objections to the County Council's proposals re: Primary Schools reorganisation should be reported to him, or posted on the Shropshire County Council's website.

The Chairman then closed the open meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr W Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

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Mrs Law said that she had given her apologies for any meeting missed, as she sometimes had to visit her elderly mother at short notice. Subject to this correction, the Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

Allotments: Mrs Fraser had spoken to 10 landowners in the village without success. There was a possibility of some railway land. A meeting will be arranged between Mr Hartin and the Allotments Society.

Land opposite The Tyndings: Mr Hartin had spoken with Mrs Caldebank at the District Council who had warned of the implications of pursuing this matter. To be agenda'd next time.

Churchyard Wall: Work should be completed soon.

Bus operator: Mr Hartin said there had been several tenders put forward.

Kissing gate on the railway had been replaced. The Chairman had received requests that the footpath from the church towards Daffodil Lane should have kissing gates instead of stiles, for ease of use.

PLANNING

Application No. 1/07/20080/LB. Replacement of windows at The Weir House. Supported.
Application No. 1/07/20127/OE. Electricity pole at Hill View, Dog Kennel Lane. Supported.
There were no decisions by the Planning Authority to be reported.

PARISH PLAN

Nothing to report at present.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Mrs Edwards reported that funding for Stage 1: Design & Planning had been approved, totalling £33,960 which included £5,720 from Memorial Hall funds. Funding for Stage 2:

Construction had been approved totalling £337,143, plus £100,000 from the sale of the existing hall. It was not known how much the legal fees would be for the Lease.

FINANCE

Account Balances were reported as:

Community account (includes the £3,000 grant from the Worshipful Company of Grocers)	£7,854.31
Base Rate Tracker account	£5,865.35

Cheque to Ray Davies for £53.50 had been paid between meetings. This was approved by Councillors present.

It was approved unanimously to pay the following:

Bucknell PCC (repair to mower)	£72.60
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£220.80
UHY Hacker Young (audit fee)	£158.63
IJ & DJ Gough (contract work Chapel Lawn Road)	£130.00

Changes to Bank Mandate: In progress.

Review of Clerk's salary. Information still awaited.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mr Colin Tilley expressing a formal interest in a village allotment.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital letter + enclosed leaflets and notice. Enclosures to the Post Office.

Shropshire Hills AONB letter + Enclosed Annual Review 2006-7. To Post Office.

Shropshire Housing letter + enclosed South Shropshire Housing Association's latest annual report. To Post Office.

Shropshire County Council letter + enclosed Local Transport Plan Progress Report 2006/07. To Post Office.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The signs on Weston Road were being obscured. Mr Hartin to take this up with the County

Council tomorrow.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 4 December in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm. PC Griffiths and CSO Ms S Eden will give a presentation. Mr Savery to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.