

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1 November 2011**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes, Mr P Davies.

Mr Mathew Mead, Shropshire Council.

4 members of the public.

#### **PRESENTATION BY MR M MEAD, SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Mr Mead said that he took over from Ms Frances Hall in April, and his remit was to carry out the administration associated with the Local Joint Committee, together with Mr Nigel Hartin., reporting to Mr Chris Edwards, Area Director of Shropshire Council.

The LJC had a grant budget of £24,000 per year.

The Chairman questioned whether the grant of around £3,000 towards the renovation of the castle at Hopton Castle was warranted as the project had received grants from The National Trust and English Heritage. Mr Mead said that the grant had been awarded to provide access to the site, but that similar grant applications would be carefully considered.

Mr Mead also mentioned the SamDev consultation, which was about to enter its next consultation stage in January 2012.

The Chairman thanked Mr Mead for his presentation.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Allotments.** Mrs Fraser said that the allotments were doing well.

Mr Graves asked whether South Shropshire Housing Association could be persuaded to create a larger turning area beyond the houses.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr C Savery, Mr W Davies, Mrs K Law.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4.10.11**

Under "Open Discussion" alter part of third sentence to read: ". . . Mr Owen said there may be problems . . ."

Under "Correspondence" second paragraph, second sentence, alter to read: ". . . bequeathed a very good piano to the Memorial Hall . . ."

Subject to these corrections, the Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Railway gate near the school.** This had been done.

**School garden play area.** This work had been completed.

**Road between Bucknell House and Oil Mill Lane.** Mr P Davies said that traffic entering the village was travelling at a dangerously excessive speed. Mr Mead suggested that Mr Davies write to Ms Alice Dilly at the Shirehall, with a copy to Mr N Hartin, and the Parish Council.

#### **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

The last meeting had been held at Bucknell Memorial Hall and included changes to the waste recycling procedures. Shropshire Council had £10.2m to invest in improving broadband coverage in the county.

#### **ROADS**

**Street lights.** All failed lights had been reported.

**New street light.** Clerk was pursuing the Contractor to get the light connected up.

**Footbridge at Seabridge Meadow.** Nothing to report at present.

#### **PLANNING**

**Application No. 11/03898/FUL.** Affordable dwelling, garage, etc at The Rockeries, Weston Road. Supported.

**Application No. 11/04057/FUL.** Dwelling and garage at Plot 4, Land at Hall Farm. No objection.

**Application No. 11/04730/AGR.** Roofing over livestock gathering area at Mynd Farm, Bedstone. Noted.

#### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The heating system and showers were to be run off bottled gas and the work was to be carried out shortly.

Bench seating, tiling, painting, electrics, and other internal works were still to be completed. The Football Club had received offers of work but until completion by the Builder it was not known what the work involved.

Work had taken place on the recreation ground to clear the pathway. This had been undertaken by Young Offenders who were supervised by two officers.

There were still reports of dog fouling. Clerk had reported this to the Street Scene Department.

A film show had been arranged by Peter Davies on 22 November of Bucknell past, proceeds to Daffodil Lane. Tickets £3.50 available from the garage.

All bills had been paid for all work done to date.

The hedges and grass had been cut on both fields, and both areas were looking very good.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

“Spotlight” leaflets. Distributed to Parish Councillors present.

Shropshire Council letter + enclosures re: Delivering Local Priorities through Partnership Working. To Chairman.

Notices re: Health Information Event 14.11.11 at the Discovery Centre, Craven Arms.  
To notice boards.

### **FINANCE**

**Account balances** were reported as:

Community (current) account		£8,136.04
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£7,121.55	

Business Base Rate Tracker account		£9,931.27.
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**It was agreed unanimously** to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary October 11) )	£123.60 )
HMRC (PAYE October 11) )	£31.00 )
Bucknell Nurseries (pruning trees, etc)	£83.00
Mrs N Adams (expenses to October 11)	£179.11
Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£148.91
Npower (energy charge Sept 11 qtr)	£178.82
B & J Davies (wooden bench table and seat)	£246.00.

### **CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME**

Mr Owen reported as follows:

Two more units were now in place.

More funding was still being sought.

Another training day was planned for 12 November in Clunton village hall.

There would be a presentation to Bucknell WI on 16 November.

A New Year's Eve social was planned in Bucknell Memorial Hall.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Servicing of lawn mower.** Mr Owen said that there were other firms who could service the mower, and he would organise this in future.

### **DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 December 2011 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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