

# Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2015 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **PRESENT**

Mr J Kemp (Chairman), Mr C Savery, Mr I Graves, Miss B Stone, Mr A Faulkner,  
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

3 members of the public.

### **1 OPEN DISCUSSION**

None.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mrs F Hughes, Mrs B Sharpe.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

### **4 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6.10.15**

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

### **5 MATTERS ARISING**

**St Mary's closed churchyard: steps down to Chapel Lawn Road.** Nothing to report at present.  
Mr Faulkner to try to contact Les Morgan. Mr Savery to contact Mark Disley from Leintwardine  
who had rebuilt the churchyard wall at Bedstone. ACTION POINT

It was noted that permanent closure of the gate was an option that might need to be  
considered.

Mr Graves suggested that a list of Contractors be held for future reference, Clerk replied that  
this had been done in the past but there were very few names involved.

**Bucknell school: car park hedge.** Representatives from the Diocese and the Health & Safety  
Team at Shropshire Council had agreed with the Chairman that the hedge did not need to be  
removed, but could be reduced in height. The Chairman reported he had asked the Shropshire  
H&S officer to confirm the current height of 1.3m to which the hedge had been trimmed (it can  
go no lower because of the chain link fence within it) was acceptable and that the matter could  
be closed. A reply was awaited. Clerk to write to the school when confirmation received.

**Common land.** Clerk to contact the Commons Registration Officer at Shropshire Council to  
ascertain who owned the common land within the village. ACTION POINT

**Transparency Code.** Miss Stone to arrange for the required financial details to go on the  
website. Clerk to draw up the Assets Register, to include street lights. ACTION POINT

**Bucknell newsletter.** Miss Stone reported that the Autumn edition had gone out. The bank  
account was not yet up and running.

Mr John Warner, Editor, asked for information re: possible advertisers, and also help with distribution - could possibly be delivered with PCC publications. Mr Graves offered to do a brief quarterly writeup of Parish Council business.

ACTION POINT

Mr Hartin offered to send a copy of his Clun Chronicle report, and also suggested that Mr P Dunne MP's report could be used.

ACTION POINT

Miss Stone proposed a loan/float of £200 to the Bucknell Newsletter to cover 4 editions, ie one year. Approved unanimously on a show of hands.

## **6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

**Shropshire Councillor N Hartin** reported as follows:

Planning application for poultry units at Hopton Heath had been turned down following the judicial review.

No information re: planning on the woodyard. On a suggestion from Cllr Hartin, it was agreed to invite Mr Ian Kilby (Planning Services Manager) and Mr Malcolm Price (Planning portfolio holder) to attend the next Parish Council meeting. This should be widely publicised, being of particular interest to parishioners.

ACTION POINTS

**Parish Plan Revision Steering Group.** Mr Graves reported that a meeting had been held earlier this month. It was anticipated that by the end of this year the wording of the questions would be coming together. It was hoped the questionnaire would be out in March.

**Clun Valley AED/CFR schemes.** Miss Edwards said they were still busy and more members would be appreciated. A piece re: this could be put in the newsletter.

**Daffodil Lane Development: surrender of Lease(s).** Miss Edwards said Solicitors for Natural England had advised that surrendering the Lease on Field 1 (playing field) could involve returning the grant of around £34,000. As the Hall Committee did not have funds to do that, it was agreed that the Parish Council would wish to support the Field as a community asset, noting that it was not possible to charge for use of the field. The Chairman suggested the Memorial Hall Committee should constitute a Playing Field sub-Committee to be run semi-autonomously with its own Bank account; with a Parish Councillor as a member; and with financial support from the Parish Council. It was suggested the sub-Committee should include members with sports expertise. It was also accepted that the Changing Rooms on Field 2 should be completed, again with support from the Council.

A budget for the running of the playing field was needed; and an assessment of the cost to fit out the Changing Rooms and bring them into use was also required. Mr Graves offered to help with this.

ACTION POINT

**South West Shropshire LJC.** Mathew Mead had confirmed the payee for the £100 donation, together with reference number required.

**Bucknell school.** Mr Hartin said there were now 37 pupils on the roll but numbers would increase with the new intake.

## **7 ROADS/STREETSCENE**

**Faulty street light on Old Post Office** had been reported.

**Recycling sign opposite Baron of Beef.** Highways would order this soon.

**Pedestrians in road signs in Dog Kennel Lane.** No information at present.

**Broken manhole cover Chapel Lawn Road.** To be reported to Severn Trent.

## **8 TREE WORKS**

**Coppicing alder on the Causeway.** Bucknell Nurseries had done this and submitted a bill to cover the work as per their agreed quotation of £130.00. It was unanimously agreed to pay this.

**Replacement trees: Causeway/Chapel Lawn Road.** After discussion, Councillors decided to accept Bucknell Nurseries' recommendation regarding varieties, ie columnar hornbeam and mountain ash.

**Weston Road: overhanging hedges/trees.** Clerk had brought this to the attention of Mr Davies and it was reported that trees had been cut back.

**Five year plan for trees.** Nothing to report at present.

## **9 PLANNING**

**Application No. 15/04469/TCA.** Tree works at Orchard Court, Bucknell, had been received between meetings and no response sent in.

**Application No. 14/00340/OUT.** Nine dwellings at Riverside, Redlake Meadow, had been refused.

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Notification of Citizens Advice, Shropshire AGM on 25.11.15 in Shrewsbury.

SALC seminar re: Cemetery Management training. Clerk had booked on this - attendance fee to be shared with Clunbury Parish Council.

## **11 FINANCE**

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

Community (current) account		£5,573.46
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,954.90
of which:		
Parish Plan account	£954.49	
Parish Council account	£10,000.41.	

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

Mrs N Adams (salary October)	)	£187.42
HMRC (PAYE October)	)	£46.80
Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£314.00
Shropshire Council (LJC donation)		£100.00
Teme Valley Tractors (repair of mower)		£213.05
Bucknell Nurseries (coppicing alder)		£130.00.

### **Forward budget plan.**

Clerk to prepare Precept discussion document and other financial papers for the next meeting.

**ACTION POINT**

**12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Miss Stone asked about the salt bin on the Causeway. Clerk reported that this had been requested.

Two metal benches by the notice board on the Causeway. Miss Stone said these would need to be repainted in the spring.

Agenda item next time: Council Communications.

**13 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st December 2015 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

JK/NEA  
16.11.15