

# Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 2017 in Bedstone and Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman), Cllr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Cllr C Savery, Cllr W Davies,  
Cllr D Cullimore, Cllr S Jones, Cllr N Edwards.

Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

4 members of the public.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

### **1 OPEN DISCUSSION**

Ms Pat Laurenson spoke against the planning application on land to the west of The Tyndings. This was endorsed by Ms Viv Dodd who said the valley was not suitable for further development and asked whether the development boundary still applied. Cllr Hartin replied that the situation was the same as it was some years ago but that did not prevent anyone from putting in an application. The development plan was undergoing a refresh at the moment.

Cllr Owen said that 100 houses were required to be built in the parish, the timber yard would supply 50-75 houses. There were five other pieces of land for infilling. Cllr W Davies said the development on the timber yard was awaiting a decision on the pearl mussels situation.

The applicants, Mr Griffiths and Mrs J Davies said they had put forward a varied application: OAP bungalows, affordable houses, and a mix of other dwellings to appeal to as wide a range of householders as possible. Cllr Edwrds said there was a great need for affordable houses in the parish, this was endorsed by Cllr Jones.

Cllr Hartin explained that the application would be decided on the current planning policy, with the decision either being made by planning officers using their delegated powers or if 'called in', by the Planning Committee.

Cllr W Davies asked whether double white lines could be painted in the middle of the main road at The Turnpike to prevent drivers overtaking from the Brampton Bryan direction causing a dangerous situation for those exiting from the Bucknell turn. Clerk to contact Herefordshire Council, copy to Glyn Shaw at Highways.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr C Davies.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

### **4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER**

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

### **5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS:**

**(a) Shropshire Councillor N Hartin:** The Council was moving from Ringway with Kier taking over next April. The next budget was being discussed at present.

Leader funding was available from the EU and might help to fund the work at Daffodil Lane. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council for details.

It was not known whether Kier would take on Parish Council street lights, Clerk to contact Jason Hughes at Shropshire Council.

Regarding cutting of verges, there was a proposal for Parish Councils to report when these needed to be done, rather than the Council mowing them as a matter of course. Cllr Owen pointed out that the Parish Council had reported the hedges along the Bedstone Road needing to be cut on numerous occasions without the work being done.

Proposed Fire and Police Commissioner join up. Shropshire Council had officially objected, and therefore Central Government would be appointing a Consultant to investigate.

Chairman queried whether Youth Funding would continue to rural areas, given Shropshire's proposal to focus only on the towns. Cllr Hartin to attend a meeting tomorrow re: this and would report back to the Chairman.

**(b) South West Shropshire LJC and Shropshire Town & Parish Council Forum:** The next LJC meeting was scheduled for 22.11.17. Chairman cannot attend, but Cllr Cullimore could attend in his place. However there was a possibility that the meeting may be put back a week. No paperwork yet available. The next STPCF meeting was scheduled for 23.11.17.

**(c) Daffodil Lane Development Steering Group:** **(i) quotes for work to complete changing rooms.** Cllr Edwards was still waiting for the third quotation. **(ii) repairs etc to play area fences/gate.** Cllr Edwards confirmed that Bucknell Nurseries were obtaining the required soft closer for the gate.

## **6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:**

**(a) Roads:** **(i) verge cutting at Willow Cottage, Bedstone.** Cllr Savery to check this has been done. **(ii) resiting of dog waste/litter bin from school corner to Weston Road.** Clerk had received an email from Kate Adams, Streetscene Department, stating that she had not yet been able to visit Bucknell to assess the sites, but if approved the job was unlikely to happen for several months as there was currently a spending freeze. Cllr Hartin said that work like this would not be done until the next budget was decided. **(iii) new recycling sign opposite the Baron.** Chairman was awaiting a reply from Shropshire, to whom Veolia had referred the question.

**(b) Street lighting:** **(i) light in Chapel Lawn Road opposite The Marches.** Cllr C Davies had reported this and the light was now working. **(ii) light on the Old Post Office.** Now working. A credit note in the sum of £321.12 had been received from npower, this may be for unused electricity while the light was out of order, Clerk to check. **(iii) SOX lamp phase-out.** These would be unavailable soon and would need to be replaced by LED lights by 2020. Cllr Edwards said the LED lights in Knighton were much better. Clerk to obtain some prices as this would need to be included in the Precept. Lights could be replaced individually as they fail. Cllr C Davies to be included in this item.

**(c) Other pathway issues:** None.

**(d) Other open space issues:** **(i) common land at Chapel Lawn Road: (1) replacement notice board - new specification.** Cllr Edwards had measured the existing notice board at Daffodil Lane, viz: left hand glass panel 650mm, centre chipboard panel 1400mm, right hand hardboard panel 650mm. Chairman and Cllr Edwards to discuss this out of committee, including the use of the existing posts, or to put in

new posts. **(2) wording of parking notices.** Chairman had circulated two notices. After discussion it was decided to request that parishioners did not park on the green. **(ii) lime tree on common land by Old School House.** Siobhan Reedy from Shropshire Council had made a site visit and was of the opinion that the tree appeared to be in good health and condition without any obvious structural or biological defects, but that the Parish Council would need to submit an application before any work was carried out. This would be assessed by Dougald Purce from the Tree Department at Shropshire Council. Councillors considered the tree was too big for the site, and that an application should be made. Cllr W Davies to liaise with John Bicknell and Bernard Dodds. **(iii) horse chestnut tree on the corner of Dog Kennel Lane.** Ms Reedy had inspected this tree and reported that the tree had recovered well from losing a large branch a few years ago. She would make another site visit when the tree had lost its leaves. Parish Council decided to take no further action on this as the tree was Shropshire's responsibility. **(iv) river management - gravel banks above and below the bridge.** Report not to hand, Clerk to circulate this before the next meeting. **(v) proposed Bert Green memorial seat on the Causeway.** Cllr Edwards declared an interest. Cllr Owen had received prices between £300 and £400 and suggested the seat be installed in the spring. Types of bench and prices to be circulated to all Parish Councillors between meetings and discussed next time.

#### **7 ST MARY'S CLOSED CHURCHYARD:**

**(a) Flagpole: specification/quotes/funding options.** Cllr Cullimore said that the broken flagpole would need to be taken down carefully to avoid possible damage/injury. The pop-in cafe had offered to pay for the removal. The replacement needed more discussion - height, materials, etc. Cllr Cullimore to pursue, liaising with the PCC.

**(b) New seat in churchyard.** The bench had been purchased and was awaiting the memorial plaque. No further action for the Parish Council.

**(c) New war memorial.** Chairman said the memorial would be dedicated at 10.30am on Saturday 11th November in the presence of the Bishop of Ludlow.

#### **8 EMERGENCY PLANNING:**

**A5 leaflet.** Cllr Jones tabled prices for different quantities and different paper qualities. After discussion it was agreed to order silk finish paper 500 copies at a cost of £37.00. The leaflets would be delivered with the December newsletter. Cllr Jones was asked to obtain a quote for 700 copies and email it round to other Councillors and Clerk.

#### **9 PLANNING:**

**Application No. 17/05152/OUT.** 20 houses, etc on land to the west of The Tyndings. This was discussed extensively, and whilst it was accepted that more houses needed to be built in the village and the mix of dwellings on this site was impressive, there were serious reservations regarding the access along Chapel Lawn Road which would require much improvement. The matter was decided on a show of hands: 2 in favour, 3 against, with 2 abstentions.

The following applications had been granted:

**No. 17/04315/LBC.** Extension at Bucknell House, Bucknell.

**No. 17/03579/FUL.** Reinstatement of bungalow following extensive fire damage at 4 Chestnut Meadow.

**Application No. 17/01830/FUL.** Extension to commercial building at Chestnut Cove, Bucknell had been refused.

The following applications had been withdrawn:

**No. 17/02625/FUL.** Two dwellings at Old Farm, Bucknell.

**No. 17/04131/FUL.** Proposed dwellings adjacent to Doukel, Chapel Lawn Road.

**Poultry units at Hopton Heath.** A new application had been submitted which had paid some attention to the noise levels. The lorries associated with the proposed site would not be coming through Bucknell village. Situation to be monitored.

**Shropshire Local Plan Review/Place Plan Review.** Cllr Hartin said this was a light touch review. As consultation was open until 22nd December, Chairman undertook to read through the documents and circulate relevant details. To be discussed at the next meeting.

## **10 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

**(a) Publication of Parish Councillors' contact details.** These are now on the website.

**(b) Team building session.** Cllr Jones to progress.

**(c) Parish Council Election costs - demand from Shropshire Council.** Clerk had received notification that the Parish Council recharge next April would be £2,033.47 and had queried this with Shropshire Council. The reply was that the subsidy was being stopped and the recharge reflected the actual cost of the Election. Chairman to take this matter forward, Clerk to provide information to date.

## **11 COUNCIL FINANCE:**

**(a) Account balances were reported as:**

Community (current) account		£11,925.54
Business Savings account		£10,961.75
of which:		
Parish Plan account	£78.14	
Transparency Grant Fund	£815.03	
Youth Group	£1,062.92	
Parish Council account	£9,005.66.	

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

Bucknell Memorial Hall (hire for meetings)		£70.00
William Protheroe Ltd (war memorial)		£3,540.00
	(includes £590.00 VAT)	
Cllr S Jones (refund for flowers, etc)		£25.79
Bucknell Nurseries (mowing at Chapel Lawn Road)		£56.00
	(includes £9.33 VAT)	
Ms N Adams (salary Oct + overtime Sept)		£382.52
HMRC (PAYE)		£95.40
Highline Electrical (repairs of street lights)		£350.85
	(includes £58.48 VAT)	
Ray Davies (grounds maintenance - October)		£343.99
Cllr D Cullimore (travelling expenses)		£71.10.

<b>Incoming:</b>	VAT refund (26.2.16-31.3.17)	£586.32
	Western Power wayleave	£21.64

Bucknell War Memorial Fund £2,950.00.

**(c) Forward budget plan.** Cllr Savery said there would be an estimated carry over to the next financial year close to £12,000. Current balance was £1,500 more than calculated. Cllr Savery to circulate information to all Parish Councillors and Clerk.

**(d) 2018/19 Precept 'early warning'.** Possible items to be included on the next Precept were highlighted. This to be discussed next time. The Precept would be decided at the January 2018 meeting.

**12 CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

There were no emails for discussion.

**13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**14 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th December 2017 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

It was agreed that the January 2018 meeting be held on 9th January 2018 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.38pm.

JK/NEA  
13.11.17