

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6 October 2009

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mr C Savery, Mr W Davies, Mrs K Law, Mrs B Sharpe, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

8 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Jackson said there were problems following the recent resurfacing in Weston Road. Clerk to contact Mr Ian Martin of Shropshire Highways.

Mrs Law mentioned pot holes in Bridge End Lane, Clerk to report these also.

Mr Savery said that the new stiles, etc which had been installed on footpaths in the parish were now overgrown. This clearing work could be undertaken by the P3 group. The Chairman said that the footpath from the church to Daffodil Lane was well used, and dog owners had asked for dog paddles to be installed.

Mr Hogg said that the notice board at The Causeway was in need of repair. Mr Carter to investigate.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs F Hughes, Mr P Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1.9.09

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

Clerk was asked to email the Minutes as a Word document attachment.

MATTERS ARISING

Allotments. Mrs Fraser said the Local Joint Committee could provide a grant towards the purchase of a piece of land. The Chairman congratulated Mrs Fraser on the progress of Bucknell Allotments Association to date.

Tourism Signs at The Turnpike. Mr Wright handed out copies of the proposed signs. The total cost for both signs was £955 + VAT and Mr Wright proposed that he made the payment and recovered the VAT, and that local businesses paid 50% and the Parish Council paid 50% direct to him. The Chairman said that next year's Precept would be decided in December/January and the matter would be looked at again at that time.

Councillors approved on a show of hands that the signs be installed, and it was further decided on a show of hands that the Parish Council make a financial contribution, the exact amount to be decided.

Mr Wright was asked to get the necessary paperwork sorted.

Salt Bins at Bedstone. Clerk reported that Mr Martin of Highways hoped to replace the damaged bin outside Orchard Cottage, but there were 15 Parish Councils and only 10 new bins, so it was not likely that any more bins would be available for this parish. Mr Martin agreed that unfortunately tumps of salt/grit do get washed away.

The salt bins were watertight, but the lids get left open occasionally, or the bin got damaged and water leaked in.

BT Phone Box. Letter had been received from BT asking whether the Parish Council wished to adopt the telephone kiosk in Bucknell for the nominal sum of £1. BT would then remove the telephony and the Parish Council would take on the maintenance of the kiosk. After discussion, Clerk was instructed to reply saying that the phone box was required in its working condition with the telephony intact.

ROADS

Road conditions had been dealt with in the Open Meeting.

The road closure at Bucknell level crossing would now take place from 24.10.09 to 26.10.09.

The cost of a street light shade down The Causeway would be £60-£65.

Proposed new street lights. Quotations had been received from e.on for the required electricity supplies, and Prysmian would charge approximately £375 to install each column. Chairman and Vice Chairman to assess the quotations.

Hedge along Bedstone Road. Ideally this should be cut down to allow regrowth from ground level.

PLANNING

Application No. 09/02399/FUL. Building for changing rooms at Daffodil Lane.

No objection.

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

PARISH PLAN

Mr Graves reported that the forms had been distributed, and the results would be collated by the Community Council. This would take a couple of weeks. Mr Graves thanked those who undertook the distribution of the questionnaires.

After discussion it was agreed that an open meeting be held to announce the results. Mr Graves to arrange this.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported that match funding for the changing rooms had been applied for from Football Foundation.

The entrance would be improved on the hall site.

Planning permission had been applied for for the changing rooms and a decision was expected by 23 October.

FINANCES

Account balances were reported as:

Community account £13,380.53
Comprising: Parish Plan account £2,643.74
Parish Council £10,736.79

Business Base Rate Tracker account £1,926.39.

It was resolved unanimously to pay the following:
Community Council (Parish Plan expenses) £7.25

Mr G Jackson (Parish Plan expenses) £22.98
Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall (hire for mtg) £6.50
Mr R Davies (grass cutting etc) £229.20
Mrs N Adams (salary Sept 09 qtr) £313.60.

Incoming:

BT Wayleaves £149.83
e.on Wayleaves £36.39.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire Council letter re: Managing High Quality Education Provision.
Shrops Council letter re: Community Tree Scheme To Mr Savery.
SSAPTC Agenda etc for meeting 12.10.09.
HOWLTA Newsletter Autumn 2009.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman read out a letter from Mr G Jackson which stated that he no longer wished to manage the village website. The Chairman expressed regret and recorded a formal vote of thanks to Mr Jackson for setting up and maintaining the website to date. Mr Graves expressed an interest in taking on this work, and would report back at the next meeting.

Tree on Common Land at Chapel Lawn Road. Two big overhanging branches were causing concern. Mr Owen to investigate.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 November 2009 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Mr Savery to confirm*.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

* Following the meeting, Bedstone VH not available, therefore November and December meetings will be held at Bucknell Memorial Hall.

THH/NEA

22.10.09