

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 October 2012**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mrs K Law,  
Mrs B Sharpe.

Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

3 members of the public.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

A bench down The Causeway was badly damaged, it was thought this was no longer required as there was other seating nearby, so Mr Ray Davies to be asked to remove it.

Mr Hartin explained the problems of funding for primary schools presently under discussion, which could ultimately mean that some smaller schools were unable to provide a hot meal for pupils. The main cause was a change in the rules that central Government had imposed on local authorities, and was effective nationwide. It would come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. To be put on the Agenda, and Mr Hartin would keep the Parish Council informed.

**Bucknell School.** Mrs Hartin reported that the reduced pupil numbers to 39 had meant a corresponding reduction in funding which could result in the loss of two support staff. A representative of the Grocer's Company would be visiting the school tomorrow, they had paid for furniture and computers in the past.

**SAMDev Proposals.** Mr Hartin had arranged a drop-in day on Saturday 13 October from 10am-1pm, when Messrs Andy Mortimer and Liam Cowden (officer responsible for Bucknell) from Shropshire Council would be available. Display boards would show all of the current sites, plus two additional proposals for an extension at the woodyard, and next to The Tyndings. Mr Hartin to arrange posters and a leaflet drop to all dwellings.

Miss Stone said that a tree in her garden needed to be felled, and asked who to contact for permission. Mr Hartin referred her to the County Tree Officer.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr W Davies, Mr C Savery, Mr P Davies, Mrs F Hughes.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Owen declared a personal interest in the Clun Valley AED Scheme.

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4.9.12**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Grasscutting: Chapel Lawn Road.** Ray Davies could manage to keep it trimmed this year, and one Contractor still to quote for next year. A skip had been parked on common land opposite Bylets. Situation to be monitored.

**Land opposite The Tyndings.** It was understood this had been sold, it was not known to whom.

**School garden play area.** Mr Owen had obtained two quotes to bring this up to RoSPA standards, these being £2,610 and £2,995 for gates and fences. After discussion the Chairman proposed that the lower quote from South Shropshire Landscaping be accepted, approved on a show of hands, 3 in favour, Mr Owen abstained. The zip ties could now be removed.

**Pollution of river.** The Environment Agency should be informed of any pollution including hedge trimmings and grass cuttings. Their 24 emergency hotline (free from a landline) is 0800 80 70 60.

It was reported that a landowner upstream of the Baron of Beef was dumping laurel trimmings in the river, this could poison animals if eaten, and was a cause for concern.

### **CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME**

Mr Owen reported that the photo display had raised £229 (minus £25 for hire of the hall), and the concert at Leintwardine had raised £225, both for the CFRs.

An AED unit had been allocated to Leintwardine and should be in place before Christmas.

AED units were carried on fire tenders, and fire fighters were being trained to use it. The next training day would be held on Saturday 17 November, 12 people already booked in, more volunteers always welcome.

Enclosures could now be obtained for approximately £300 less.

12 AED units had been given to the West Midlands Ambulance Service, possibly left over from the Olympics.

Several volunteers were upgrading to CFR, and fund raising was continuing towards a 4x4 vehicle.

### **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 4 October at Bettws y Crwyn Parish Hall.

The Chairman referred to an email from West Mercia Police which detailed the cutbacks to be made to the local police team as part of a costcutting exercise. The focus would now be on crimes and incidents that caused the most harm and/or posed the greatest threat to safety.

### **ROADS:**

**Street lamp opposite the Butcher's.** Clerk had learned from Prysmian that the porcelain fuse carrier had deteriorated and as they were not allowed to touch it, Western Power Distribution would have to be informed. Clerk had spoken to Western Power, and their Overhead West Team, based in Ludlow, would carry out the work. Clerk was also making enquiries re: changing Contractor to Ringway.

**Speeding traffic past the woodyard.** Mr Glyn Shaw had replied that the 40mph would entail some very intrusive traffic calming, thereby “urbanising” the area with high profile signing and road markings. This would put the scheme beyond the scope of funding currently available. After discussion it was agreed to ask Mr Shaw to implement the 50mph limit extension.

### **PLANNING**

There were no applications for consideration.

**Application No. 12/02466/FUL.** Extension to stable block at Manor House Farm, Bedstone, had been granted.

### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

Mr Eddie Price had been in contact with Western Power Distribution who had given a quote of £6,000 to connect the electricity to the changing rooms. A loan had been obtained to cover this cost, an application had been made to the LJC for £2,500 grant towards the repayment of this loan.

Further costs were required of £1,200 to lay the cables and £500 for the electrical fuse box, plugs, and sockets.

A meeting had been arranged with the Football club, the Changing Room committee and the Memorial Hall committee to calculate what else needed to be done and what could be afforded. Costs had been obtained for doors, skirting, architrave and insulation. More timber would be required for the bench seating but this was really all the materials that were needed to complete the work.

A quote was still awaited from Ray Parry Playground Services of Shrewsbury for work to clean the graffiti from the multi-play equipment and repair the crack on the wet pour to the see-saw area.

The 100 Club draw tickets were still available.

An illustrated talk and slide show had been arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> October for Memorial hall funds to be shown by David Evans from Clun.

The Chairman proposed that a donation of £2,000 be made to Bucknell Memorial Hall to cover the cost of the cables and electrical items. Approved unanimously on a show of hands.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

“Spotlight” leaflets. Distributed to those present.

Citizens Advice Shropshire letter + enclosed Annual Impact Report 2011-12.

### **FINANCE**

**Bank balances were reported as:**

Community current account

£239.48

Business Base Rate Tracker account		£19,937.15
Of which:	Parish Plan account	£1,014.49
	Parish Council account	£18,922.66.

**External auditor had reported as follows:**

“On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.”

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

Mrs N Adams (salary September 12)	)	£123.60
HMRC (PAYE Sept 12)	)	£31.00
Mrs N Adams (expenses to Oct. 12)		£87.10
Mazars (external audit fee)		£162.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£218.88
Bucknell Memorial Hall (donation)		£2,000.00.

**Mr Ray Davies.** After discussion the Chairman proposed that Mr Davies’ wages be increased to £7 per hour with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012. Seconded by Mr Owen, and agreed unanimously on a show of hands.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**HOWLTA questionnaire.** Clerk to complete with the suggestion that tourists be better catered for in the form of an observation car, and improving facilities for transporting bicycles on trains.

**Litter bin by the shop.** Replacement bin had been requested from Street Scene Dept at Shropshire Council.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.