

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr C Savery, Mr J Kemp, Mr P Davies,  
Mrs B Sharpe, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

Mr I Hay-Campbell, Mr A Rolfe, Church Redevelopment Group  
11 members of the public.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr Willson said the website was wonderful, and asked whether the old website could be deleted. Mr Jackson said he would delete it in December when its Contract ran out. Mr Jackson suggested that photographs of Parish Councillors could be put on the website, and that emails could be sent via the website. Agreed unanimously. A feedback page could also be included on the website.

Mr Hay-Campbell asked whether the arrangement of chairs could be turned round to enable members of the public to leave the meeting without disruption. Agreed.

Miss Evans reported that access to dwellings in Weston Road during the closure was not adequate. Nigel Plimmer and Julie Edward at Amey to be emailed. Letter also to be sent to the Housing Association reiterating the objections raised by the Parish Council re: new houses being built there.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Miss B Stone (Vice Chairman), Mrs F Hughes, Mr A Faulkner.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman declared an interest in the AED/CFR schemes, and the Bucknell Show.  
Mr Kemp declared an interest in the Bucknell Show.

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3.9.13**

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Bucknell school.** Mr Hartin reported that there were presently 38 pupils on the roll, it was hoped the occupants of the new houses in Weston Road would include more children.

The school remained open during the recent teachers' strike day, as none of the staff walked out.

Recent SATS results were excellent.

The Key Stage 1 classroom was nearing completion, it was hope this would be finished in time for the Open Day on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Harvest Festival would be held on 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm.

**Parson's crossing/litter on the track.** These had been attended to.

**School bus turning beyond the Tyndings.** Clerk had written to M&J Travel to ask whether they were now happy for their bus to turn in the forestry road.

**Condition of phone boxes.** BT had replied saying that they needed the phone numbers of the call boxes.

**Field in the village.** The horse had been removed from the field.

**Litter bin at the end of Dog Kennel Lane.** Clerk had spoken to Alan Meyrick, Shropshire Council, who would investigate and report back.

**Posts at The Causeway.** Mr W Davies said that these had to dry out before painting.

**School Garden play area – notices.** Quotes to be obtained. Two notices were required, one on each side.

**Chairing of meetings.** Mr W Davies understood that should the Chairman come into a meeting chaired by the Vice Chairman, the Chair should be surrendered to the Chairman. This was confirmed as the correct procedure, but it was noted that the Vice Chairman continued to chair the remainder of last month's meeting after the Chairman's arrival.

#### **CHURCH RENOVATION GROUP**

The Chairman said there had been complaints from parishioners that the churchyard in general and graves in particular had been damaged/disturbed, with one headstone being damaged. Mr Hay-Campbell reassured the meeting that no visible graves were involved and the ground would be restored and levelled to an improved state following the work. Mr Rolfe said there was no evidence of bones, etc being disturbed.

Stage I – It was hoped that this work was now finished and final tests were to be carried out.

Stage II – Kitchenette and toilet.

A faculty had been obtained from the Diocese for all planned work.

Mr Hay-Campbell said he would be happy for anyone to raise issues with him personally.

Regarding possible damage to the churchyard wall, Mr Hay-Campbell would get an expert's report on the condition of the wall and report back to the Parish Council.

**Next meeting** would be held on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **MARCHES CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER BROADBAND**

The number of signatures on the e-petition had now reached 1,000, closing date was 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Grant not required at present as little had been spent by the Campaign.

### **BUCKNELL SHOW**

Mr Kemp reported that 60 people took part in organising the Show. There were over 300 individual entries. They were very lucky with the weather. There would be a meeting tomorrow night for a review of this year's show, and to discuss holding a village show next year. More volunteers would be welcome next time. Mr Kemp tabled a finances sheet.

Official letters of thanks to be sent from the Parish Council to Mr Kemp and Miss Edwards.

### **CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES**

Letter from Mr Steve Sherring re: lack of mobile phone coverage was discussed. There had been a proposal in the past for a mast at Wax Hall, but this was objected to by Ramblers Asscn. It was suggested that our local MP may be able to help.

A photo display to raise funds was scheduled for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October in the Memorial Hall.

The deposit had been paid on a Ford Cougar for use by volunteers answering emergency calls. Further expenses would include insurance, ambulance decals, and upkeep of the vehicle.

There were two AEDs in Bucknell, it was possible that one could be installed in a vandal-proof cabinet on a wall at the Sitwell Arms.

More volunteers were always needed.

### **WEBSITE**

Dealt with in the Open Meeting.

### **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

The next meeting was planned for 10<sup>th</sup> October in Llanfair Waterdine. Items for discussion included Broadband and Health Services.

### **ROADS:**

**Light outside the Old Post Office** was now working.

**Light in Chestnut Meadow** had been reported and repaired.

**30mph repeater signs in Chapel Lawn Road.** Mr Hartin to chase.

**Independent survey of trees.** Mr P Davies said that Mr Terry Merchant would carry this out as soon as convenient.

**Tree in Weston Road on Bucknell House land.** Mr W Davies would sort this when Weston Road had reopened.

**Salt bin in Redlake Meadow.** Chairman reported there was nowhere to put it. To be removed from the Agenda.

**Gullies in Chapel Lawn Road** had been reported again.

**Concrete bases to tables/seats.** Clerk to write to Colin Carter, asking him to arrange to meet the Chairman and Mr Savery on site.

**Pavement/footpath from Green's Garage to Dog Kennel Lane.** The overhanging bushes had been cut back. Mr Hartin reported that the Contractors were presently in the village, and it was thought the encroaching grass would be cut back.

**Temporary closure of Weston Road.** Dealt with in the Open Meeting.

**River bridge by Green's Garage.** Shropshire Council inspect this bridge every two years. Clerk to ask for a copy of the latest report.

The Chairman said that the copious amounts of vegetation were restricting flood water going through the second arch. Environment Agency to be asked to clear this, bearing in mind that a water pipe was in the vicinity.

**40mph limit Bedstone Road.** This would come into effect on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **PLANNING:**

**Application No. 13/03748/TCA.** Tree works at 16 & 17 Bedstone. Supported.

**Decisions by Planning authority** - now detailed on the village website.

**SAMDev and Bucknell village.** Mr P Davies and Mr W Davies declared an interest.

Mr Hartin said that no meeting had yet been held with Messrs Cowden and Mead.

Mr W Davies to speak to his Agent and contact Mr Hartin.

It was hoped the meeting would take place mid to end October.

#### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The changing rooms were still to be completed, but the electricity supply would make things easier.

A meeting was to be arranged with the football club to see what could be done to get the works complete. The football club had no funds left.

The roller was due to be move shortly to the changing rooms field.

The 100 Club Draw was due for renewal at £10.00 for 12 months. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket should go to the garage or contact a committee member.

Mr Kemp asked about insurance on the new building. Miss Edwards said this was paid by the Memorial Hall Committee.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Spotlight and SpArc leaflets. Distributed to those present.

Good Councillors Guides. Distributed to those Councillors present.

#### **FINANCE:**

**Bank balances were reported as:**

Community (Current) account		£5,630.10
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,942.53
Of which:		
Parish plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£9,928.04.	

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

Mrs N Adams (salary September 13)	)	£134.50
HMRC (PAYE)	)	£19.80
Mrs N Adams (expenses)		£205.34
Bucknell Nurseries (cutting hedges, mowing, etc)		£123.00
Mr R Davies (grasscutting, strimmer cord, etc)		£258.79
Mr I Owen (mileage)		£53.10
Bucknell Jubilee Celebrations (donation: Bucknell Show)		£500.00.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman said that Mr Mike Starr would appreciate more volunteers for his litter picking team.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle village hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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