

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 September 2010

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter.
Mrs B Sharpe,
Mr W Davies, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
7 members of the public.

PARISH PLAN

The Chairman thanked the Parish Plan Steering Group for the considerable amount of work undertaken over the past couple of years to create the Plan.

Mr Graves said that the Plan would be produced in the form of an attractive A5 booklet with photographs.

The Chairman said that the scrutiny event findings would be incorporated into the PP. The provision of a bus shelter was mentioned by some people, but investigation proved the cost to be around £2,000, also as there were five bus stops in the village, there was the problem of where to site it.

Mr Graves said there were very few urgent issues to be addressed, but recommended that a review take place in five years time to reassess the Parish Plan.

Mr Hartin said that the PP was a very useful document to have in the future.

Mrs Sharpe reiterated that the Parish Plan Steering Group had done a very good job, which was much appreciated.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Cornes reported that the post and chain fence around the green at The Causeway badly needed attention. Mr W Davies to investigate.

The Chairman referred to the incident on the station when members of the WI were challenged by the Police. Apparently the incident had been reported to the railway authorities and Bucknell had gained a reputation for taking a pride in its station. It seemed the southern half of the station belonged to Arriva, and the northern half belonged to Network Rail. Mr Chambers stated that there was a proposal for a fence to be erected to separate people from the trains.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Law, Mr P Davies, Mrs F Hughes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3.8.10

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Storage container by the school had been removed.

Proposed changes to church and churchyard. A public meeting had been held last Saturday to gauge local opinion on several proposed changes aimed at making the church a more attractive venue. Some of the proposals were a little strange.

Repair to notice board by the garage. Mr Carter to deal with this matter shortly.

Railway hedge. Clerk had reported this to Network Rail who would arrange to have the hedge cut back. The hedge would have to be reported every time it needed to be trimmed.

Clun Valley AED scheme. Mr Eddie Jones, Chairman of Newcastle Parish Council, had suggested that a public meeting be held at which the defibrillator would be demonstrated. Clerk to arrange.

ROADS

Street lights were all working correctly.

Proposed new street light. Clerk had written to Central Networks giving them then precise location of the underground cable.

Dip in the road by the Sitwell Arms. Clerk had written to Mr Martin at Highways.

Road bridge by the garage. Clerk had written to Mr J Williams at the Shirehall.

20mph limit past the school. Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr Andy Wilde, Shropshire Council, and arrange for this matter to be raised again. There had been two recent accidents on the stretch of road, the Police being called to one of them.

Flooding. Several places in the parish had suffered from the recent heavy storms, especially Bedstone Road from the llamas to Coxall Chapel, and Chapel Lawn Road from Tan House to Daffodil Lane. Clerk to report these.

PLANNING

Application No. 10/02565/FUL. Retrospective application for a balcony. Objection on the basis that it was out of keeping, and was an unattractive structure.

Application No. 10/03011/FUL. Two cabins and change of use from agricultural land to domestic curtilage at Hales Barn. After considerable discussion a response of No Objection was passed on a show of hands, 3 in favour, 1 against.

Application No. 10/03370/TCA. Tree works at Orchard Court, Bucknell. Supported.

Application No. 10/03225/FUL. Replacement roof at The Aviaries, Bucknell. Supported.

Application No. 10/03734/TCA. Tree works at Brambles, Bedstone. Supported.

Application No. 10/02748/FUL. Detached annexe room and garden store at Brookfields had been granted.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

The grant of £11,000 from the Local Joint Committee had been paid into the Memorial Hall account.

A sum of £2,845.00 had been collected by the Football Club. It was believed this included £1,000 match funding from an anonymous donor. A further amount of approximately £1,400.00 had been promised to the Football Club from villagers and local businesses.

The joint funding day organised by the Memorial Hall Committee and the Football Club would now be held on Sunday 17 October.

Mr Peter Davies had offered to put on a film show later this year.

Severn Trent had now given a revised price to carry out the connection works, this had been paid and a start date was awaited.

The builder was hoping to start on site in two weeks.

There was a problem with moles on the site and in the play area, Chris Sansom had agreed to deal with this foc.

The graffiti had been cleaned off the play equipment but some stubborn writing needed to be removed.

FINANCE

Account balances were reported as:

Community account

£16,291.32

Of which: Parish Plan account £2,196.46
 Parish Council account £14,094.86.

Business Base Rate Tracker account

£5,927.35.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

IJ & DJ Gough (strimming land at Chapel Lawn Road)	£130.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£174.00.

It had been reported that the strimmed area was left untidy, Mr Davies to investigate.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Pearce Cycles re: Mountain Bike Event in Bucknell Wood 11th & 12th September.

Shropshire Council letter + enclosed survey form re: Rights of Way user survey 2010. To P3 Group.

Shrops Council letter re: Community Tree Scheme. To P3 Group.

Citizens Advice letter requesting donation. It was unanimously agreed to donate £30.

The Chairman would review the following consultation papers from Shropshire Council:

Statement of Community Involvement for Shropshire

Core Strategy Development Plan Document – Notification of Submission to the Secretary of State

Working with communities on planning and regeneration for places in Shropshire

Empty Homes Strategy

Shropshire Council letter re: Consultation for Surface Water Management: Interim Guidance for Developers

Shrops Council letter + enclosure re: Local Referendums to veto excessive Council Tax increases – Consultation paper.

Shropshire Hills AONB letter + enclosed guidance for public bodies. To Post Office.

Notification re: HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations June 2010.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Hartin mentioned the series of public meetings to be held locally to discuss the substantial cuts necessary in services, and to try to establish where people would be prepared to see cuts made. The nearest meeting would be on Thursday 16 September at Craven Arms Community Centre between 7pm-9pm.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 October 2010 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

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