

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 September 2012**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr P Davies,  
Mrs B Sharpe, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.  
6 members of the public.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr Cornes asked who should be notified when hedge trimmings and grass cuttings were dumped in the river, as had happened recently. Mr Owen said that as it was causing pollution, it would be a criminal offence. Mr Hartin suggested Street Scene Department at Shropshire Council, as it was fly tipping. The Environment Agency, or Severn Trent could also be involved. Clerk to find out.

Mrs Sharpe said that rubbish bins had been thrown into the river by vandals.

**Bucknell School** Mr Hartin reported that there were 39 pupils at the school, and funding had been reduced accordingly. Help was required for the school sewing project this term, and a talk on farming in the area was planned.

It was understood that the school's newsletter was posted on the village website. Mr Graves to confirm.

**SAMDev proposals.** Mr Hartin said that Shropshire Council was considering the results of the consultation, and he would arrange a "drop in" day at the Memorial Hall in early October, with relevant maps and plans, and Planning Officers in attendance. Shropshire Council would issue their plans at the end of the year in order to take this matter forward.

Mr Cordrey asked how the term "SAMDev" came into being, Mr Hartin explained the principles behind it, and also the implications of the village boundary being either removed or retained. The Minutes of a Working Group meeting in 2010 were relevant, Clerk to investigate.

Mr Graves said that the Localism Bill would give more power to Parish Councils.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs K Law, Mr C Savery, Mr C Carter, Mrs F Hughes, Mr W Davies.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Owen declared an interest in SAMDev and the Clun Valley AED scheme. Mr Hartin declared an interest in SAMDev.

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Grasscutting: Chapel Lawn Road.** Mr Owen reported that Ray Davies was strimming the area, the existing Contractor seemed to have given up, and a new

Contractor could not start until next year. Clerk to write to current Contractor saying that it was assumed he no longer wished to continue with the contract and the Parish Council would make other arrangements.

**Land opposite The Tyndings.** To be auctioned on 7<sup>th</sup> September. It was understood that the bus was turning round further along the road.

**Waste bin at the shop.** A new bin of the current design had been requested from Street Scene Department.

**School garden play area.** The urgent work highlighted by the RoSPA inspection had been completed by a qualified engineer. Mr Owen had requested quotations from four Contractors regarding replacement of the fencing and an additional gate. Mr Hartin to report to the Playgroup and the School that some problems with the fencing still existed.

#### **CLUN VALLEY AED SCHEME**

Mr Owen reported that it was hoped Leintwardine would have its own AED unit soon. The next training day was scheduled for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September at Clunbury Village Hall. An open meeting would be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> at the White Horse in Clun.

A fund raising photo display for the Community First Responders was planned for 15<sup>th</sup> September in the Memorial Hall, also a concert in Leintwardine church on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

The recent three-day training course went very well.

#### **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

The next meeting would be held in October in Chirbury.

#### **ROADS:**

**Street lamp opposite the Butcher's.** Still not working. Clerk to investigate change of Contractor, possibly to Ringway.

**Speeding traffic past the woodyard.** Reply awaited from Glyn Shaw, Highways, regarding a 40mph limit.

#### **PLANNING**

There were no applications for consideration, nor any decisions to be reported by the Planning Authority.

#### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

There had been some interest in the mowing of the recreation ground, but nothing had been done as yet.

Some of the work required by the RoSPA inspection had been done by a qualified engineer, but a quote was awaited for cleaning of graffiti from the multi-play equipment, and repairs to a crack on the wet pour to the see-saw area.

The 100 Club tickets were still available from Miss Edwards, or the garage.

The illustrated talk and slide show had been arranged for 10 October for Memorial Hall funds.

In answer to questions from the Chairman, Miss Edwards said that the Football Club had offered to do some of the work, but had not done so, also that the Village Hall Committee had appeared to have lost overall control of the project. Miss Edwards would attend a meeting later this evening to try to establish the current position. It was understood that the Treasurer now lived in the Bridgnorth area, and would need to be contacted. This matter would be put on the next Agenda, and Miss Edwards to report back at the next meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

“Spotlight” leaflets.

HOWLTA Newsletter, draw tickets, and questionnaire. To Post Office.

Email from Bishops Castle Local Policing Team re: Speed limit stickers for wheelie bins.

Pearce Cycles letter re: Mountain Bike Event in Bucknell Wood 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September. To Chairman.

### **FINANCE**

#### **Account balances were reported as:**

Community current account		£969.68
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£19,935.02
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£18,920.53.	

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

Mrs N Adams (salary August 12)	)	£123.60
HMRC (PAYE August 12)	)	£31.00
Playsafety Ltd (inspection of play equipment)		£151.20
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)		£194.56
Bucknell Memorial Hall (hire for first aid training)		£105.00
Bucknell Nurseries (trimming hedges, etc)		£97.00
Teme Valley Tractors Ltd (mower repair)		£27.84.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Parish Council Elections.** Scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013. The Chairman said he would not be standing for election, and asked that all Parish Councillors consider their position. Clerk asked that any interested parishioners be encouraged to put their names forward as an election would ensure the most accurate representation of all members of the parish.

### **DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Mr Savery to be asked to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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