

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013**

#### **PRESENT**

Miss B Stone (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies, Mr J Kemp.  
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.  
11 members of the public.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Tree in Weston Road on Bucknell House land.** Mrs Jackson was concerned that the tree was being further damaged by large lorries and was becoming increasingly unstable. The tree was marked with a red dot. Mr Hartin to check who was responsible for removing the tree. Mr P Davies to check with Mr W Davies.

**Proposed closure of Weston Road.** Proposed start date was 23<sup>rd</sup> September for 10 weeks to enable Severn Trent to renew the water main. More consultation was taking place as 36 properties were affected. Mr Hartin to seek clarification, eg would access to all houses be maintained, possible drop in session for residents?

**AED Scheme.** Mr Sherring tabled a letter stating that the “not spots” for mobile phone reception was potentially very serious and asking that the Parish Council presses for more masts to be installed. It was thought there was an association called the National Radio Authority, which could be contacted. Mr Hartin to investigate and contact the Clerk.

**Roller in playing field.** This had not yet been moved to the changing rooms site.

The Vice Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr C Savery, Mrs F Hughes.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Kemp declared a personal interest in the Bucknell Show.

Mr P Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application at the timber yard.

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 6.8.13**

Under “Presentation re: SAMDev proposals” second paragraph. The gentleman from McCartneys was in fact Mr David Hughes.

Subject to this correction the Minutes were then approved unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and accurate record.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Bucknell school.** Mr Hartin reported that 38 pupils were on the roll.

A planning application had been submitted to convert the kitchens into an exclusively pre-school area.

An Open Day was scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> October 8am-5pm.

**Path across the railway.** (Officially called Parson's crossing.) This had been reported to Network Rail. Litter on the track at the station would also be reported.

**School bus turning beyond The Tyndings.** The offending tree opposite the forestry road had been severely cut back.

**Condition of phone boxes.** It was not known whether the phone box at Bedstone was operational, but the one in Bucknell was. Clerk to write again to BT.

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

After discussion it was agreed to send a letter of support. More details were required as to what any grant money would be used for.

### **BUCKNELL SHOW**

Mr Kemp reported that arrangements were well in hand.

Mr Hartin said that the mains electricity would be turned off at the school on Saturday morning to enable the trees in the forest school area to be trimmed. It was not thought this would impact on the Show.

Any profit from the Show would be split between the new village hall fund, and local charities (specifics yet to be decided).

Confirmation of £500 grant from the Parish Council was proposed by Mrs Sharpe, seconded by Mr P Davies, and approved on a show of hands.

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

No report available.

More volunteers were always welcome.

Mr Kemp said that the local group was about to take delivery of a 4x4 vehicle, details in the next Newsletter.

### **SHROPSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

**Request for survey.** It was thought this was a means of saving money, and "care in the community". Mr Hartin said that the fire service would always come and fit fire alarms, etc if required.

### **WEBSITE**

The Vice Chairman suggested that a committee of the Parish Council be set up to run the website. After discussion it was decided that this was not necessary.

### **VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS**

**Parish Council notice boards.** The Vice Chairman agreed to keep these up to date.

### **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

The next pre-meeting was scheduled for 3.30pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Chairman to attend.

### **ROADS**

**Street light out** in Chestnut Meadow outside nos. 10/11.

**Light outside the Old Post Office.** Had been out for some time, therefore it was most likely a difficult fault. Clerk to report this again.

**30mph repeater signs in Chapel Lawn Road.** To be investigated further.

**Independent survey of trees.** Mr P Davies said that Mr Terry Merchant had agreed to carry this out when he was in the area.

**Tree in Weston Road on Bucknell House land.** Dealt with in the Open Discussion.

**Salt bin in Redlake Meadow.** Nothing to report at present.

**Gullies in Chapel Lawn Road.** Had been reported to Highways.

**Concrete bases to tables/seats.** Colin Carter to be contacted again.

**Pavement/footpath from Green's garage to Dog Kennel Lane.** Grass had encroached onto the footpath by about 9". Mr Hartin to speak to Mr Chris Edwards at Highways. Mrs Sharpe to telephone the owner of the field about overhanging bushes.

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

### SAMDev PROPOSALS

The Parish Council's decision had been reported to Shropshire Council. After discussion it was decided to hold a meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm to discuss SAMDev.

### DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

No report available from Steering Group.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Good Councillor's Guide. Copies distributed to those Councillors present.

"Spotlight" and SpArc leaflets. Distributed as required.

HOWLTA Newsletter. To Post Office.

Email re: Community Led Planning Fund, which had grants available for updating Parish Plans. This to be discussed outwith the Parish Council meeting. Vice Chairman to email to all interested parties. Current Parish Plan to be uplifted onto the website.

### FINANCES

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

Community (current) account		£6,775.89
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:**

Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£252.00
Mr G Jackson (website domain fee)		£49.07
Mrs N Adams (salary August 13)	)	£134.80
HMRC (PAYE)	)	£19.80
Ringway (Chapel Lawn Road street light)		£408.82
SALC (Good Councillors Guides)		£20.00.

**It was further agreed to pay the following (Vice Chairman abstained):**

Miss B Stone (mileage) £74.90.

### **New Bank Mandate**

Now in place.

### **Annual Return**

Received back from the External Auditors with the following comment:

“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 therefore agreed to pay Mazar’s invoice for £120.00, being the audit fee.

The Chairman joined the meeting at this point.

### **PLANNING**

**Application No. 13/032241/FUL.** 50 dwellings (6 affordable units) + garages/car parking spaces/estate roads on land at the timber yard/railway yard, Bucknell.

Mr P Davies left the meeting at this point.

After discussion it was decided to wait until the meeting with Mr Liam Cowden and Mr Mathew Mead, as Councillors were in favour of 75 houses, rather than 50.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Field in village.** The Vice Chairman had been approached by a parishioner who reported that animals in the field had damaged a stile on the footpath, and also a boundary wall. The damage to the stile should be reported to the Rights of Way department, but the damage to the wall should be taken up with the owner of the animals as this was not a Parish Council matter.

**Litter bin at the end of Dog Kennel Lane.** This had been raised before. Clerk to write to Alan Meyrick at Shropshire Council asking whether he had been able to make a site visit.

**Posts at The Causeway.** These had not yet been painted. Mr W Davies to be asked to do this.

**School Garden play area.** Youths had been drinking in the play area. Suitably-worded signs to be discussed at the next meeting.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

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