

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014 In Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Mr J Kemp (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mr A Faulkner, Mr C Savery, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
5 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Jackson said there was a 30mph repeater sign missing in Weston Road. Also the 40mph sign in Bedstone Road had been bent. Clerk to report this.

It was suggested that the 50mph limit from the Turnpike be changed to a 40mph. The Chairman said the Parish Council had tried to get the speed limit lowered without success. Mr Hartin said the police would not support it.

A section the Bedstone Road was scheduled to be closed from 20th October to 9th November to update the drains. The diversions were via Leintwardine or The Mynd.

Replacement trees for those felled in Chapel Lawn Road and the Causeway could be available from the free trees scheme at Shropshire Council.

It was noted that Dougald Purce, Tree Officer, refused to meet Parish Councillors on site to discuss the safety of trees at the Causeway and thereby agreed with himself that the trees were healthy. The Parish Council were unable to accept responsibility for trees which Councillors considered unsafe as these would not be covered by insurance. Mr Hartin to ask Shropshire Council for a letter accepting responsibility for any damage caused by the trees which it had prevented the Parish Council taking down. A note stating the Parish Council's position would be put on the website.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Miss B Stone, Mr P Davies, Mr W Davies, Mrs F Hughes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1.7.14

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Bucknell school. Two children left at the end of the school year, and 7 have joined this term.

Condition of phone boxes. Still awaiting information from two parish councils.

School garden play area. The base of the old spring toy was proving difficult to remove. Chairman to investigate.

Depth gauge at Seabridge Meadow. Replacement is now in place.

Parish Newsletter. Next issue planned for early October.

Revision of Parish Plan. The original Plan was done 5 years ago. Mathew Mead to be invited to the November meeting to help with the planning of the revision.

Road traffic accident. There had been a crash between a car and a motorbike, unfortunately there was no note of the registration number.

Renewal of concrete bases of seats. Clerk to contact Colin Carter again.

CLUN VALLEY CFR/AED SCHEMES

There would be a stand at the Bucknell Show to raise funds.

Further fund raising events were planned.

There was a great need for more volunteers for the AED scheme.

Two fund raising balloon races were planned.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report at present.

The bill for mowing in August would be presented at the next meeting.

Preparations for the Show were in hand.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT GROUP

Letter from Mr Hay-Campbell stating that permission had been obtained to close the church for six weeks from 15th September. Provision was being made to hold services elsewhere.

WEBSITE

Looking good.

Mr Jackson said there had been 8,500 visits during the past year.

BUCKNELL SHOW

Mr Kemp declared an interest, but reported that the number of entries in the produce section were well down on last year.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at present. Heather Kidd was now Chairman.

The EE telephone company would be giving a presentation at the next meeting.

ROADS:

Failed street light outside 20 Redlake Meadow had been reported.

Street light in Chestnut Meadow. Clerk had established that the Parish Council was responsible for the street lights at the junction with Chapel Lawn Road, outside nos. 8/10 and opposite no. 12. Shropshire Council was responsible for the street lights opposite the little car park, outside no. 14 and opposite no. 23.

Redlake Meadow road surface at No. 35. Mr Hartin to ask Ian Martin to prioritise this, also the pavements which were being damaged by tree roots.

Overhanging trees in Weston Road. Clerk had emailed Mr Martin for clarification re: road safety versus dormice habitat.

Mr Hartin said Highways intended to overlay Weston Road, including the entrance to the allotments. The 30mph limit was to be extended beyond the second phase of the housing development.

Chapel Lawn to New Invention Road closure for three days from 20th October.

Junction of Dog Kennel Lane and Red Lane. Glyn Shaw had been asked to make a site visit to establish if any white lining or signing could improve the situation.

PLANNING:

Application No. 14/03526/TCA. Removal of ash tree at the Headmaster's House in Bedstone College grounds had been received between meetings and no response returned. Shropshire Council had subsequently raised no objection.

The following applications had been granted:

Nos. 14/02489/FUL & 14/02490/LBC. Porch/sunroom etc at The Old Farmhouse, Lower Lye.

No. 14/01450/FUL. Weather monitoring masts on land at Jay Barns Farm, Bedstone.

Application No. 14/02905/TCA. Trees at the Causeway. Shropshire Council had no objection to the removal and replacement of the horse chestnut tree.

Application No. 14/03290/EIA. Proposed poultry units at Hopton Heath. There had been numerous objections. Mr Hartin said this would probably go to committee in early October.

SAMDev and Bucknell village. Mr Hartin said this had gone to the Inspectorate and should be decided early next year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

“Spotlight” leaflets and SpArC theatre programmes for distribution.

FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community current account		£8,830.05
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,947.97
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£9,933.48.	

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary July & August)	£397.04
HMRC (PAYE August)	£35.80
Mrs N Adams (refund of PAYE for July)	£35.80
Mr G Jackson (website fee)	£35.72
Shropshire Council (election costs)	£603.17
HOWLTA (subs)	£10.00
Mazars (audit fee)	£120.00
Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£567.03

BR & SC Green (petrol, etc)

£103.29.

Financial regulations. Being revised.

Annual return from external auditor. Mazars 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.”

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Village post office. More information needed.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th October in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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