

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2015
in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr J Kemp (Chairman), Mr I Graves, Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes, Mr W Davies,
Mr A Faulkner, Miss B Stone.
3 members of the public.

1 OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Bates said that four open drains in Chapel Lawn Road were completely blocked with silt and weeds, which had resulted in flooding during the recent heavy rain. Clerk to inform Highways.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Savery.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

4 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7.7.15

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

5 MATTERS ARISING

St Mary's closed churchyard. The Chairman had met Mr Bates to discuss the health and safety issues of the steps onto Chapel Lawn Road. After discussion it was agreed to ask Highways to comment. Clerk also to contact Les Morgan and ask him to liaise with Miss Stone and Mr Faulkner with a view to obtaining a quote to make the steps safe.

Legal Topic Note 57 re: Tombstones and Memorials in Council Cemeteries and Closed Churchyards was available on NALC website.

Bucknell school car park hedge. After discussion it was agreed to ask Bucknell Nurseries to investigate what was involved, Mr Graves to organise. B&J Davies also to quote. The school would need to be involved at some stage.

6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Parish Plan Revision Steering Group. Mr Graves said that the next meeting was scheduled for 22nd September, at which progress would be made formulating the questions, with advice from Mathew Mead and SSRC.

A stall at Bucknell Show would gather more information from the public.

It was anticipated that the questionnaire would be out in the Spring.

Clun Valley AED/CFR schemes. No report (oral or written) received.

Daffodil Lane Development Steering Group. The Chairman said that following the unfavourable RoSPA report on the play area, as well as its wish to focus on management of the Hall and work on its replacement, the Memorial Hall committee had decided to relinquish the Lease on the larger of the two fields. Councillors agreed that this must be in writing, with an agreed period of notice. To be Agenda'd next time when ideas about the

future management of the field could be considered.

South West Shropshire LJC. Mr Graves reported that Shropshire Council was outsourcing as much as possible to reduce the number of staff. Locally, the future of SpArc was in doubt. Possible donation of £100 to be put on the next Agenda.

Bucknell school. No report available.

7 ROADS/STREETSCENE

Signs: Old Bedstone Road/opposite Baron of Beef/Dog Kennel Lane. Nothing to report at present.

Salt bins. Causeway and station car park. Nothing to report. Mrs Hughes said a salt bin was required at the top of Red Lane.

Weston Road. The speed monitoring equipment had been damaged by the road surfacing team.

8 TREE WORKS

Redlake Meadow - trimming of trees. This would most likely be carried out in the autumn.

Felling of trees - Chapel Lawn Road. This had been done and the brush pushed to the back of the site where it would provide good habitat and eventually rot down. Mr Davies advised that a cheaper alternative to stump grinding would be to spray the regrowth (particularly suitable for the limes) and then score and treat the stumps so that eventually they would rot down. The Council agreed with this suggestion.

Suggested replacement trees: flowering cherries at the Causeway and an English oak opposite the Baron of Beef. Mr Graves to contact Bucknell Nurseries.

Five year plan for trees. In his absence Mr Owen was asked to progress this.

Overhanging trees in Weston Road. Mr Davies was dealing with this. It was noted that concerns about trees should be directed to the landowner in the first instance.

9 PLANNING

Application No. 15/03257/LBC. Removal/realignment of part of boundary wall to allow formation of new vehicular access at Weir House, Bucknell. Site meeting to be held on Friday 11th September at 6.00pm.

There were no decisions to be reported by planning authority.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight leaflet for September. Distributed to those present.

Emails re: bridge replacement at The Marches, Bucknell. This had been done, to be checked during the site meeting on 11.9.15.

Email from Bedstone PCC thanking the Parish Council for its grant towards the rebuilding of the churchyard wall, this work had now been completed.

Laminated posters giving contact details for Philip Dunne MP. Miss Stone to put on the notice boards.

11 FINANCE

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account

£10,352.02

Business base rate tracker account		£10,953.53
of which: Parish plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£9,939.04.	

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary July & August))	£374.64
HMRC (PAYE July & August))	£93.80
Mrs N Adams (expenses)		£127.60
npower (energy charge June qtr)		£219.50
SALC (seminar fees - Chairman)		£60.00
Bedstone & Hopton Castle village hall (hire for meeting)		£8.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc July & August)		£628.00.

It was further agreed to pay the following:

B W Dodd & Son (tree works)		£2,160.00.
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Forward budget plan.

Mr Savery had produced a draft plan. To be discussed next time.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Transparency Code. To be discussed next time. In the meantime Miss Stone would liaise with Mr Jackson about publication of the website.

Access to Bucknell wood at Seabridge. Miss Stone reported that parked cars were making it difficult for the bus to turn round.

Mower. Note from Ray Davies that the power drive had failed. After discussion it was agreed that Teme Valley Tractors be asked to see if it could be repaired.

13 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th October in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

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

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7.9.15