

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2014 In Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Planning application at Riverside, Redlake Meadow. Concern had been expressed in the parish re: this and Mr Hartin explained that the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) included a presumption of approval. Local authorities needed to have a land bank to cover five years' building. Shropshire Council was not likely to have this for another two years, which would be at the end of the SAMDev planning process. It was possible this application would be deferred until the completion of the Natural England nutrient management plan for the Clun Valley.

Ten houses in Weston Road. This was the first phase. Mr Hartin said there was always going to be a second phase, but it was not known when this would start. Resurfacing of Weston Road had been taken out of the plan, but Mr Hartin had got it reinstated.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr A Faulkner, Mr W Davies, Mrs F Hughes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared an interest in the LJC and AED/CFR schemes.

Mr P Davies declared an interest in SAMDev.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman declared an interest in the planning application at Riverside, and asked for ongoing dispensations to allow them to discuss and vote on this matter, this was approved unanimously on a show of hands by the remaining Councillors.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7.1.14

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Bucknell school report. Mr Hartin reported that KS2 had taken part in a dance competition in Birmingham Town Hall.

The breakfast and after schools clubs were very successful.

Pupils had attended a Christingle service.

The Five-a-side team had come third in a competition in Ludlow.

The grant application for the kitchen conversion was still before the LJC whilst match funding was being sought.

Condition of phone boxes. Clerk reported that a parishioner in Clunbury was in communication with BT regarding their phone box and would try to make contact with this person, as BT was not responding to letters.

School garden play area:

Spring toy had been ordered. Ray Parry to contact Chairman as required.

Signs. Mr Kemp had obtained another quotation for comparison, and after discussion it was agreed on a show of hands to accept SignRite's quote for £133.50 + VAT including installation.

Allocation of Housing Assen dwellings. The Weston Road houses had been allocated but the details of the successful applicants were not known. One two-bedroom bungalow had not been allocated as yet.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES

The Chairman reported that Mr & Mrs Burwell Bowen and their team of helpers had raised £181 for the CFR scheme and had donated the same amount to the Memorial Hall and the local branch of the British Legion.

The 4x4 was already proving very useful.

An AED training session was recently held in Clunbury which 21 people attended.

The Clun Valley AED Scheme can now teach any groups to use the Defibrillators.

The AED would be installed in the box at the Sitwell very soon, following a technical problem with the unit.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

No report available.

The village hall AGM would be held next Monday at 7.30pm.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT GROUP

Mr Hay-Campbell had reported that Caring for God's Acre were unable to help with the work to repair the churchyard wall.

After discussion it was decided that the extent of the damage needed to be established. Further thought would be given to this as should a third party be injured, the Parish Council would be liable.

Pearce Cycles (Pearce Engineering) had made donations to various local organisations, and had sent a cheque for £250 to Bucknell Church Fabric Fund. Miss Stone to pass this on to the PCC with the request that they formally acknowledge receipt.

WEBSITE

Looks very good, and a great number of people were visiting the site.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr Hartin said the next meeting was scheduled for 13th February, this would be the last meeting in the current setup for grants. Grants for the next financial year had been withdrawn. The LJC had awarded over £2m since its inception.

The ambulance was being reinstated in Craven Arms.

Clun Fire Station had been saved from closure.

ROADS:

Various potholes, etc had been reported to Highways.

Trees: Causeway. Bucknell Nurseries had quoted £780 including VAT to remove two trees (horse chestnut and lime) on the Causeway. Mr Hartin said as this was in the conservation area it may need planning (tree works) permission and would check this tomorrow. Chairman and Mr Savery to obtain further quotations.

Trees: Chapel Lawn Road. Leaning trees across the river. Quotations to be pursued. The trees were to be pollarded/coppiced and left in place to support the river bank.

Level crossing. To be closed from 8pm on 31.3.14 until 5.30am on 1.4.14 for rail inspections.

Willow cottage, Mynd. Shropshire Council had started the drainage work.

Condition of Bedstone Road. Mr Ian Martin had been asked to write to adjoining landowners re: cutting back hedges.

Weston Road. Highways to make an inspection when the building works are finished.

Redlake Meadow. Entrance to be patched, and the job outside No. 35 should be done by the end of March.

PLANNING:

Application No. 13/05035/TCA. Removal of trees at Chacksfield House, Bedstone College, had been received between meetings and no comment made. This was approved by all Councillors present.

Application No. 14/00406/TCA. Removal of 4 poplar trees at Leafy Nook, Bucknell. Supported.

Application No. 14/00340/OUT. 20 dwellings (all matters reserved) at Riverside, Redlake Meadow, Bucknell. After discussion, Councillors considered that this could detract from the development at the timber yard/station yard, which should have priority as a brown field site. There were also concerns regarding the inadequate sewerage system, the extra cars this would entail and the exit onto Bedstone Road. The application went against the Parish Plan, and few people in the village wanted this development. It was decided unanimously on a show of hands to object to this application.

There were no decisions to be reported by the planning authority.

SAMDev and Bucknell village. Nothing to report at present.

STANDING ORDERS

Items 11 to 15. Approved as per the Clerk's draft.

The Vice Chairman asked whether the Clerk could submit the Model Standing Orders with the proposals marked, which would be easier than cross-referencing as the item numbers then changed. Clerk to make enquiries.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Spotlight” leaflets.

Community Infrastructure Levy Training at Craven Arms on 6th March. Miss Stone and Mr Kemp to represent the Parish Council.

Annual Town and Parish Emergency Planning Seminar 13th March at the Shirehall. Mr Kemp to attend.

FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£3,343.44
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,945.25
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£9,930.76.	

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary incl back pay))	£209.53
HMRC (PAYE))	£38.60
Npower (energy charge Dec 13 qtr)		£190.70
Ringway (street light repairs)		£186.74
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£180.00
SignRite (play area signs)		£160.20.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Notice boards. Miss Stone asked whether shelters of some kind could be added on to protect the notice boards from the worst of the weather. Chairman replied that this would be difficult.

Tree debris at The Causeway. Miss Stone said that some of the brash remained stuck in the hedge on the opposite bank. Chairman replied that in view of the high water level, nothing could be done at present.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March 2014 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle village hall at 7.30pm. Mr Savery suggested that all winter meetings be held at Bedstone in view of the better heating system.

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