

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr J Kemp (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mr C Savery,
Miss B Stone, Mr I Graves, Mr W Davies.
1 member of the public.

1 OPEN DISCUSSION

Pot holes in the village: by the railway crossing and at the junction of Redlake Meadow and the main road.

Top of Daffodil Lane: road is in danger of collapse.

Surface water on Bedstone Road: by the llamas - situation to be monitored.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs F Hughes, Mr A Faulkner.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

4 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5.1.16

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

5 MATTERS ARISING

St Mary's closed churchyard: steps to Chapel Lawn Road. Nothing to report at present, Mr Owen suggested contacting Caring for God's Acre for advice/possible grant.

Common land in the parish. Nothing to report at present. Likely to be a long investigation.

Parish Council communications. Nothing to report at present.

Annual Meetings arrangements. After discussion it was proposed that the first Tuesday in May would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting as usual which would include the election of Officers, etc.

The Annual Parish Assembly, ie the report to the parish, would be held on another date in May

and would include any speakers, and refreshments. Mathew Mead to be invited.

Agreed on a show of hands.

6 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Shropshire Councillor N Hartin. No report available. However, the Chairman reported that he would be attending a meeting on 10th February with the Chairman of Shropshire Council to discuss the lack of funds. This was an extension of "The Big Conversation".

Bucknell school. No report available.

Parish Plan Revision Steering Group. Mr Graves reported that the draft of the questionnaire was being finalised and copies would be available for Parish Councillors.

Daffodil Lane Development Steering Group. Miss Edwards reported as follows:

A padlock had been put on the gate into the changing room field because a few people had been camping out in vans.

Miss Edwards attended an Inspiration Event in Shrewsbury last week which highlighted how community buildings such as village halls could accommodate libraries and generate income from lettings or cafe facilities. A report was to be sent out in due course.

The Memorial Hall AGM was scheduled for Monday 8th February, all welcome to attend.

Quotes needed for the outstanding work on the changing rooms.

A quote of £385.20 for fencing around the play area had been received, more quotes needed.

It was proposed that the large gate be replaced by a 4' gate.

South West Shropshire LJC: Youth work grants. Nothing to report at present. Mr Kemp to pass LJC Minutes to Mr Graves.

7 ROADS/STREETSCENE

Bridge by the garage. Condition was giving cause for concern. Clerk to check when the next inspection was due.

Street light on Old Post Office. Has been made safe. Possibly get another street light on the dark corner - it was suggested that Western Power could lay the extra cabling when fixing the existing light. Clerk to progress this.

Out-of-hours emergency phone number for Shropshire Council/Highways. Nothing to report at present.

8 TREE WORKS

New trees planted in Chapel Lawn Road and The Causeway. Information not to hand.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

Implementation of Transparency Code. Miss Stone now had all the Minutes required for the website. Councillors informed Miss Stone which street lights were owned by the Parish Council and which were owned by Shropshire Council.

Miss Stone requested that VAT be shown separately in the Minutes. Agreed.

Staffing matters. Ray Davies. The Living Wage went up to £8.25 in November. It was unanimously agreed that Ray be paid this, backdated to November. It was further proposed that Ray be paid £9 per hour as a self-employed person, 6 in favour, 1 against. It was also proposed and agreed that Ray's pay be reviewed in October each year, by the percentage as advised by the Living Wage Foundation.

Clerk's salary and conditions. A Human Resources Committee had been set up comprising: Mr Owen. Mr Graves and Mr Savery. They would arrange to meet as soon as practicable.

10 FINANCE

Account balances. Not to hand.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary January 16))	£187.22
HMRC (PAYE Jan.16))	£47.00
Crucial Crew	£28.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc Jan 16)	£260.50
Bucknell Nurseries (replacement trees) (incl. £45.00 VAT)	£270.00

11 PLANNING

Application No. 16/00001/FUL. Replacement extension, plus front porch and brick skin to the entire property at 9 Weston Road. Application had been received between meetings and no comment made. This was approved by all Councillors present.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight leaflets for February and SpArc advertising leaflets. Distributed to those present.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

14 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st March 2016 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Mr Savery to book the hall. Mr Owen gave his apologies for that meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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