

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2014 in Bedstone and Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Miss B Stone (Vice Chairman), Mr J Kemp, Mr A Faulkner,
Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes, Mr P Davies.

Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

6 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr Jackson said that the depth gauge at Seabridge Meadow had been eroded and needed replacing. Clerk to report this.

There were pot holes along the Bedstone Road.

Mr Willson asked if there would be any course of appeal re: development adjacent to Redlake Meadow if it were approved. Mr Hartin said that there would be a full consultation beforehand, but the National Planning Policy Framework required a presumption of approval provided it was on a sustainable site, also that Shropshire Council needed to have a five-year land bank. Mr Willson said that no site notice had been put up, Mr Hartin replied that the Applicant should put up the notice and maintain it for the required number of days.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr W Davies, Mr C Savery.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr P Davies declared an interest in the planning application at the timber yard.

The Chairman declared an interest in the AED/CFR schemes and the planning application adjacent to Redlake Meadow.

Miss Stone declared an interest in the planning application adjacent to Redlake Meadow.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 4.2.14

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

MATTERS ARISING

Brash in the hedge at the Causeway. The Chairman said that Ray Davies would sort this when the river level dropped.

There was also a heap of brash in the river by the Post Office. Clerk to report this to Severn Trent.

Bucknell school. The school was taking part in Much Wenlock music festival, and were sending a tag rugby team to a competition in Ludlow organised by West Mercia

police. Di Cosgrove had given an interesting talk on her time in Uganda. KS1 were going to Clun fire station as part of their "Hero" topic.

Years 5 and 6 were organising a pop-up café with a Welsh food theme in the memorial hall one afternoon during the week before the Easter holidays.

School garden play area. The equipment needed a thorough clean, Mr Hartin suggested a mums' cleanup group. Also the entrances to the play area were very muddy, Chairman would speak to Ray Davies.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES

Chairman said there was little to report at present, other than the date for the official launch of the 4x4 vehicle was to be arranged.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards said there was nothing to report just now.

The Memorial Hall committee had requested a grant from the Parish Council to help with the cost of grasscutting, which now fell wholly on them. Miss Edwards said that fundraising events were planned, and would obtain quotes from contractors. To be put on the next Agenda.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT GROUP

The first stage of the redevelopment had been completed.

The pews which had been removed were being held in safe storage

Mr Kemp explained why the church was being rearranged.

Miss Stone tabled a copy of McCartneys' report on the condition of the churchyard wall dated 19th August 1996 for Parish Council files.

WEBSITE

Mr Jackson said that the number of hits had doubled recently.

The date of the Annual Parish Assembly followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 6th May to be put on the website.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Next meeting Thursday evening at the public hall in Bishops Castle.

The retained fire stations were now not being closed.

ROADS:

Road conditions. Chairman had tried to contact Mr Ian Martin at Highways re: displaced drain cover in Dog Kennel Lane opposite Brockswood.

Damaged drain in The Tyndings had not yet been repaired, Clerk to chase.

Trees at The Causeway. The two dangerous trees (horse chestnut and lime) were subject to Shropshire Council's Five Day Rule as they were in the conservation area. Two quotations for dismantling and removing the trees had been received, one from T Savery for £600, the other from Bucknell Nurseries for £650 + VAT but this would include paperwork to submit to Shropshire Council. It was agreed unanimously on a show of hands to accept the Bucknell Nurseries quote. Chairman to speak to Nick Coull and the Clerk to confirm by letter.

Trees at Chapel Lawn Road. Nothing to report at present as the river was still too high.

Skip at Chapel Lawn Road. This had now been removed, Clerk to write to the householder asking that the area be reinstated to its previous condition.

Willow Cottage, Mynd. Work has been done re: drainage.

Bedstone Road Hedges. Mr Hartin to check that that steps had been taken to get the hedges trimmed back at high level.

Redlake Meadow resurfacing. Should be done by the end of this month.

PLANNING

There were no applications for consideration.

Application No. 13/05035/TCA. Removal of trees at Chacksfield House, Bedstone College. No objection by Shropshire Council.

SAMDev and Bucknell village. Nothing to report at present.

STANDING ORDERS

Clerk tabled Items 16 to 25 for consideration by Councillors outwith the meeting and will be put on the next Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight leaflets for distribution.

HOWLTA Newsletter Winter 2014. To Chairman.

Network Rail letter re: works to Bucknell level crossing February to April 2014. This involved the introduction of half barriers and upgrading signalling equipment.

Email re: WWI commemorative project for Shropshire. It was intended to create a Roll of Honour for the county. Further information was required regarding Jack Gittens and Thomas Roberts. Email address: ww1@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com
Website: www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com/ww1

Broadband. Shropshire Council was now on board regarding the provision of high speed broadband to rural areas.

FINANCES:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£2,402.67
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 February))	£198.62
HMRC (PAYE February))	£35.60
Mrs N Adams (grant: use of home & computer 2013/14)	£100.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£165.00
Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall (hire for meetings)	£24.00
Bridgnorth & S. Shrops Crucial Crew (donation)	£14.00.

It was also agreed to pay the following (Mr P Davies abstained):

B & J Davies (trimming Causeway trees)	£240.00.
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This fell within the Parish Council's remit for emergency work up to the value of £500.00.

It was further agreed to pay the following:

Mr Patrick Cosgrove (grant towards expenses re: broadband)	£100.00.
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This had previously been discussed and approved by the Parish Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Newsletter. Mr Kemp to have costings re: financing ready for next time. It could also include adverts.

Bucknell Show 2014. Planned for 6th September. First meeting was held recently.

Salt bin at the top of Mynd Lane. Badly damaged, Clerk to enquire re: replacement.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April 2014 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.