

# Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman), Cllr W Davies, Cllr C Savery, Cllr I Owen (late arrival).  
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.  
10 members of the public.  
Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

### **1 OPEN DISCUSSION**

A deputation of residents from Ladywell wished to object to one person applying for the vacant house. Chairman asked that they let him have their objections in writing by 10am Wednesday 5th April.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr B Sharp, Cllr F Hughes.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

### **4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7.3.17**

Title to read "Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council". Under 5(b) second paragraph, final sentence to read: "Cllr Cullimore attended this meeting and reported that the consultation . . ." Under 10(b) payment to Mr J Kemp should read: "(reimbursement for Parish Plan printing)".

Subject to these amendments, the Minutes were then approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

### **5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS:**

**(a) Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.** Nominations closed at 4pm today and statements of persons nominated would be available late tomorrow afternoon.

17 Shropshire Councillors were standing down. Cllr Hartin confirmed that he continued as Councillor for the present.

**(b) South West Shropshire LJC.** No recent meeting of either the LJC or the Shropshire Town and Parish Council Forum.

Mathew Mead had requested that all Parish Councils donate a suggested £150 to the small grant scheme. After discussion this was rejected on a show of hands: 1 in favour, 3 against. Clerk to inform Mathew Mead.

**(c) Parish Plan implementation.** Cllr Cullimore's chart of Issues, Recommendations, and Actions to be deferred for discussion by the incoming Parish Council.

**Youth Group.** The Parish Council has provided funding for their first meeting. No further information at present.

**Train service.** Nothing to report at present.

**(d) Daffodil Lane Development Steering Group.** Miss Edwards had obtained a quotation for mowing the playing field twice a month between April and September and asked that the Parish Council pay 50% of the cost, as last year. Agreed unanimously, although a second quote would be needed. Clerk to hold the quotation, unseen by Councillors.

**(e) Bucknell school - proposed federation consultation.** No further information at present, although the federation was looking likely.

## **6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:**

**(a) Road conditions.** Cllr Savery said there was an area of flooding on the road to the Mynd. Also overhanging trees at the back of Bedstone College. He had written to the Head Teacher but nothing had been done. These matters to be referred to Ian Martin, Highways.

**(b) Street lighting: (i) Damaged light on Old Post Office.** Clerk reported difficulties with the quotation from Western Power, which now seemed to be rather high and suggested contacting the lorry driver's employer again. Councillors agreed. Clerk to pursue this vigorously.

**(ii) Leaning light by cemetery gate.** This had been swiftly dealt with by Highline.

**(c) Pathway issues.** Clerk had reported the damaged fingerpost at the end of Daffodil Lane, but it was thought Mike Starr of the P3 group had a suitable sign for this. Chairman to contact him.

**(d) Open spaces: (i) Notice board opposite The Baron.** Information not to hand at present. Cllr Owen to continue to try to identify possible contractors to supply a Board with a form of "roof". **(ii) Posts around the green at Chapel Lawn Road.** Councillors confirmed they wished to deter parking on the green. Cllr Owen had received a verbal estimate from Bucknell Nurseries for £160-£200 to supply and install around 100 posts at 6' spacings to allow easy access for the mower, would not be strimmed, but weedkiller applied twice a year. Formal quotation to be received, but Councillors considered this estimate was acceptable. **(iii) Removal of tree stumps on the green at Chapel Lawn Road.** Following a suggestion from Cllr Hartin, Cllr Davies to obtain quotations for removal/grinding of stumps. **(iv) Recycling sign.** Shropshire Council had said the recycling sign would be left until it became completely illegible and then removed and not replaced. Cllr Hartin to check with Glyn Shaw at Highways.

## **7 ST MARY'S CLOSED CHURCHYARD**

**(a) Steps to Chapel Lawn Road.** Mark Disley had submitted a revised quote of £4,161.24. It was decided to accept this, and ask him to start as soon as possible, also that he should let us know the date. Clerk to write accordingly.

**(b) Churchyard trees.** Two quotations had been received: Bucknell Nurseries £660, and S Moray £920. A third contractor had failed to quote. It was agreed to accept the Bucknell Nurseries quote. Clerk to write accordingly.

**(c) M & G Charibond Units - Trust B28.** A letter had been received from Ian Hay-Campbell stating that a fund held at present by the Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance (HDBF) from which the

PCC received the interest, was made up from requests from parishioners for "the maintenance of the Church and Churchyard so long as the (specified) graves are kept in good order". The PCC had resolved that this fund be available for the Parish Council to maintain the closed churchyard. After discussion it was agreed that more information on the specific graves was required. Chairman to speak to Mr Hay-Campbell.

**(d) Proposed war memorial.** Letter from Sylvia Meredith enclosing quotations and stating that a number of appeals had resulted in £2,910.45 presently in hand, also asking if the Parish Council could contribute to the fund. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council donate up to a maximum of £500. Clerk suggested the memorial be taken into Parish Council ownership as the VAT content of the quotations was quite substantial. Chairman to contact Mrs Meredith re: this.

A PCC committee meeting was scheduled for next Monday, Mr Bates to contact the Chairman.

## **8 PLANNING:**

**Application No. 17/00987/FUL: Detached garage at Chestnut Cove** had been received between meetings and no comment made. This was approved by all Councillors present.

**Application No. 17/001114/FUL: Single storey side extension at The Birches.** No objection.

**Applications Nos. 17/01288/FUL & 17/01172/LBC: Conversion of disused Malt House, Chapel Lawn Road.** Supported.

The following decisions were reported:

**Application No. 16/05350/FUL: Extension at Redlake Reach.** Granted.

**Application No. 16/04933/OUT: New dwellings at Riverside.** Refused.

**Applications Nos. 16/04519/FUL & 16/04520/LBC:** Replacement extension at Weir Cottage. Granted.

## **9 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

**(a) May Election.** It was thought that Cllr Sharp and Cllr Hughes would not be standing again. Clerk to establish how long they had served on the Parish Council and to advise if public funds could be used to mark their long service.

SALC training session for new Councillors on Wednesday 17th May. Clerk to book some places. Clerk to investigate the co-option procedure if necessary.

**(b) Arrangements for Parish Council meetings in May: (i) Tuesday 2.5.17** final winding-up meeting of this Council to include approval of year end accounts. Lyn Cordrey had kindly agreed to carry out the internal audit again. **(ii) Tuesday 16.5.17** first meeting of the new council, Clerk to check date with Christine Price.

## **10 COUNCIL FINANCE:**

**(a) Account balances were reported as:**

Community current account	£5,947.73
Business Premium account	£10,961.75
of which: Parish Plan account	£78.14
Parish Council account	£10,883.61.

It was agreed to leave the Parish Plan amount in case of future need.

**(b) It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:**

SALC (affiliation fee)	£313.26
Ray Davies (grasscutting/grounds maintenance)	£247.00
Ms N Adams (salary Feb + holiday pay y/e 31.3.17)	£541.65
Mr J Kemp (refund for dog waste bags)	£25.20.

**11 CORRESPONDENCE**

Spotlight leaflet for April. Distributed to those present.

**12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**13 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

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10.4.17