

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Cullimore, Cllr A Faulkner, Cllr W Davies, Cllr B Sharpe,
Cllr F Hughes, Cllr C Savery.

Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

No members of the public present

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

1 OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman).

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6.12.16

Under Item 5(c) Meeting afternote: "... the Final Plan will not be available until February."
Subject to this amendment the Minutes were then approved and signed by the Vice Chairman
as a true and accurate record.

5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

(a) Shropshire Councillor N Hartin. Nothing to report at present.

(b) South West Shropshire LJC. Mr Hartin said the next pre-meeting was scheduled for
Thursday 12th January at Lydbury North.

(c) Parish Plan Revision Group. Cllr Cullimore said the plan was now finished and would
be presented at the February Parish Council meeting.

(d) Daffodil Lane Development Steering Group. No report available. It was not known
whether the walnut tree had been planted.

6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:

(a) Road conditions: (i) Speeding through the village. Nothing to report at present.

(ii) Drainage on The Mynd. No reply from Ian Martin, Highways re: future programme
of works. **(iii) Bad pothole on main road by Reeves Cottage.** This is in Herefordshire, but
should be reported as Cllr Davies' car was damaged. Clerk to contact the relevant authority.

(b) Street lighting: (i) Change of Contractor. The comparisons between High Line and E.on
were discussed and it was unanimously decided on a show of hands to ask High Line to take on

the maintenance of the parish lights. **(ii) Replacement light in Chapel Lawn Road.** It was also decided unanimously on a show of hands that High Line be asked to replace this light, and Western Power would connect to the mains supply. Clerk advised that the culprit be referred to Telford County Court and would circulate known information to all Councillors for possible further details.

(c) Pathway issues. None.

(d) Other open space issues: (i) Railway hedge by school garden play area. Clerk had requested that Network Rail reduce the height of the tree/shrubs down to hedge height.

7 ST MARY'S CLOSED CHURCHYARD

(a) Meeting with Hereford Diocesan Advisory Committee on 16.1.17.

8 PLANNING

There were no applications for discussion.

Application No. 16/04519/FUL. Replacement extension and alterations to access at Weir Cottage, Bucknell, had been granted.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:

(a) Implementing the *Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities*. **(i) Internal Financial Audit for December 2016 quarter.** Awaiting next bank statements. **(ii) Grant for office equipment to support implementation of the *Transparency Code*.** Had been granted. **(iii) Separate list of expenditures of £100 and over.** Now on the website.

10 COUNCIL FINANCE:

(a) Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£7,453.86
Business Premium account		£10,960.38
of which:		
Parish Plan account	£879.74	
Parish Council account	£10,080.64.	

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

npower (2nd monthly payment of arrears)		£196.56
		(includes £9.36 VAT)
Mrs N Adams (salary: December))	£251.54
HMRC (PAYE))	£62.80.

Vice Chairman proposed that Mr Ray Davies's bill be settled between meetings, provided that it was supported by a suitable timesheet. This was agreed unanimously on a show of hands.

(c) Forward budget plan against expenditure to date. Mr Savery handed round spread sheets to the end of December.

(d) Precept for 2017/18. Clerk tabled an information document which was discussed. The Vice Chairman then proposed a Precept of £18,000, which was approved on a show of hands: 4 in favour, 2 against.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

HOWLTA Newsletter Autumn 2016/17 with request for donation towards the Heart of Wales Line Trail to encourage more ramblers to use the line. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to donate £50.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Itemss for next Agenda:

Parish & Town Council Strategic Freight Study
Bucknell Primary School report
Parish Plan presentation

13 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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