

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman), Cllr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Cllr B Sharpe, Cllr C Savery,
Cllr D Cullimore, Cllr A Faulkner, Cllr W Davies (late arrival).

1 member of the public.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

1 OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr F Hughes, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

4 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7.2.17

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

5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS:

- (a) **Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.** Not available. Mrs Hartin said the main thing at the moment was broadband.
- (b) **South West Shropshie LJC.** A meeting on broadband had been held in Clun, and line-of-sight broadband was discussed, but there was a problem with trees getting in the way. Work ongoing.
Shropshire Town & Parish Councils Forum. Cllr Cullimore attended this meeting and reported that the **consultation** on the local plan continued, SAMDev would be carried over into the new plan, other versions to follow.
- (c) **Parish Plan Implementation.** After discussion Cllr Cullimore was asked to draft a long term action plan complete with a time frame. The Chairman suggested that this be available for the next meeting.
Youth Group. Juliet Earp now had a number of volunteers and would be seeking information from Shropshire Council, who could also provide a grant of up to £1,000. Cllr Cullimore proposed that the Parish Council make a grant of £250 to support the initial setup, seconded by Cllr Savery and approved unanimously on a show of hands. The Youth Group money to be kept in the Parish Council's bank account and ring fenced for that project.
Letter had been received from Mr Price commenting that no mention of the railway had been made in the Parish Plan and asking that representations be made to Network Rail and Arriva Trains Wales to provide a better service. Cllr Cullimore

to follow this up.

- (d) **Daffodil Lane Development Steering Group.** No report available.
- (e) **Bucknell School - proposed federation consultation.** Mrs Hartin tabled copies of the proposal to federate the schools in Bucknell, Clunbury and Newcastle. Mrs Hartin said that KS1 would be completely full in September, including 12 from pre-school. A Bikeability grant of £1,000 had been received.

6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:

- (a) **Road conditions.** Satisfactory.
- (b) **Street lighting.** Failed Shropshire Council lights in Chestnut Meadow and Redlake Meadow had been reported. Highline had replaced the street light on the Old Post Office and Western Power would connect up the power supply. The rest of the lights were now in operation.
- (c) **Pathway issues.** The finger post at the end of Daffodil Lane was damaged. Clerk to report this,
- (d) **Open Spaces.** Recycling sign opposite The Baron needed to be replaced. Cars were being parked on the green, which was causing some damage at this time of year. Possibly posts could be installed to stop this, Cllr Owen to investigate. Seats at The Causeway needed repainting, Ray Davies had this in hand. Notice board opposite The Baron had been damaged by Storm Doris. Cllr Owen to get two quotes, one for like-for-like and the other for a glazed and lockable notice board.

7 ST MARY'S CLOSED CHURCHYARD:

- (a) **Steps to Chapel Lawn Road.** After discussion it was agreed how this job should be carried out. Chairman to obtain a revised quotation and check with other Parish Councillors.
- (b) **Churchyard trees.** Chairman to obtain two further quotations.
- (c) **Gate on sloping path.** Ray Davies had removed this and put it into store. Two posts remained. It was not considered any further action was needed.

8 PLANNING

There were no applications for consideration, nor any decisions to be reported by planning authority.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

- (a) **Internal Financial Audit for December 2016.** Cllr Savery said that two items had not been covered, Clerk to ensure these were acted upon next time.
- (b) **Clerk's salary increase.** Chairman said this was in accordance with the NALC

agreement, and would contact the Payroll Clerk for this to be implemented.
There was also the matter of holiday pay, which would be reimbursed in lieu to the Clerk as previously agreed.

- (c) **Election procedure.** Clerk distributed nomination packs and detailed the changes in procedures for the Election in May. Chairman offered to personally deliver the completed forms to Ludlow provided they were supplied to him in time. The Electoral Roll numbers of the proposers and seconders could be supplied by the Clerk by telephone when required.
Information re: the Election to be put on the website.

10 COUNCIL FINANCE:

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

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| Community current account | £6,693.33 |
| Business Premium account | £10,961.75. |

Clerk to establish the Parish Plan element.

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

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| Ms N Adams (salary February)) | £251.54 |
| HMRC (PAYE February)) | £62.80 |
| Ms N Adams (expenses to date) | £189.76 |
| Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc February) | £228.00 |
| Bedstone & Hopton Castle village hall (hire for meetings) | £32.00 |
| Mr J Kemp (reimbursement for Parish Plan Printing) | £19.50 |
| HOWLTA (subs to 28.2.18) | £12.00. |

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Spotlight leaflets for March. Distributed to those present.
HOWLTA Spring 2017 newsletter.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CLlr Davies said that some young drivers were racing through the village. Chairman said this should be reported to the police, preferably with car registration numbers and any other evidence.

13 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.02pm.

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