

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman), Cllr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Cllr W Davies, Cllr C Savery, Cllr S Jones, Cllr D Cullimore, Cllr N Edwards. Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

One member of the public.
Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

1 OPEN DISCUSSION

Nothing to discuss.

2 APOLOGIES FOR

ABSENCE Cllr C Davies.

3 DECLARATIONS OF

INTEREST As and when required.

4 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5.9.17

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

Matters arising: Chairman had received an email from Mr Brian Willson, Willow Cottage, Redlake Meadow, asking that it be made clear that the problem with verge cutting referred to Willow Cottage, Bedstone.

5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS:

(a) Shropshire Councillor N Hartin. Nothing much happening at present. A new contractor called Keir would take over from Ringway with effect from 1.4.18. Chairman said there was an Economic Development Strategy, which should include Bucknell and also Clun.

(b) Daffodil Lane Development. (i) quotes for work to complete changing rooms. Still waiting for three quotes. **(ii) repairs to fencing/gate.** Cllr Edwards declared an interest. RoSPA required the gate to have a 12mm spacing either side and a soft closing feature, these requirements would put another £50 approximately extra on the quotes. Cllr Owen proposed the Parish Council pay 50% of the cost of the repair, this was not seconded. The Chairman proposed the Parish Council pay 100% of this repair as a facility for the village, seconded by Cllr Jones, and approved on a show of hands: 5 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention. It was further agreed to accept the Bucknell Nurseries quote of £383 (£475 inc VAT), this to be the maximum Parish Council contribution. **(iii) horse riding.** Cllr Edwards said that two girls were riding their ponies on the playing field and cutting up the turf. Cllr W Davies said they were also riding through the woods. Cllr Edwards to have a quiet word with the girls.

6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:

(a) Road conditions. (i) verge cutting at Willow Cottage, Bedstone. Cllr Savery to check this has been done. **(ii) overhanging trees at Woolacombe.** Done. **(iii) parking at Hornsey Steels.** Still

happening, situation to be monitored. **(iv) speeding - 20mph event seminar.** Cllr Cullimore reported that this had been very interesting. A pressure group was trying to get 30mph areas reduced to 20mph for safety reasons. Shropshire Council and opinion polls were supportive. This was similar to the Quiet Lanes scheme some years ago. After discussion it was decided this would not work in this parish. **(v) provision of 2 new dog waste bins.** Kate Adams from Streetscene, Shropshire Council, had emailed to say that a new bin could be provided at the Parish Council's expense: £200 including installation, plus £342 per year ongoing to cover the cost of emptying the bin. An alternative would be to relocate an existing bin. After discussion it was agreed that as there was a bin in the school garden play area, the bin on the school corner (in the hedge) should be moved to halfway down Weston Road. Ms Adams would supply adhesive signs regarding bins being provided for disposal of both bagged dog waste and litter. **(vi) new recycling sign opposite the Baron.** Ms Adams confirmed these were not being replaced now. Chairman to contact Veolia.

(b) Street lighting. (i) street light on Old Post Office. Chairman reported that Western Power had installed the electricity supply, and Highline Electrical had been asked to reconnect the lamp. Clerk said that the unmetered electricity refund had been backdated in view of the length of time this light had been out of use. **(ii) Shropshire Council/Developer in Chestnut Meadow - light opposite the little car park.** Chairman reported that this light was now operational.

(c) Other pathway issues. None.

(d) Other open space issues: (i) common land at Chapel Lawn Road: (1) replacement notice board - new specification. Clerk had circulated a specification, which would be discussed outwith this meeting. **(2) wording of parking notices.** Chairman had circulated suggested wording, but after discussion it was decided that the sign should request that there should be no parking on the grass at all. **(ii) lime tree on common land by The Old School House.** Awaiting report from Shropshire Tree Officer. **(iii) horse chestnut tree on the corner of Dog Kennel Lane.** Awaiting report from Shropshire Tree Officer. **(iv) school garden play area - overhanging trees.** Nothing to report at present. **(v) river management - gravel banks above and below the bridge.** Clerk to report this to the Environment Agency, copy to Mrs Sue Fairclough (river warden). **(vi) proposed Bert Green memorial seat on The Causeway.** Cllr Edwards declared an interest, but said that the family were pleased and touched by the proposal. Cllr Owen to project lead on this.

7 ST MARY'S CLOSED CHURCHYARD

(a) Flagpole: specification/quotes/funding options. Awaiting information from PCC.

(b) New seat in churchyard. Awaiting information from PCC.

8 EMERGENCY PLANNING:

Cllr Jones tabled the first draft of the A5 leaflet and said that this information could also go on the website and in the next newsletter. Options were required for types of printing. It was thought important that one female Councillor's details should also be included as well as male Councillors'. Cllr Edwards volunteered for this.

9 PLANNING:

Application No. 17/03579/FUL. Reinstatement of bungalow following extensive fire damage at 4 Chestnut Meadow had been received between meetings and a comment in support had been returned following consultation with Parish Councillors by email.

Application No. 17/04131/FUL. Five dwellings, vehicular access, parking areas, etc at land adjacent Doukel, Chapel Lawn Road. There was a telegraph pole on the site on which was sited a Parish Council street light. Councillors would support this application provided the street light was reinstated.

Application No. 17/04441/FUL. Rear extension at The Fold, Bucknell. Mrs Aplin was invited to speak from the floor and explained that the new kitchen would provide more privacy for both their property and their neighbour's. Supported.

Application No. 17/04315/LBC. Single storey rear extension affecting a Grade II Listed Building at Bucknell House, Bucknell. Cllr W Davies declared an interest and left the meeting while this was discussed. Supported, providing the geographical designation was corrected, SW corner rather than SE corner as per the plans. Cllr Davies was asked to investigate this with his Architect.

Application No. 17/02162/FUL. Proposed dwelling at Yew Tree House, Bucknell had been granted.

10 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:

- (a) Publication of Parish Councillors' contact details.** Cllr Jones to investigate implementing contact details without giving personal emails and addresses.
- (b) Team building session.** To be put on the next Agenda.
- (c) Lead responsibilities.** Chairman to write something for the newsletter and liaise with Ms Stone.

11 COUNCIL FINANCE: Account

balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£12,779.02
Business Savings account	£10,961.75
of which:	
Parish Plan account	£78.14
Transparency Grant fund	£1,065.00
Youth Group	£1,166.00
Parish Council account	£8,652.61.

Youth group organiser to be asked to provide a financial report every six months, possibly March and September. Clerk to contact Juliet Earp, copy to Cllr Jones.

Incoming: Openreach Wayleave £149.83.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Ray Davies (grounds maintenance)	£380.00
Mazars (audit fee)	£120.00
Ms N Adams (salary September + extra hours as agreed)	£440.87
HMRC (PAYE)	£110.40
Bucknell Memorial Hall (hire for youth group meetings)	£50.00
Chris Tranter (mowing of playing field July & Sept)	£340.00.

Forward budget plan/internal audit. Cllr Savery distributed 3-Monthly Internal Systems Check Lists for the March and June quarters.

12 CORRESPONDENCE:

Spotlight leaflets for October. Distributed to those present.

Letter from Jenny Barker, Fairtrade Clun Valley, asking that the Parish Council commits to using Fairtrade Mark products in the future. After discussion it was decided that although Councillors supported the Fairtrade initiative, it was not relevant for the Parish Council. Information to be forwarded to the WI and Ms Stone for the newsletter.

Letter from Community Enablement Team at Shropshire Council offering more support and services to town and parish councils on a commercial basis.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk suggested that the Parish Council give some flowers to Cllr C Davies when she returns home. Cllr Jones to organise this at the appropriate time.

14 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th November 2017 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Cllr Savery to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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