

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2014

PRESENT

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Miss B Stone (Vice Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr J Kemp,
Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies, Mr C Savery, Mrs F Hughes.
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
Mr M Mead – Shropshire Council.
7 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Weston Road. Mr S Davies asked whether the gouges in the tarmac were going to be repaired. Chairman replied that it was a minor road and would not be high on Shropshire Council's list. Mr Hartin to speak to Chris Edwards, Highways, at their meeting tomorrow.

Network Rail lorries had damaged verges, Clerk to contact them.

Flooding in Dog Kennel Lane at the telephone box end. Mr Cullmore asked whether anything could be done. Mr Hartin would report this also.

Hedges along Bedstone Road. Needed to be severely cut back both sides. Mr Hartin to pursue this matter with Highways.

High speed broadband. Miss Edwards said that the cables for this were to be put in.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr A Faulkner.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman. Mr I Owen was proposed by Mr P Davies, seconded by Mrs Sharpe. In the absence of any further nominations, Mr Owen was re-elected on a show of hands.

Vice Chairman. Miss Stone did not wish to stand again. Mr J Kemp was proposed by Mr P Davies, seconded by Mrs Sharpe. As there were no more nominations, Mr Kemp was elected on a show of hands.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr P Davies and Mr W Davies declared an interest in the timber yard development.

Mr Owen declared an interest in the AED/CFR schemes and the Bucknell Show.

Mr Kemp declared an interest in the Bucknell Show.

Miss Stone asked whether a Standing Order should be written to clarify the position re: Declarations when a Councillor attended a committee meeting to represent the Parish Council as there was not a detailed Model Standing Order to cover this. After discussion it was decided this was not necessary.

APPOINTMENT OF CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

Presently Mr Owen, Mr W Davies and Mr Kemp. It was decided unanimously to reappoint the signatories en bloc.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1.4.14

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

MATTERS ARISING

Bucknell school report. Detailed report not available. There were 43 pupils on the school roll.

Condition of phone boxes. Clerk was waiting to hear back from the contact in Clunbury.

School garden play area. The new spring toy was in place, the old spring toy needed to be removed, Chairman to speak to Ray Davies.

Depth gauge at Seabridge Meadow. Mr Kemp said this had come to light during the duck race. Clerk asked that this be retrieved and kept safe somewhere.

Parish newsletter. Mr Kemp said the costs had been received today, but he had not had time to study them and needed to work out the details.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES

The unit at the Sitwell was now operational.

Photographs of the 4x4 vehicle were needed for the website.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

The grass had been cut twice this month. Mr Kemp asked that the grass be better cut for the Bucknell Show this year.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT GROUP

Contractors were being sought for the kitchenette and toilet. Investigations were ongoing regarding disposal of waste water.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday at 9 o'clock.

WEBSITE

Mr Jackson explained the numbers re: hits, visitors and pageturners.

BUCKNELL SHOW

Arrangements were progressing, schedules should be available 1st June. The duck race raised £371.

Helpers would be needed on the Friday putting up tents, etc, and on the Sunday taking tents down and clearing away. The tents could be provided by Aardvark and/or Bishops Castle Village Outreach.

The next meeting was scheduled for tomorrow night.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

A meeting was scheduled for next Wednesday at Clungunford at 6pm to discuss future arrangements. The next public meeting was planned for 16th July.

ROADS

Street lights were out by the Lychgate, top end of Chestnut Meadow, and outside Woodlands.

Bedstone churchyard wall. A section had collapsed into the road.

Trees: Causeway. Clerk had sent more photos to Shropshire Council and had received an acknowledgement.

Trees: Chapel Lawn Road across the river. These would be felled during the autumn.

Redlake Meadow: Road surface outside No. 35 had been marked out, also the footway, but the work had not yet been done.

B4368 Closure near Clun. This had been extended from 4 to 6 weeks.

PLANNING:

Application No. 14/01450/FUL. Weather monitoring masts and associated equipment at Jay Barns Farm, Bedstone, (temporary installation), had been received between meetings and a response returned that the Parish Council had no objection provided the masts, etc were removed by the stated date.
This response was approved by Councillors present.

Application No. 14/01629/CPL. Proposed installation of a fish pass at Lingen Weir. After discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council had no objection to this.

There were no decisions to be reported by Planning authority.

SAMDev and Bucknell Village. The consultation was now closed.
Mr M Mead said that in spite of the National Planning Policy Framework it was still important for Parish Councils to have their say on incoming planning applications.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Spotlight” leaflets. Distributed to those present.

Emails re: Good Neighbours scheme and DBS checks required by Shropshire Council. It seemed every driver was obliged to travel to Shrewsbury for checking, it was not possible for this to be done at the Customer First point at Bucknell garage.

Shropshire Council email re: Shropshire and Staffordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. This was made up of a suite of documents available online, with the consultation closing on 30th June. The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) would be reviewed, updated, and published.

FINANCE

Account balances not available at present.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary April))	£198.62
HMRC (PAYE))	£35.60

Ray Parry (spring toy)	£996.00
SALC (subs)	£291.07
Npower (energy charge March qtr)	£186.54
Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)	£291.79.

It was further agreed to pay the following (the Chairman abstained):

Mr I Owen (travelling expenses)	£15.30
Chris Tranter (grasscutting Daffodil Lane field)	£150.00.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Sharpe reported that the bus from Ludlow last Wednesday was 5 hours late without any explanation. Councillors said that there had been a bad accident on the A49 and the road had been closed for several hours without warning.

Mr Savery said the Coronation Oak in Bedstone had been cut down at about waist height. The Chairman said this could possibly be replaced next winter with a free tree from Shropshire Council.

Miss Stone asked about the Financial Regulations. Clerk said these would be circulated soon for comment.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd June 2014 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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