

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 In Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr J Kemp (Vice Chairman), Miss B Stone, Mr A Faulkner, Mr C Savery,  
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin,  
Mr M Mead (Shropshire Council),  
2 members of the public.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr Chambers asked about the current situation regarding the planning application at Riverside, Redlake Meadow. Miss Stone said that a habitat survey had found no reason to object to a development of up to 9 houses. It was thought a revised drawing had been submitted for 10 houses rather than the original 20.

Mr Hartin said a response was awaited from Natural England. If a recommendation to approve was made by the Planning Officer, this application would then go before the Committee.

Up to 10 houses would not trigger the fresh water pearl mussel consideration.

Mr Chambers said that most people were happy with the number of houses on the timber yard. Mr Hartin said work could start between December 2015 and July 2016.

Mr Mead said that SAMDev should not be implemented before July 2016. The general direction of travel of the SAMDev plan was good but several adjustments would need to be made.

Mr Chambers said that the road works in Chapel Lawn Road seemed to be going well, but was concerned about traffic using Dog Kennel Lane as a cut through. Would it be possible to get "narrow road – slow" signs for the corner by Red Lane. Mr Hartin to follow this up tomorrow.

The Vice Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr W Davies, Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes.  
Mr I Owen (Chairman)(late arrival)

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 2.12.14**

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Bucknell school report.** Nothing to report at present.

**Condition of phone boxes.** An objection to the closure of the public call boxes in the parish has been lodged with BT.

**Parish Newsletter.** Mr Kemp declared an interest and reported that the next newsletter was not yet available.

**Code of Conduct seminar.** This had been cancelled for the second time owing to lack of numbers. It was unlikely another would be arranged for a while.

**Revision of Parish Plan.** Miss Stone had spoken to Mr Graves and a steering committee was yet to be formed.

**Footpath wicket at the Hales.** Mr Davies to contact Mr Hartin on this.

**Severn Trent: eroded riverbank/dredging by the bridge.** This had been reported.

The Vice Chairman then relinquished the chair to the Chairman.

#### **VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL**

After discussion it was decided to allow the 14 days for parishioners to request an election to end on 3<sup>rd</sup> February and closing date for applications to end on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES**

Mr Owen declared an interest, and reported that the heater in the enclosure at the Sitwell Arms was still not working, and so the unit had been removed to avoid damage.

There would be a new drive for volunteers shortly.

#### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing to report at present.

#### **CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT GROUP**

As this project had been completed, Miss Stone had agreed with Mr Hay-Campbell not to attend any further meetings.

**Trench arch system.** Mr Hay-Campbell had been asked for details of this, but Miss Stone said information was available on the internet and would forward a link.

**Health & Safety.** The current arrangement was deemed adequate. Clerk to find out re: salting of paths in winter.

#### **ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLACE PLAN**

Mr Mead explained the procedure and distributed copies of the present priorities, which were discussed. The forms were completed and signed by the Chairman and Mr Hartin.

The Chairman had received a document from the AONB and would send the Clerk a link.

#### **WEBSITE**

Nothing to report. This item to be removed from the Agenda.

## **SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE COMMITTEE**

**Review of health care in South Shropshire.** Mr Mead said that should the A&E Department be sited in Telford, there was a proposal for Urgent Care Centres throughout the county. It would be worthwhile lobbying for a UCC in Bishops Castle. There were also talks re: cross-border co-operation with Wales.

### **ROADS:**

**Street light on Old Post Office.** It was thought this was not working. Chairman to check and inform Clerk.

**Redlake Meadow.** Nothing to report at present.

**Refreshing of white lines.** It was thought this had been done.

**Old Bedstone Road: new one way sign.** Reported to Highways.

**Damaged salt bin, Red Lane.** Miss Stone reported that this was split but quite serviceable, and had been refilled with salt.

**Drainage over the Mynd.** Highways had been in contact with Mr Hughes to sort this problem.

### **PLANNING:**

**Application No. 14/05546/TCA.** Tree works east of Rose Cottages, Bedstone. No comment as this was in a Conservation Area.

There were no decisions to be reported by the planning authority.

**Lime tree at the Causeway.** The Chairman reported that the taking of the borer core sample had not been very satisfactory as it had only gone in a few inches. A report was awaited. Mr Davies to be asked to take a bore sample. The horse chestnut tree could be felled. Two current quotes needed for taking it down.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

HOWLTA Community Rail Partnership 2014-15 report. To Miss Stone.

### **FINANCES:**

#### **Account balances were reported as:**

Community (current) account		£5,638.44
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,950.91
Of which:		
Parish plan account	£1,014.49	
Bedstone churchyard wall	£3,000.00	
Parish Council account	£6,936.42.	

#### **It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:**

Mrs N Adams (salary Dec 14)	)	£198.42
HMRC (PAYE)	)	£35.80
Mrs N Adams (use of home & computer 2014-15)		£100.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£234.00.

**Review of electricity supplier.** Clerk reported that initial investigations had indicated that the bills were not excessive, but would report fully at the next meeting.

**Precept for 2015/16.** Clerk tabled financial documents which were discussed, after which the Chairman proposed a Precept of £14,500 in view of the probable removal of the Council Tax Support Grant Funding. This was seconded by Miss Stone and agreed unanimously on a show of hands.

**Increase in Clerk's working hours.** The Chairman proposed increasing the hours worked from 6 to 7 per week. This was approved on a show of hands, 4 in favour, 1 abstention. However, the Clerk said that a review of the Clerk's salary and other terms and conditions would be on the next Agenda.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall, which is better heated in the winter. Mr Savery to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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