

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2014 In Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr J Kemp (Vice Chairman), Mr W Davies, Mr C Savery, Miss B Stone,
Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes.
5 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Speeding traffic. Mrs Jackson said that young people were driving too fast along Weston Road and through the village, one car in particular. Clerk said it was important that every incident was reported to the police on telephone number 101 so that a body of evidence could be built up. An item would be put in the newsletter, and a letter from the Parish Council to be written to the police informing them of the problem.

Overhanging trees in Weston Road. Miss Edwards said that there were problems recently during a road closure with a large lorry using Weston Road as a diversion and causing much damage to adjoining trees and hedges. Mr W Davies said the trees belonged to B & J Davies, but he had been warned against trimming them back because of possible dormice habitat. Clerk said that cases of road safety took priority. The official diversion had been via Chapel Lawn Road. Clerk to contact Highways for clarification.

Parson's crossing. Mr S Davies said that Network Rail had recently strimmed the vegetation to ensure good visibility.

The Vice Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Mr S Faulkner, Mr P Davies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr W Davies declared an interest in SAMDev.

Mr Kemp declared an interest in the newsletter and Bucknell Show.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3.6.14

Under "Matters Arising: School garden play area" sentence to be added: "Miss Stone felt that the disclaimer sign located at the back should be kept under review."

Under "Church Redevelopment Group" last sentence to begin: "Miss Stone said the effluent waste from the proposed kitchenette and toilet would be disposed of using the "trench arch" system, which . . .".

Subject to the above amendments, the Minutes were then approved unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Bucknell school report. Not available.

Condition of phone boxes. Awaiting responses from Parish Clerks in the area. Clerk to chase.

School garden play area. Ray Davies to take out the base of the old spring toy.

Depth gauge at Seabridge Meadow. Cannot be traced. Clerk to ask the relevant authority to install a replacement.

Parish newsletter. Mr Jackson had offered to help with the co-ordination of addresses, etc.

Bedstone also to be included in the distribution. Mr Savery to speak to Mr Kemp.

Revision of Parish Plan. Mr Graves had written to say that he would be happy to help with any revision. Miss Stone to contact him.

Renewal of concrete bases of seats. Should be done by the end of this month.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES

Miss Edwards said things were very quiet. The AED scheme was fund raising at the moment, notably with a balloon race starting from the Clun Show on 2nd August.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The grass was being mown approximately every two weeks on the recreation ground site which was keeping it at a manageable level.

The tractor run from Daffodil Lane on 22nd June raised £961.20.

The changing rooms were still to be completed but should be available for the Show.

Mr Kemp asked whether the planning permission for the new hall was about to run out, Miss Edwards said this would be in November, but it was hoped to start the footings before then.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT GROUP

An application had been made to the diocese for a faculty to cover the proposed works.

After discussion it was agreed to amend the wording for the grant to: “. . . up to £500 towards the cost of repair of the existing main doors”. Clerk to write to Mr Hay-Campbell.

WEBSITE

Mr Jackson said the renewal date for the domain name was 7th August and would cost in the region of £34 depending on the dollar exchange rate. It was unanimously agreed to renew this.

BUCKNELL SHOW

There was a meeting scheduled for next week. Arrangements seemed to be moving on, but more volunteers were needed. A skip would be provided for the rubbish

afterwards. No sponsorship at present. Mrs Sharpe proposed a donation of £500, agreed unanimously on a show of hands.

LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

No information to hand, but a meeting had been held on 12th June.

ROADS:

Street lights in Chestnut Meadow. Clerk had established that the light outside No. 10 was a Parish Council light, but the ownership of the remaining lights needed to be investigated.

Street light at The Hall. Mrs Sharpe to check whether this was working, and contact the Clerk.

Trees at the Causeway. Nothing to report at present. Clerk to chase the Planning Department, also to contact Mr Dougald Purce to arrange a site meeting with the Parish Council re: lime tree.

Hedges along Bedstone Road. It was understood Mr Hartin had reported this. Mr Savery said the hedges on the bottom side also needed drastic trimming. Clerk to contact Mr Hartin for further information.

Redlake Meadow road surface at No. 35. No information to hand. Clerk to chase.

Speeding traffic past the woodyard. People were encouraged to report incidents to the police.

PLANNING:

Applications Nos. 14/02489/FUL & 14/02490/LBC, Porch/sunroom. etc at The Old Farmhouse, Lower Lye, Bucknell. Supported.

Application No. 14/02808/FUL, Single storey extension at Seabridge Cottage, Bridgend Lane, Bucknell. Supported.

There were no decisions to be reported by planning authority.

SAMDev and Bucknell village. Nothing to report at present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

“Spotlight” leaflets for July. Distributed to those present.

Shropshire Council Notice of Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations. Councillors considered that arrangements within the parish were satisfactory.

RoSPA reports on inspection of the two play areas in the village.

FINANCES:

Account balances were reported as:

Community current account

£10,870.43

Business saver account £10,948.06

Of which: Parish Plan account £1,014.49
Parish Council account £9,933.57.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (June salary))	£198.42
HMRC (PAYE))	£35.80
Ringway Infrastructure Services Ltd (street light repair)		£200.16
Chris Tranter (mowing playing field x 2 in June)		£150.00
Playsafety Ltd (inspections of play equipment)		£156.00
Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)		£300.00
Donation to Bucknell Show		£500.00.

Financial Regulations. Clerk had attended a seminar at the Shirehall recently and would revise these as appropriate for this Parish Council for approval.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

WWI commemoration 5th/6th July. Mrs Sharpe asked whether the Parish Council would contribute towards a flower arrangement in the church. After discussion it was agreed to donate up to £25 for a country-style arrangement from the florist in Knighton. Mr W Davies to sort this.

Junction of Dog Kennel Lane & Mynd Lane. Miss Stone asked what was the current situation. Clerk to enquire.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

There will be no meeting in August.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

JWMK/NEA
3.7.14