

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2014 In Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Mr J Kemp (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes, Miss B Stone,
Mr C Savery, Mr A Faulkner, Mr I Owen (Chairman).

Mr Mathew Mead, Shropshire Council
8 members of the public.

Mr Kemp assumed the chair for the start of the meeting as Mr Owen would be arriving late.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Meredith suggested there should be a war memorial in the parish. There were plaques in the memorial hall and the church, but these were not always open. She had canvassed local opinion and to date everyone was in favour. Mr Hay-Campbell said that Parish Council support would be very important. There was a suitable niche at the church but permission was needed from the diocese. No funding had yet been sought. Mr Faulkner said the plaque should be in stone or slate, not wood. Councillors expressed unanimous support for this project. The next step would be to form a small steering group.

The Vice Chairman thanked Mrs Meredith for raising this subject.

Mr Brian Hughes said that traffic was using the Mynd during the closure of the Bedstone Road, most drivers were considerate but there were a few bad drivers. Mr Hughes asked whether it was possible to put warning signs on the approach roads. Mr Mead to contact Mr Hartin.

In addition the road across the Mynd was in a very poor condition – pot holes getting worse because of the increased traffic. Mr Hughes kindly cleaned out the road drains by his property. Drains system used to work – tried unsuccessfully to tell the contractors to where the old drains were.

Clerk said that Bedstone to the Mynd drainage and overlay was in the programme for 7th January next year (weather dependent). The section was from the Darky Dale junction to just past the barn at the top of the bank. Mr Hughes said it was the section beyond that which needed attention.

The Chairman arrived at this point and the Vice Chairman relinquished the chair. The Chairman closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr I Owen (Chairman) (late arrival).
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7.10.14

Under "Roads – Dog Kennel Lane" First sentence to read: "Blocked gully opposite No. 6."

Subject to this amendment the Minutes were agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Bucknell school report. Not available.

Condition of phone boxes. Nothing to report at present.

School garden play area. Base of the old spring toy had been removed.

Parish newsletter. Miss Stone had put together a draft letter to be sent to those who were advertising on the notice boards to ask whether they would be interested in paying to advertise in the newsletter.

Mr Kemp said the next newsletter was not quite ready but would be published soon.

Code of conduct seminar. Date to be arranged, venue probably Craven Arms.

Standing Orders. Not yet ready to reissue.

VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

This would need to be reported to Shropshire Council and a Casual Vacancy declared. An election would only be held if 10 parishioners requested it, otherwise applications would be invited and a new Parish Councillor co-opted on.

CLUN VALLEY AED/CFR SCHEMES

The car had been in operation for 11 months and 125 calls answered. Fund raising was continuing.

Very short of volunteers for the AED scheme, difficult to plan a full rota. Local training available. Item to go in the newsletter.

DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT

More people needed for the 100 Club, piece to be put in the newsletter.

New hall – the planning application was due for renewal, but it was decided not to reapply as the fee would be £2,000-£3,000 and no funding was currently available for the project. This decision to be confirmed officially by the Steering Group. Should any grant funding become available, another planning application could be made and the likelihood was that this would be passed as the principle was established.

BUCKNELL SHOW

£9,300 in total was taken on the day, the fire walk raised £4,978.71 which was in aid of the Air Ambulance. There were more bills to come in, but a profit of £450 over last year was made. This meant that the £500 loaned by the Parish Council could now be repaid.

The Chairman said that next year the Parish Council should be in a position to make another similar loan.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT GROUP

The kitchenette and toilet had been completed on time.

The glass doors would be completed next week and then the wooden doors would be taken down and removed off site for repair.

SAMDev

Mr Mathew Mead gave an update on the SAMDev plans for the county, which should be decided by Christmas. Miss Stone declared an interest and asked for confirmation that Shropshire Council had not put forward the site adjacent to Redlake Meadow (known as The Gotians). Mr Mead replied that any site not on the SAMDev plan would not be considered.

The Chairman opened the discussion to the floor, and Mr Mead answered questions from those present.

REVISION OF PARISH PLAN

Mr Mead said this should be revised after 3 to 5 years and offered to meet Mr Graves and Miss Stone outwith this meeting to progress the revision.

The finished plan would then lead into the Place Plan.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLACE PLAN

Mr Mead said the Place Plan is revised every year. This would allow key issues which have come up during the past year to be given greater priority.

To be put on the Agenda for the next meeting to fill in the form and also to decide priorities for the next year.

WEBSITE

Nothing to report at present.

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE COMMITTEE

The old Local Joint Committee had a budget of between £15,000 and £20,000 per annum to use for grant funding. This had now ceased. Mathew Mead had written to the 15 Parish Councils of the old LJC area to suggest a donation of £100 pa. Parish Councillors to consider this at the next meeting.

ROADS:

Street light outside 20 Redlake Meadow had been repaired.

Bedstone Road. Still closed at present.

Redlake Meadow road outside No 35. Being monitored by Highways, considered not to be urgent, but would be done as soon as possible.

Redlake Meadow pavements. In the programme to be cleaned and resurfaced next year.

Weston Road to be surface dressed in 2015 when all the trenches to the new houses should have stopped sinking. 30mph repeater sign should have been reinstalled.

Junction of Dog Kennel Lane/Red Lane. Ringway had been given an order to refresh the white lining, also that by the level crossing.

Storm drain on the Turnpike Road had been repaired.

Blocked gully – Dog Kennel Lane should have been checked.

Old Bedstone Road/Dog Kennel Lane. Damage by a lorry turning(?). Being checked by Highways.

Drainage at the end of Daffodil lane was in the programme for 23rd February, patching works on Chapel Lawn road was scheduled for 15th December.

Overgrown trees/bushes: garage to Dog Kennel Lane. These had been trimmed back.

PLANNING:

Applications Nos. 14/04513/FUL & 14/04514/LBC. New vehicular and pedestrian access, etc, at Orchard View, Bucknell. Supported.

Application No. 14/04268/TCA. Tree works at The Hall, Bucknell. No objection from Shropshire Council Tree Service.

Lime tree at The Causeway. The Insurers had emailed to say they required the suspect tree to be removed straight away. The Tree Service Department at Shropshire Council had not replied to the Parish Council's request that they formally accept responsibility for the tree. Mathew Mead to speak to Mr Hartin tomorrow.

Mrs Sharpe said there was a wheelbarrow in the river which needed to be retrieved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from Anna McCoy, Shropshire Council, re: Reducing Flood Risk. Clerk to forward to Mr Jackson for possible inclusion on the website.

FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account		£6,633.98
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,949.44
Of which:		
Parish Plan account:	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account:	£9,934.95.	

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Npower (energy charge Sept qtr)		£129.69
Mrs N Adams (salary October))	£198.62
HMRC (PAYE October))	£35.60
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting, etc)		£300.00.

Bedstone church wall. After discussion, the Chairman proposed that a sum of £3,000 be ring fenced in the Parish Council's bank account to be available as and when required. Agreed on a show of hands.

Financial regulations. Changes to the standard issue were discussed and agreed. Clerk to circulate the final version as soon as possible.

Ray Davies' salary. Annual review to be put on the next Agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Damaged salt bin, Red Lane. Need to establish which one. To be Agenda'd next time.

Copying emails to Councillors. Miss Stone expressed concern that correspondence with Philip Dunne MP had not been copied to all Parish Councillors. Clerk explained that it had been a simple question and answer, there had been nothing to discuss and therefore no reason to inform Councillors. Chairman and Vice Chairman had been copied in as they were Officers of the Parish Council.

Health & Safety for the churchyard in Bucknell. Miss Stone proposed putting together a Health & Safety procedure to clarify the Parish Council's responsibility regarding the closed churchyard. Chairman said that other organisations in the village may not acknowledge the document. Information to be sought from the diocese.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30pm.

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