

## **BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 In Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm**

#### **PRESENT**

Mr J Kemp (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Sharpe, Mrs F Hughes, Miss B Stone,  
Mr C Savery, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.  
7 members of the public.

The Vice Chairman announced the death of Mr P Davies, and those present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Surface dressing of Weston Road.** No date yet available for this. Clerk to chase.

**Street light outside 20 Redlake Meadow.** Not yet repaired. Clerk to follow up.

**Storm drains on the Turnpike road.** One of the gratings had lifted. Clerk to contact Ian Martin.

**Weston Road.** 30mph repeater sign still not replaced. Clerk to follow up. Mr Hartin said the 30mph limit would be extended beyond the new houses. The Vice Chairman said the limit sign from the other directions did not give sufficient warning of the start of the 30mph limit. Mr Hartin to investigate.

The Vice Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr I Owen (Chairman), Mr W Davies.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2.9.14**

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Bucknell school.** Mr Hartin reported that there were 47 pupils on the roll which put the school into another funding bracket. A table top sale had raised £112 for Uganda. Harvest Festival would be held in the school. Meals were being supplied by Bedstone College.

Mr Hartin said schools were being encouraged to federate with others where possible.

**Condition of telephone boxes.** Still in process.

**School garden play area.** Removal of base of the old spring toy still to be resolved.

**Parish newsletter.** Next issue due middle of October. Adverts – letter to local businesses, Miss Stone and Mr Kemp to decide the wording.

**Revision of Parish Plan.** Ian Graves to attend the next meeting, also Mathew Mead.

**Repairs to concrete bases of seats.** This work had been done.

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

More training days were to be arranged. There was a great need for more volunteers for the AED scheme in Bucknell, it was proving difficult to set a rota. An item would be put in the next newsletter, Miss Edwards to draft something.

The CFRs had been quite busy in the village during the past few weeks.

### **DAFFODIL LANE DEVELOPMENT**

Miss Edwards reported as follows:

The 100 Club tickets were now up for renewal at a cost of £10 per annum, this to be mentioned in the newsletter, also a list of the committee members.

The grasscutting had been finished for the year, thanks to the Parish Council for helping with the cost of this.

A request had been received for a path all the way round the field, Miss Edwards to follow this up, there could be grants available.

There was no news regarding the new village hall. The planning application was due for renewal in November, the fee for this was £3,000. It would cost around £25,000 for the foundations and thus obviate the need for ongoing renewal fees. Grant funding was not currently available.

### **BUCKNELL SHOW**

Very successful day despite the rain, went on until 11pm. Final meeting to be held. More volunteers needed next time. Finances yet to be finalised.

### **CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT GROUP**

Phase 2 work in the north aisle (kitchenette, toilet, flooring and trench arch system) was currently on programme to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> October.

The wooden doors would be taken down for repair when the glass doors were in place, date to be advised.

The pews which had been removed to store had mostly been sold.

The church would be reopened to the public by 20<sup>th</sup> October, in time for Peter Davies's memorial service.

### **WEBSITE**

60% of visitors were newcomers, 40% were returnees.

There was a "Bucknell" in the USA.

The website was being kept up to date.

### **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

The next meeting was scheduled for this Thursday in Edgton. Mr Hartin to attend and report at the next Parish Council meeting.

The LJC would now be known as the "South West Shropshire Committee".

It was hoped to attract donations from each Parish Council, (suggested £100) to use to fund small grants locally. Details to be circulated to all Councillors and a decision would be made at the next meeting.

### **ROADS**

**Bedstone Road** would be closed from 20<sup>th</sup> October for up to 21 days. Clerk to circulate information.

Cutting of hedges: still no solution in sight.

**Road surface in Redlake Meadow.** Still waiting to be done.

**Dog Kennel Lane.** Broken gully opposite No. 6. Clerk to report this.

**Junction of Dog Kennel Lane/Red Lane.** Glyn Shaw to suggest possible solutions. Clerk to contact him.

### **PLANNING:**

**Application No. 14/04268/TCA.** Tree works at The Hall, Bucknell. Mr Kemp declared a personal interest. Supported.

There were no decisions to be reported by Planning authority.

**Trees at the Causeway.** Mr Hartin had not been able to obtain a letter from Shropshire Council accepting responsibility for the suspect tree. Clerk to contact the Parish Council's Insurers.

**Proposed poultry units at Hopton Heath.** Nothing to report at present.

**Annual Review of Place Plan.** To be put on the next Agenda when Mathew Mead would be present.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Spotlight and SpArC leaflets. Distributed to those present.

Laminated posters from Philip Dunne MP. To notice boards.

Email from St Chad's church, Shrewsbury, re: remembering Charles Ripley of Bedstone at the service on 22 October.

Letter from Mrs Brenda Davies thanking the Parish Council for the flowers sent to her earlier in Peter's illness. Vice Chairman to draft a reply.

### **FINANCE:**

#### **Bank balances were reported as:**

Community (current) account		£6,922.20
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£10,949.44
Of which:		
Parish Plan account	£1,014.49	
Parish Council account	£9,934.95	

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

Mrs N Adams (salary September) )	£198.62
HMRC (PAYE) )	£35.60
Mr J Kemp (refund for flowers)	£30.00
Mr Ray Davies (grasscutting etc)	£300.00
Chris Tranter (mowing playing field x 2)	£150.00
Bucknell Nurseries (trimming shrubs and hedges)	£74.00.

**Incoming:**

Wayleaves: Openreach BT	£149.83
Western Power	£21.20.

**Financial Regulations:**

Copies distributed to Councillors, to be discussed next time.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Road from Bedstone to Mynd.** Mrs Hughes said this was in a very bad state. Mr Savery said it had been swept and marked recently, and that the drainage needed to be done first, before the resurfacing.

**Damage to Bedstone church wall.** Mr Savery said that the estimate for the repair of the 26 metre section was £13,000, and a contribution from the Parish Council would be much appreciated. To be put on the next Agenda.

**Overgrown trees/bushes: garage to Dog Kennel Lane.** Overhanging the pavement, Mrs Sharpe to speak to the owner of the field.

**Code of Conduct seminar.** The last one was cancelled. Clerk to find out if another was planned.

**Standing Orders.** Clerk to distribute the final version.

**Dog Kennel Lane sign.** The missing name sign had been replaced.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm. Mr Savery to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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