Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2019**

**In Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman), Cllr D Cullimore (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Owen, Cllr C Davies, Cllr N Edwards,

Cllr C Savery, Cllr W Logan.

No members of the public.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

**1 OPEN DISCUSSION**

**(a) BT telephone boxes.** Notification had been received that BT proposed to carry out a consultation with a view of removing 135 of the payphones in Shropshire. Cllr Cullimore to make enquiries.

Action: Cllr Cullimore

**(b) Footpath by the barn, Chapel Lawn Road.** Handrail posts needed repair. Clerk to report this.

Action: Clerk

**(c) Hedge by the cemetery.** This was evidently the responsibility of Shropshire Council.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr W Davies, Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

**4 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9.7.19**

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

**5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS:**

**(a) Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.** Cllr Hartin had submitted a written report which the Chairman read out. This mainly concerned a site visit which Cllr Hartin had held with Mr A Keyland from Shropshire Council. After discussion, the Chairman agreed to contact Cllr Hartin regarding hedge cutting needed around the village. Chairman was meeting Network Rail next Monday to discuss the work needed at the overgrown hedge beside the railway at the school garden play area.

Action: Chairman

**(b) SALC South Shropshire Area Committee.** Chairman had not been able to attend the recent meeting, which had dealt in part with the question of speeding.

**(c) SALC Executive Committee.** Chairman reported that the last meeting had included a presentation on midwifery services in Shropshire. There were discussions between SALC and Shropshire Council on precepts and parish boundaries, also CIL policy. SALC was celebrating its 70th anniversary with various events. The LJC committees were presently in abeyance.

**6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:**

**(a) Review of Shropshire Council letter dated 24.5.19.** Items outstanding:

(i) Reinstatement of “No cars or motorbikes” sign by Church View and Glebe Cottage

(ii) Edge of carriageway markings

(iii) Relocation of waste bin from school corner to Weston Road

(iv) Bridgend Lane by the ford – previously agreed work

(v) “Road Narrows” sign by the gate to The Knoll approaching the timber yard.

Clerk to chase up on these items. Action: Clerk

**(b) Radar speed signs.** Cllr Cullimore reported that it had been planned to order two devices with delivery on 30th October. After discussion it was decided to bring forward the delivery date to 15th October owing to the possible Brexit situation as the supplier was based in France.

Mr D Gradwell, Shropshire Council had offered to pay for the posts and a request had been sent to Kier. Cllr Cullimore to contact Mr A Keyland for details. Mr Gradwell was waiting to hear from other villages.

Action: Cllr Cullimore

**(c) Street lights: (i) failed lights/repairs.** Cllr C Davies reported that all lights were working correctly.

**(ii) comparison of contractors.** Clerk reported that Highline Electrical Ltd provided the best value for

money.

**(iii) new energy charge contracts.** Clerk said that npower’s new contract proposal was very much more

costly, this appeared to be the case with other parish councils as well. Clerk to find out what other parish

councils were doing, also whether SALC have any suggestions. Action: Clerk

**(d) Parson’s/school crossing – application for Modification Order.** Clerk had obtained a copy of a High Court ruling in favour of Network Rail in a case brought by The Ramblers Association. However, Network Rail had confirmed they couldn’t close the foot crossing until pedestrian access at the level crossing had been improved, this would also be required when the houses are built on the woodyard. To be removed from the Agenda.

Action: Clerk

**(e) Trees: (i) Bridge End Lane; (ii) Redlake Meadow; (iii) Lime tree on the Causeway by Mike Starr’s barn;**

**(iv) Horse chestnut tree by telephone box, Dog Kennel Lane; (v) Ash trees in the village.**

No report available. Action: Cllr W Davies

**(f) School garden play area: (i) slide unit.** Cllr Edwards said that the new unit had been ordered for delivery during week commencing 23rd October. The old one would be advertised on FaceBook and ebay, with offers invited. The buyer would need to dismantle and collect from the site. Cllr Edwards to draft the advert.

Action: Cllr Edwards

**(ii) works on surrounding trees.** The agreed tree works had been completed together with extra work which had proved necessary at the time. Agreed that the play area was much improved now.

**(iii) hedge alongside the railway.** Chairman to raise this matter with Mr Peter Richards, Asset Protection, Networ k Rail, at the site meeting next week. Action: Chairman

**(g) Dog fouling by the ford in Bridge End Lane.** Awaiting information from Shropshire Council.

**(h) Strimming of verges/cutting of hedges.** Chairman was in contact with Cllr Hartin re: this.

**(i) Drainage outside Willow Cottage, The Mynd.** Cllr C Davies had reported the silted-up drain, overgrown soakaway, and mud deposited on the road. Mr David Hardwick from Shropshire Council had been especially helpful. Cllr C Davies to monitor the situation. Action: Cllr C Davies

**(j) Roadside hedges alongside school/memorial hall/cemetery.** Chairman was in contact with Shropshire Cllr Hartin re: this. Action: Chairman

**(k) Road signs obscured by vegetation.**  In progress.

**(l) Replacement gate on FP10 near Hayes House.** Clerk said that Mike Starr had arranged for this to be done. Cllr Owen suggested that Mike to also be asked to sort the footpath handrail by the barn in Chapel Lawn Road.

Action: Clerk

**(m) Notice board on the Causeway.** Cllr C Davies reported that the supplier had replaced the cracked Perspex free of charge.

**7 PLANNING:**

**(a) Application No. 19/03616/FUL.** Single storey extension to rear elevation at Hayes View, Bridgend Lane.

No objection.

**Application No. 19/03914/TCA.** Tree works at Weir House, Bucknell. No comment.

**Application No. 19/03909/FUL.** Conversion of garage, erection of car port and associated alterations

at Longmead, Bucknell. Supported.

**(b) The following applications had been granted:**

**No. 19/00663/FUL.** Extension at Tueshill Reach, Bucknell.

**No. 19/01613/FUL.** Garage and rear conservatory at Regalsa Mynd, Bucknell.

**No. 19/02216/FUL.** Proposed dwelling to the north of Mayfield, Bucknell.

**(c) Application No. 19/06639/ENF.** Private complaint re: breach of conditions for permission reference

18/05832/FUL. On investigation by Shropshire Council, no breach of planning was found and the case had been closed.

**(d) Development opposite The Tyndings.** No information available. Remove from Agenda.

Action: Clerk

**(e) Housing Needs Survey.** Chairman had received an email from Mathew Mead stating that 63 responses

had been received out of 400, this was 15%, which was about average. Chairman to invite Mathew Mead

to a parish council meeting to report on the survey. Action: Chairman

Chairman to speak to Cllr Hartin re: Care Home on the woodyard site. Action: Chairman

**8 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

**(a) New edition of Good Councillors’ Guide.** Distributed to Parish Councillors present.

**(b) New Financial Regulations 2019.** Clerk to establish the differences from the last issue dated 2016.

Action: Clerk

**(c) Parish Council Minutes in the Post Office.** Chairman to provide hard copies.

Action: Chairman

**(d) Backup of PC files.** Clerk had backed up the electronic files onto a USB stick and handed this to the

Chairman. In exchange for the previous USB stick.

**(e) Assets register – mowers/strimmers.** The old mower, the mulcher and the two old strimmers no longer had any monetary value and were being kept for emergency back up. The Parish Council recently purchased a new mower and strimmer for Ray Davies’ use. Assets Register to be updated. Action: Clerk

**9 COUNCIL FINANCE:**

**(a) Account balances were reported as:**

Community (current) account £23,624.86

Business Savings account £10,996.51.

**(b) It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:**

SALC (Good Councillors’ Guides) £34.00

Ray Davies (grounds maintenance August) £304.50

Ms N Adams (salary August) ) £364.16

HMRC (PAYE August) ) £42.80

Miss S L Jones (Website domain renewal) £13.33

Nicky Tranter (tree works – school garden play area) £900.00

Ms N Adams (expenses to date) £169.96

Bucknell Nurseries (mowing/hedging/strimming) £294.00

(Includes £49.00 recoverable VAT)

**The following payments were made between meetings and were approved:**

Ms N Adams (July salary) ) £364.36

HMRC (PAYE July) ) £42.60

Ray Davies (grounds maintenance July) £345.10

Playsafety Limited (RoSPA inspections of play areas) £164.40

(includes £27.40 recoverable VAT).

**(c) Forward budget plan.** Cllr Savery reported that the financial position was roughly in line with the

predictions.

**(d) Accounts to year ended 31.3.19.** Clerk to check that all required documents were on the website.

Action: Clerk

**10 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Spotlight leaflets for September. Distributed to those present.

Email from Mrs Brenda Dyson re: possible wilding of the churchyard, ie some areas be left unmown to allow wild flowers to grow and other actions that could be taken to support the climate crisis declaration. After discussion it was decided that more thought was needed, as some parishioners would consider that the churchyard was unkempt. Cllr Logan to enquire re: local opinions and liaise with his Caring for God’s Acre link as to whether this approach would be suitable for our churchyard. Chairman to reply to Mrs Dyson stating that the Parish Council was looking into it. Action: Chairman/Cllr Logan

**11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr C Davies said that Andrew the postman was really retiring, Peter Baron was organising a collection.

**12 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th October 2019 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.38pm.

JK/NEA

16.9.19