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Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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

**In Bedstone and Hopton Castle village hall at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT**

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

Cllr I Owen, Cllr C Savery.

No members of the public

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

**1 OPEN DISCUSSION**

Cllr Edwards said that parking at the school was getting bad again, quite close to the corner on the zigzags and up towards the level crossing, with the school car park also full. Clerk to write to the school, copy to the Police in Bishops Castle with a request that a letter be circulated to parents who drop off their children at school.

 Action: Clerk

A parishioner had reported that the derestriction sign at the entrance to Daffodil Lane appeared to confuse drivers using Chapel Lawn Road who thought it applied to them. Clerk to contact Highways for advice.

 Action: Clerk

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr W Logan

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

**4 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12.11.19**

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

**5 TO RECEIVE REPORTS:**

**(a) Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.** No report available.

**(b) SALC Area Committee.** Next meeting scheduled for January 2020.

**(c) SALC Executive Committee.** Chairman reported on the meeting held on 15th November, which included

 a talk by the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire who referred to Princess Anne’s report. Ms Adams was mentioned for 20 years’ service as a Parish Clerk.

**(d) SALC/Shropshire Working Group meeting.** Chairman said there was a proposal for a boundary change

 exercise as part of the rural strategy.

**6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:**

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

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

 done.

 (ii) White lining at level crossing. It was understood there would be a delay getting this arranged.

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

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

 Clerk to write to Highways thanking them for the reinstatement of the sign, and asking for a date for

 items (iii) and (iv) implementation.

**(b) Radar speed signs.** Cllr Cullimore reported that one sign was being used and moved to different sites

 around the village. The choices for the second sign was either leasing or selling it to a neighbouring

 parish(es). There was no decision from Clungunford or Clunbury as yet. Cllr Owen asked if there was a method to check whether they were effective. Cllr Cullimore to contact Cllr Logan.

 Action: Cllrs Cullimore/Logan

**(c) Street lights: (i) failed light :** Opposite track to Brookside. Cllr C Davies said this was expected to be

 repaired on Thursday; **(ii) new energy charge contract.** Awaiting contract from Shropshire Council.

**(d) Trees.** Cllr W Davies was awaiting a report from the specialist. Ash die back was present in the

 village.

**(e) School garden play area: (i) hedge alongside the railway.** Cllr Edwards had received two quotations to

 pleach the hedge and was awaiting a third from Bucknell Nurseries. Cllrs W Davies and Savery to pass

 details of other contractors to Cllr Edwards. Action: Cllrs W Davies/Savery

 **(ii) SORN car on the car park.** The Chairman had not received a reply to his letter to the householder.

**(f) BT telephone box, Dog Kennel Lane.** Chairman had read the contract and would sign it. Nick Dummer

 had offered to maintain the box and report back to Cllr Cullimore.

**(g) Wilding of parts of the churchyard.** No report available from Cllr Logan.

**(h) Gritting of village roads.** Clerk had emailed Highways regarding extending the length of gritting of

 Chapel Lawn Road to the end of the houses, rather than the forestry road.

**7 PLANNING:**

**(a) Application No. 19/05109/FUL.** Erection of self-build dwelling at Bedstone. Cllr Savery declared an interest. After discussion is was agreed to support this as a young local couple wanted to remain in Bedstone and run a business from the property, which was to be encouraged. Action: Clerk

**(b)** There were no decisions to be reported by planning authority.

**(c) Housing Needs Survey – Development of the woodyard/coalyard.** Cllr W Davies declared an interest, but confirmed that the provision of the shop was supported, if needs be with a temporary portakabin in the interim. There was a problem with the retention of the building where the bats were roosting as it was basically unsound. A meeting was required with Mathew Mead re: the industrial site and the proposed

 nursing home. Action: Chairman

**8 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT**

**(a) Closed churchyard.** Letter had been received from the Diocese asking for information regarding the

 Conditions under which the churchyard had been closed and the cemetery opened for burials. Clerk

 said this had taken place in the 1990s and any paperwork would be held in the Shrewsbury Archives.

 It was not possible to obtain this information before the required date of 12th December.

**9 COUNCIL FINANCE:**

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

Community (current) account £15,074.53

 Business Savings account £11,001.99

 Of which: Parish Plan account £78.14

 Transparency Grant fund £853.88

 Parish Council account £10,069.97.

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

Ms N Adams (salary November) ) £364.36

 HMRC (PAYE November) ) £42.60

 Ray Davies (grounds maintenance November) £254.40

 Wicksteed Leisure Ltd (play slide unit) £4,561.51.

 (includes £760.25 recoverable VAT)

**(c) Forward budget plan.**

Cllr Savery said the budget was on schedule.

**(d) Preliminary discussion document for 2020/21 Precept.** This was discussed and will be reviewed in

 order for the Precept request to be decided at the January meeting.

**10 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Spotlight leaflets for December.** Distributed to those present.

**HOWLTA Winter Newsletter.**  To Cllr Savery.

**11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th January 2020 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Cllr W Davies asked whether Parish Council meetings could revert to being held on the first Tuesday of the month as he always had another meeting on the second Tuesday. This will be discussed next time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

JK/NEA

15.12.19