

Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020

By Microsoft Teams at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr J Kemp (Chairman), Cllr D Cullimore (Vice Chairman), Cllr N Edwards, Cllr C Davies, Cllr I Owen,
Cllr W Logan, Cllr C Savery
Shropshire Cllr N Hartin

1. OPEN DISCUSSION

None

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr W. Davies. N. Adams (Clerk) unable to attend due to poor Internet connection (Cllr Edwards kindly stood in)

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

As and when required

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 06-10-20

Approved unanimously as a true and accurate record. The Chairman will sign the minutes and send to the Clerk.

Action: Chair

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS

a) Shropshire Cllr N. Hartin. Shropshire Council (SC) meetings are still being held online. There is only a skeleton staff at Shirehall.
Pressure has been put on Council re Capital Drainage Scheme re-commencement but no response had been forthcoming. Cllr Hartin suggested a FOI request be put in for info from SC. Still trying to pursue Shop issue ref Portacabin, costs etc.

b) South Shropshire Area SALC Committee. Nothing to report.

c) SALC Executive Committee. Nothing to report (last meeting 14 Sep).

d) SALC / Shropshire Council Liaison Meeting. Local Plan consultation, Climate change, and the Government Planning White Paper were highlighted.

6. SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN HALF TERM

a) TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD 25-10-20

This was held to discuss the provision of School Meals for Students within the Parish. Minutes approved and a copy to be signed and sent to the Clerk.

Action: Chair

Steve at The Sitwell provided meals from Wednesday – Friday: uptake was Wednesday = 0, Thursday = 1, Friday = 3. Confusion and stigma of collection were thought to the cause. Still awaiting invoice.

Action: Clerk

b) SUPPORT FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL / PARISH

It is understood that Shropshire Council will take up the slack at Christmas via Vouchers, details to follow, as reported by Cllr Hartin.

7. COUNCIL FINANCE

a) To note account balances, reported as:

Community (current) account	£25,427.34
Business Savings Account	£11,015.82

b) To approve settlement of Accounts, it was agreed unanimously to pay the following

Ms N Adams (Salary October)	£372.11
HMRC (PAYE) October	£ 53.60
Bucknell Nurseries (Strimming)	£112.00
	(including £18.00 recoverable VAT)
Ray Davies (Mowing and Strimming)	£212.00
Chris Tranter (July & August) (Grant to Hall for mowing Daffodil Lane)	£340.00
SALC Seminar: Community Funding (2 Delegates)	£ 60.00
Sylvan Resources Ltd (Tree report)	£216.00
	(including £36.00 recoverable VAT)
J Kemp (Refund for Poppy Wreath)	£ 25.00

c) Forward Budget plan

Details of Plan circulated by Cllr Savery earlier was reviewed. Finances appeared healthy.

d) Initial Comments in preparation for the 2021/22 Budget and Precept

Chair asked that we think about Budget & Spend for the next Precept
Church Wall was discussed. In summary: 4 masons had been approached; only 1 quote received from Mark Disley. Wall sections identified for work were:

Area 1 – from Notice Board towards Causeway	12m
Area 2 – Same side towards Lych Gate	10m
Area 3 - From Lych Gate back towards notice board	28m
Area 4 – Beside the river – double wall	14m

(Prices withheld as Commercial in Confidence)

Nothing was identified as urgent or requiring immediate attention. Details of quotes to be circulated to Cllrs for perusal and comments.

Action: Chair

Final decision to be made at next meeting.

Action: All

8. ROADS / STREET SCENE

a) Flooding in the Parish

Water still holding on School corner, but flooding by Shop seems to have been rectified

b) Closure of B4367 for drainage Works

Cllr Hartin reported Andy Wilde (SC Highways) had emailed to advise dates for road closures.
Old Bucknell Road (from end Dog Kennel Lane to Garage) Closure (24/7) 01-02-21 to 26-02-21
Dog Kennel Lane Closure (24/7) 1 Week 01-03-21 to 05-03-21
Redlake Place (Signage one way in Redlake) 1 Week 08-03-21 to 12-03-21

POST MEETING NOTE: The above has since been further clarified as follows:

Bedstone Road – 01/02/21 – 26/02/21 – 24hr road closure – working times 08.00 – 18.00
Dog Kennel Lane – 01/03/21 – 05/03/21 - 24hr road closure – working times 08.00 – 18.00
Old Bedstone Road – 08/03/21 – 12/03/21 – signing only 08.00 – 18.00

After this drainage work is complete, surfacing works on Redlake Place – 15/03/21 – 17/03/21 as part of the capital surfacing programme.

c) Level Crossing closure for drain replacement

All complete

d) **Street lamp failures/Replacement street light in Redlake Place**

Street Lights all working OK

Grass Triangle confirmed by Cllr Owen as owned by Barry Davies, 1 Old Bedstone Road. Cllr C Davies to approach Barry and liaise with Western Power Action: Cllr C Davies

e) **Sign Posts against Railway wall**, post nearest the school is going rusty at the bottom. SC Highways to be notified. Action: Clerk

f) **Vegetation** around railway crossing sign posts quite bad by Sitwell Terrace/Close. Responsibility for Highways to liaise with Network Rail Action: Clerk

9. **ONGOING PARISH MATTERS**

Church Wall, as discussed earlier

10. **PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT**

a) Ray Davies rate of Pay awaiting new rates to be released 09-11-20 by the Living Wage trust.

Action: Personnel Committee

b) Consideration of Parish Council Trust to be discussed at next meeting

11. **PLANNING**

a) 1 Application received for Demolition of House at Riverlea, Bucknell and erection of workshop and offices. Objections were raised regarding - plans were misleading; noise levels; parking area for workers; working hours not being adhered to; and residential locations very close.

Action: Chair

b) No Decisions were made

POST MEETING NOTE: 1 decision had been received: Erection of garage at Orchard House, Bedstone – Approved

c) Shropshire Council Draft Local Plan. Section 19 consultation planned for end-November; grounds for comment become very limited at that stage.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to report

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

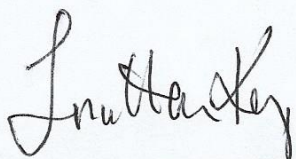
a) Post for speed sign outside Bucknell House, still not been moved; Cllr Cullimore to move the sign during this week. Cllr Cullimore asked Cllr Hartin to contact Andy Keyland (SC Highways) regarding the moving of the post. Action: Cllr Hartin

Battery changed every two weeks and may need replacing soon.

b) Cllr Owen reported parts of the Village Green in need of work. Bench which was bought in Memory of Bert Green is in need of attention and cleaning. Green painted seats need attention. Ray Davies to be asked to deal with these. Action: Chair

c) White posts are rotten and will need replacing with something more substantial. Cllr Owen agreed to investigate Action: Cllr Owen

14. **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 1st December 2020 on Microsoft Teams



8 December 2020