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Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025**

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

**PRESENT**

Cllr C Davies (Chairman), Cllr S Walmsley (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Owen, Cllr P Burke, Cllr N Edwards, Cllr V Dodd,

Cllr W Davies (late arrival).

Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.

5 members of the public.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

**1 OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Malt House.** Roger Bates referred to **Planning Application no.** **25/00871/CPL** Application for lawful development certificate for proposed siting of caravan for occupation in connection with partially complete dwelling house at Malt House, Bucknell. This had been issued For Information Only so no response was required from the parish council. After discussion it was established that the caravan was a replacement for one already on site.

**Brian Hughes: (i) Coal yard.** Mr Hughes considered that it would be useful and informative if Mr Hornsey could arrange for tours of the coal yard for interested parties. Chairman to enquire. **(ii) Kloud9 broadband.** This was proving to be problematic in some cases, especially outlying houses. It was suggested that the parish council write to Stuart Anderson MP.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr C Savery

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

**4 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5.3.25**

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

**5 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE CLLR N HARTIN**

There was nothing major to report. Regarding the upcoming Election, the Statements of Persons Nominated should be published within the next couple of days. The Election process seems to have gone quite smoothly. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hartin for working with the Parish Council over the years. Cllr Hartin had submitted Nomination papers /

**6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:**

1. **Street light report.** Light opposite The Tyndings still not working.
2. **Radar speed sign report.** Nothing to report at present.u
3. **“No footpath” signs by the woodyard.** Nothing to report at present.
4. **Flooding report.** The Flood Resilience Plan was progressing. Shropshire Wildlife Trust had suggested leaky dams upstream to help prevent flooding. The status of the Causeway path at the Post Office end needed checking, Clerk to make enquiries. The tarmac outside the school was owned by the church. Cllr Edwards would approach them regarding the numerous pot holes.
5. **Trees report.** Chairman said that Jason from Shropshire Council still had not arranged for the condemned trees to be dealt with. Cllr W Davies said he would check the trees himself. Some trees in Redlake Meadow had been trimmed.
6. **Salt bins: Mynd and Chapel Lawn Road.** Cllr Walmsley and Clerk to discuss outwith the meeting.
7. **Road to Cubbage.** Becoming impassable because of land slips. Cllr Hartin said this should be reported to Fix My Street
8. **White lines at the railway crossing.** Nothing to report at present.

**7 ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**

1. **Written report from Bucknell Memorial Hall Committee.** Not available, but a meeting was scheduled for next week.
2. **Written report regarding new village hall.** Planning permission had now been granted. There were still problems with horses being ridden on the playing field, cutting up the turf and also with dog fouling. Signs had been vandalised. A presentation to the village was scheduled for Saturday 12th April.
3. **Plaque for Ray Davies.** In progress. Cllr Owen said that the mower and strimmer had been given to Bedstone as the parish council no longer required them. The Chairman had given the keys to the church shed to Debbie Pope, Churchwarden.
4. **Mole problems.** Cllr Owen had contacted Chris Sansom to do the work and invoice the parish council. There were also moles in the cemetery and the Chairman had passed Chris Sansom’s details to Debbie Pope.
5. **Mountain bike woodland trails.** Being heavily used now with people coming from some distance away. Chairman and Clerk to discuss and carry out a site visit with a view to contacting Forestry England for advice.
6. **Churchyard wall.** Mark Dislely was happy to start the work within the next two or three weeks. The road would be partly blocked at times. Cllr Burke to put this on the website. Chairman thanked Cllr Owen for project managing the churchyard wall repairs over the years.
7. **School garden play area: (i) Tower unit** – now up to RoSPA standards; **(ii) Replacement seats/planters** – should be installed on 9th June.

**8 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

1. **King’s portrait for Bedstone village hall.** Clerk had sent website links to Cllr Savery.
2. **Management of website.** Cllr Burke and Stacie Brett were making an excellent job of updating the website. Chairman thanked both of them.
3. **List of Councillors’ responsibilities.** Clerk to have these typed up for the May meeting.

**9 COUNCIL FINANCE:**

1. **Account balances were reported as:**

Lloyds Bank account £39,925.18

Barclays Bank account -£0.73p

1. **It was agreed to pay the following:**

Ms N Adams (salary February) ) £487.25

HMRC (PAYE February) ) £121.80

Bedstone and Hopton Castle village hall (hire for meetings) £60.80

Adrian Lewis (Grasscutting: churchyard and Causeway) £495.00.

1. **Forward budget plan.** Cllr Savery had distributed copies of his initial forward plan for 2025-2026.
2. **Online banking.** It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should investigate this.
3. **Quote for grass cutting at Daffodil Lane.** Cllr Edwards had received a quote from Chris Tranter for £85 per cut, two cuts per month, which was the same as 2024. It was agreed to accept this (parish council to pay half of the annual cost as arranged).

**10 PLANNING:**

**Application No. 25/00871/CPL.** Lawful development certificate for proposed siting of caravan for occupation in connection with partially complete dwelling house at Malt House, Bucknell. For information only. Discussed in Open Meeting.

**Application No. 25/00915/AGR.** Extraction of further stone from quarry for forestry activities in Bedstone Woods, Bucknell. For information only.

**Application No. 25/01098/FUL.** Alteration to vehicular access and parking area at 11 Bedstone, Bucknell. Councillors were not familiar with this house. Clerk to ask Cllr Savery for his opinion.

**Application No. 25/00291/AGR.** Proposed Forestry Store West of Mynd. The parish council had not received notification of this, possibly because it was in a neighbouring parish. Also it would be For Information Only.

**Application No. 25/00166/FUL.** Self contained annexe at The Rockeries had been granted.

**11 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Stuart Anderson MP.** Email from his office stating that laminated notices were available for public display. Clerk said that two were required for Bedstone. After discussion it was established that eight were needed for Bucknell.

**12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. **Connexus.** Janet Hartin had organised a meeting with Connexus last week. It had been proposed to build ten more houses at the far end of Weston Road. Unfortunately when the cost of bringing housing stock up to standard was too high, houses were sold off and replaced with houses in Shrewsbury. Thus we were losing rural housing. Clerk to invite Declan Love-Mail from Connexus to the June parish council meeting. A housing needs survey may be needed.

**13 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the first meeting of the parish council following the Local Elections and will be the Annual Parish Assembly of Parishioners, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. These will be held on Wednesday 7th May 2025 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.04pm.

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