Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2025**

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

**PRESENT**

Cllr C Davies (Chairman), Cllr S Walmsley (Vice Chairman), Cllr P Burke, Cllr V Dodd, Cllr N Hartin, Cllr C Savery,

Cllr R Hulstrom.

Mr D Webb (FLAG)

3 members of the public

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

**1 OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Level crossing sign.** Coming from the Turnpike, sign damaged, Colin Cummings had reported this on Fix My Street and encouraged others to use this to report problems on the roads.

**Pop-up Café.** Roger Bates said that Cllr Walmsley’s attendance and impromptu clinic at the recent pop-up café had been very useful. One subject raised was the mountain bike events in Bucknell Wood, specifically the maximum number of entrants, the number of spectators, etc. Cllr Walmsley would follow this up by asking Pearce Cycles to put up additional signs asking vehicles to drive slowly through village, and repeat this message in emails to competitors. Also Forestry England to be asked if they were aware of the activity going on.

**FLAG report.** Regular multi-agency meetings were held, the next scheduled for 1st July. Severn Trent had ongoing work re: infiltration testing. It was proving difficult to proceed with the permit for silt clearance, although Cllr Hulstrom had been issued a permit that would allow him to clear a section of the river, including under the bridge next to the garage. A feasibility study had been drafted. The situation around bridges was being referred to Shropshire Council. Environment Agency data has been received from the Chapel Lawn sensor. The work on school corner has been scheduled – awaiting dates. The Wildlife Trust were in the process of installing 50 leaky dams upstream. The Property Resilience Fund (PRF) was not entirely successful. Flooding Response Plan (FRP) still being compiled with help from the NFF.

**Common land.** Ownership of all the common land in the village to be restated. Action: Clerk/Cllr Hulstrom.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

**4 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MTG HELD 7.5.25**

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

**5 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE CLLR S WALMSLEY**

It was just over a month since the local elections and things were moving slowly. It was planned to improve negotiations with a Parish Councils partnership, this was presently under consultation. It was hoped to use Town Councils and Parish Councils to fund certain things.

Pot holes. A third pot hole repair team had joined the existing two teams.

Cllr Walmsley was looking at bow the Neighbourhood Plan could affect planning in Bucknell and would compare this against the Parish Plan.

**6 ROADS/STREETSCENE:**

1. **Street light report.** All working apart from the one by the telephone box at the end of Dog Kennel Lane.
2. **Radar speed sign report.** Cllr Walmsley had circulated the latest data downloaded from the sign.
3. **Speed limit change/”No footpath” signs by Woodyard.** Nothing to report, Clerk to chase.
4. **Trees report.** Clerk to contact Jason at Shropshire Council as no tree works had been carried out.
5. **Salt bins.** After discussion it was decided to order 3 x 120 litre salt bins in time for the winter. Clerk to action.
6. **White lines at railway crossing.** Nothing to report at present.
7. **Footbridge at Seabridge Meadow.** Cllr Dodd was concerned about the overgrowth on the approach to the footbridge, and ultimately the condition of the bridge itself. It was thought the bridge may be the responsibility of the Rights of Way Department. Cllr Walmsley to take photos and report on Fix My Street, others encouraged to do the same.

**7 ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**

1. **Written report from Bucknell Memorial Hall Committee.** Not available. Cllr Burke suggested that future events be publicised.
2. **Written report regarding new village hall.** Nothing to report at present.
3. **Plaque for Ray Davies.** This to be affixed to the new seats/planters being installed in the school garden play area next week. Chairman had received a quotation from Jonathan Protheroe for £40.00.
4. **Seats/benches on the Causeway.** Needed renovating/painting. Chairman to try to get three estimates. Cllr Walmsley suggested putting something on the Facebook page.
5. **Cars in school car park.** Clerk to write to Mrs Middleton at the school house re: parked cars. The entrance to the car park off the road was in a very poor condition. Responsibility for the car park was discussed. Possibly some leftover tarmac could be used to fill this in.
6. **Churchyard wall.** Had been delayed awaiting a delivery of stone, Chairman to check with Mark Disley.

**8 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

1. **Parish Councillors’ responsibilities.** Subjects were allocated to Parish Councillors. Clerk to circulate for approval prior to being put on the website.
2. **Management of website.** Being brought up to date. Clerk to update Parish Council information.
3. **Register of Interest forms.** Following the election, Clerk to upload Parish Councillors’ contact details.
4. **Laminated signs for notice boards.** Clerk distributed notices of future PC meetings and Councillors’ contact details, police contact notices to follow.

**9 COUNCIL FINANCE:**

1. **Bank balance was reported as:**  £68,008.51.
2. **It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:**

Adrian Lewis (grass cutting) £630.00

The Post Office (Shropshire Council energy charge) £492.92

(includes £82.15 recoverable VAT)

Clear Insurance Management Ltd (Insurance) £863.53

N Adams (salary May) ) £487.25

HMRC (PAYE May) ) £121.80

Mrs R J Mullard-Davies (payroll fees 6.4.24-5.4.25) £70.00.

A cheque was also written to:

Highline Electrical Ltd £129.60 (including £21.60 recoverable VAT): Invoice no. 7146 for the repair of the light at the end of Dog Kennel Lane. The light was still not working but it was thought this bill was for a previous fix. Chairman to check before the cheque was posted.

1. **Forward budget plan.** Cllr Savery had circulated the latest copy by email.
2. **Online management of bank account.** Still being progressed.
3. **Accounts to year ended 31.3.25.** Clerk had circulated Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 and Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25. These were discussed, approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman. Clerk to pass the year end accounts to Lyn Cordrey who would carry out the Internal Audit.

**10 PLANNING:**

There were no applications for consideration, no any decisions to be reported by planning authority.

**11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**HOWLTA Newsletter.** To Cllr Walmsley.

**Notification from RoSPA.** The two play areas would be inspected in June.

**Funding request from Bucknell Memorial Hall Committee.** Currently the Parish Council paid for half (£510) of the mowing costs of Daffodil Lane. The request was that the PC paid for all of the mowing, and a further £500 per year towards other running costs. The Committee to be invited to the July meeting and present business plans for the Memorial Hall and the new village hall for discussion.

**12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Civility and Respect guidance.** Cllr Hartin asked that this be put on the next Agenda for discussion.

**Layout of Minutes.** Cllr Dodd proposed that the Minutes were boxed and displayed in Landscape with a second column for action. Clerk was opposed to the change. This to be discussed next time.

**13 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 2nd July 2025 in Bucknell Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Chairman gave her apologies.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

CAD/NEA

18.6.25

Sam Walmsley

2.7.25