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Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st October 2025**

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

**PRESENT**

Cllr C Davies (Chairman), Cllr S Walmsley (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Hulstrom, Cllr C Savery, Cllr V Dodd,

Cllr A Cummings, Cllr C Cummings.

Mr M Alderton.

No members of the public.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

**1 PRESENTATION BY CONNEXUS**

Deferred until the November meeting.

**2 OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**Hydrant post, Daffodil Lane.** Cllr C Cummings said this was still missing. It was thought Nicky Edwards should be informed. Cllr Walmsley said the Fire Authority should probably be told since they needed to know where all the hydrants were. Action: Cllr C Cummings

**Missing memorial plaque on rowan tree at Daffodil Lane.** Cllr C Cummings reported that the plaque was broken into several pieces and he would try to identify the name. Action: Cllr C Cummings

**Dog bin by the ford.** Chairman had located the missing lid in the river and had reunited it with the bin.

**3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr N Hartin.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

**5 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 3.9.25**

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

**6 REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE CLLR S WALMSLEY**

Andy Begley had resigned. A replacement was needed, most likely an external candidate. There were major budget pressures, with most of the budget going on statutory services, eg social care, it would be difficult to find the savings. The North West relief road remained paused while conversation continued with central government on how money that had already been spent should be accounted for.

The Memorandum of Understanding to be put on next month’s Agenda for discussion. In the meantime, Cllr Walmsley to make enquiries about how other Councils had dealt with this.

 Action: Cllr Walmsley

**7 ROADS/STREETSCENE:**

1. **Street light report.** Failed street light no. 14 Chestnut Meadow had been reported.
2. **Radar speed sign report.** Speed of traffic in Weston Road was still giving concern, although the sign did not report excessive speeds. The formation of a Community Speed Watch Group was discussed. It was decided to ask Police representatives to speak to the Parish Council at a future meeting.

Action: Chairman/Clerk

1. **Speed limit/”No footpath” sign by woodyard.** Clerk to contact Nick Newton at Shropshire Council to discuss this. Action: Clerk
2. **Trees report.** One of the dangerous trees on the Causeway had been trimmed, but not the second one. Coronation tree: needed stump grinding, there was no money at Shropshire Council for this but other tree(s) could be planted alongside it. Martin Sutton at Shropshire Council to be contacted for advice.

Action: Chairman/Clerk

1. **Salt bins: Mynd and Chapel Lawn Road.** Clerk explained the difficulties is comparing one manufacturer with another. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to decide on the most suitable salt bins design and place an order for 3 x bins for delivery as soon as possible. Action: Clerk
2. **White lines at railway crossing/end of Causeway.** The white lines at the railway crossing had at last been renewed, but not at the end of the Causeway.
3. **Overgrown hedges:** **Chapel Lawn Road. (i) Hedge at empty property.** Awaiting information from Cllr Hartin.

**(ii) Hedge adjacent to Brookside Cottage.** Nicky Tranter had agreed to check this out.

**8 ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**

1. **Written report from Bucknell Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground CIO.** Mike Alderton tabled the report, copy attached to these Minutes and answered questions from the Parish Council.
2. **Repair works to seats/benches/notice boards/access sign/etc.** Small parish jobs. Quotations being sought including the Men’s Shed in Knighton. Action: Clerk
3. **Local Nature Recovery Strategy.** This was an opportunity map, mapping what could be there, not what was there. It was not expected that all the mapped area would be given over to nature. It was a guidance tool – a resource to draw from should people want to take action for nature. The strategy was not requiring anyone to take any action. Its purpose was to help guide future funds and resources. Feedback was required by 15th October 2025. Action: Cllr C Cummings Cllr C Cummings was informed that Parish Councils had a responsibility in relation to Biodiversity under the Environment Act 2021. Clunbury Parish Council were going to identify ten actions that they would support. A couple of attendees expressed several concerns about the Project.
4. **Maintenance of station garden/Bucknell WI.** Cllr A Cummings explained that in general volunteer work was having to comply with rules and regulations. Individual volunteers were having to be registered with Transport for Wales (TfW) and ever more information was being demanded. This was discouraging volunteers. Cllr Walmsley to speak to Marion Cox, President, Bucknell WI. Action: Cllr Walmsley

**9 PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

1. **Parish Councillors’ Lead Responsibilities.** Clerk had circulated draft document and remaining responsibilities were covered. Document to be updated and circulated. Action: Clerk
2. **Personnel Committee.** Cllr Hulstrom agreed to be the third member. Clerk’s salary to be reviewed shortly and documentation to be emailed to all members of the committee. Action: Clerk
3. **Civility and Respect Pledge.** It was decided this was not necessary.
4. **Information to website.** Email from Brian Willson offering to update the website in view of Peter Burke’s departure. Our website Manager, Stacie, was providing an excellent service in updating the website. What was needed was someone to feed information to Stacie to upload. To be discussed outwith the meeting.

Action: Cllr Walmsley/Clerk

**10 COUNCIL FINANCE:**

1. **Account balance was reported as:** £37,955.42
2. **It was agreed to pay the following:**

Highline Electrical Ltd (fixing shield to light near phone box) £231.13

 (included £38.52 recoverable VAT)

Mark Disley (churchyard wall – invoice no. 10516) £13,710.00

 (incorporated £500 saving from estimate).

1. **Forward budget plan.** On schedule.
2. **Online banking.** In progress.

**11 PLANNING:**

1. **Hornsey Steels change of use from planning permission already granted.** A Facebook post showed a manufacturing line in the building intended for storage. At present the building was not in use, so no breach of planning rules had taken place. There was a discussion of previous Parish Council comments about developments at the site, and whether sentiment was shifting.
2. There were no applications for consideration.
3. **Application No. 25/02887/FUL.** Replacement dwelling, etc at Rock House, Bucknell, had been granted.

**12 CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Poppy Wreath.** Clerk asked whether a poppy wreath should be ordered for Remembrance Day. Confirmed.

 Action: Clerk

**14 DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 5th November 2025 in Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall. Cllr Savery to book the hall.

 Action: Cllr Savery

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

CD/NEA

9.10.25