

# Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council  
Held Tuesday 15th July 2014 - 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

## MINUTES

		<b>ACTION</b>
15.044	<b>Members present:</b> Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Beaumont, Bowen, Ellis, Evans, May and Woosnam Roberts Also present Andy Boak (Clerk)	
15.045	<b>Members absent:</b> Cllr Beaumont	
15.046	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Charlotte Barnes (Unitary Authority Cllr), Mathew Mead	
15.047	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> Cllr Plowden as landowner of potential development sites	
15.048	<b>Minutes of last meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 were accepted as a true record	
15.049	<b>Matters arising:</b> Re minute 15.034 under School report Cllr Woosnam Roberts noted that the School 5 children would be leaving school this summer and not 3 as previously reported. Re minute 15.034 Cllr Bowen noted that the school would not be eligible for Big Lottery funding.  With reference to minute 15.031 in relation to the freedom of information request to DEFRA regarding the incidence of TB locally the Clerk reported that DEFRA responded to the effect that information could not be provided as it: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Breached data protection regulations</li> <li>2. Was not in the public interest</li> </ol> The PC can appeal. Cllr Evans felt it was unfortunate that DEFRA was unable to provide the information requested, but understandable on the basis of data protection. Cllrs agreed not to lodge an appeal.	
15.050	<b>Councillor vacancies:</b> No one has expressed an interest since the last meeting. The chair asked Cllrs to continue to encourage interest	<b>All</b>
15.051	<b>Planning:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cllrs noted that the survey on affordable housing from Rural Housing Solutions had been completed by Cllr Bowen and the Clerk on behalf of the Council.</li> <li>2. Following amendments to the list of priorities in the current Parish Plan Cllrs approved the Parish Plan review survey and agreed that the Rural Charity Commission take responsibility for posting and receiving completed returns. Cllrs also approved the allocation of prize money for the photography/arts competition to display on the front page of the new website over the following year (£25 1<sup>st</sup> prize and 5 £10 runners-up). Clerk to invoice Council for work carried out.</li> </ol> <b>SAMDev:</b> Cllr Bowen proposed that Cllr Plowden stood down as chair for this part of the meeting, seconded Cllr Ellis. In the absence of Cllr Beaumont Cllr Bowen agreed to chair. Cllr Bowen asked Mr Plowden if he could update the PC further to meetings held between Plowden Estates and Shropshire council. Mr Plowden informed Cllrs that as part of the current consultation Shropshire Council has taken views from Natural England, English Heritage and Lydbury North Parish Council. Information relating to development sites was provided that Cllrs agreed should be considered at a later date. At this point Mr Plowden resumed the Chair.	<b>AB</b>
15.052	<b>Reports</b> <b>Investment</b> Cllr Plowden reported that he had been in contact with SNR Brunt who confirmed that £120k had been invested to date with £80k being held in a cash account. Following questions raised at the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the investment Cllrs agreed on the importance of maintaining communications and that the Clerk should make available a copy of the investment strategy produced by the Parish	<b>AB</b>

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	<p>Council.</p> <p><b>School</b> – JWR reported that 3 children will be starting in the Nursery and 3 children will be moving up to the reception class. The Friday playgroup will remain at the school and the nursery will be open for 5 days/week. The nursery can hold up to 8 children. The PC wished to ensure the school was aware of its interest in order for it to be sustained.</p>	<b>AB</b>
15.053	<p><b>Flooding</b></p> <p>Clerk reported that having written to the Flood Management Technician of SC he had to write to Chris Wright, Senior Bridge Engineer from whom a response is awaited. It was felt that actions previously agreed needed to be addressed before Autumn/Winter. It was important that landowners were contacted to ascertain what could be done to address issues identified and what support the Environment Agency/Shropshire Council could provide.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact Shropshire Council regarding the weirs in Brockton that are increasing the depth of water at the ford.</p>	<b>AB</b> <b>AB</b>
15.054	<p><b>Highways</b> - It was noted that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clun road has been reopened</li> <li>2. SC have erected fencing to protect public around a pothole in Oak Tree Crescent</li> <li>3. Pot holes on the road into Brockton (the turning nearest Lydbury) and reported to SC on 12/7/14 has not yet been actioned.</li> <li>4. Castle Bank had narrowed further since last reported and Clerk to ascertain if signs could be erected to warn drivers.</li> <li>5. Drain at Huts corner still blocked</li> <li>6. Small stretch of road at Totterton has been resurfaced.</li> </ol> <p>Clerk to follow up as necessary</p>	<b>AB</b>
15.055	<p><b>Street cleaning</b> – The VHMC have asked if the PC's street cleaner could move waste bins at the village hall in readiness for bin collection. Clerk to respond.</p> <p>As previously reported dog owners are avoiding the footpaths and roads allowing dogs to defecate on verges and tracks away from housing. Agreed that the issue of dog waste should be included in the Parish Post.</p>	<b>RE</b>
15.056	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>Clerk reported response to email from village shop requesting a page on the new site.</p>	
15.057	<p><b>Finance and Bills to pay</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The following payments from the Community Account were approved             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. HMRC income tax payment for April/May/June paid by internet transfer on 7/7/14 - £238.60</li> <li>b. Wages for July and August D Birch 2 x £60.67 gross; A Boak 2 x £348.05</li> <li>c. NPower direct debit £96.82</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The following payments from the New Hall from Big Lottery/Bequest Account were approved             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tim Weaver for purchase of kitchen equipment £951.73. Refund for cutting boards to be returned to new hall account.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>a. Re audit arrangements agreed that Clerk contacts Cllrs to arrange meeting to approve accounts for audit when ready.</p>	<b>AB</b>
15.058	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cllrs noted receipt of and response to email from Jenny Hall requesting information on posting of minutes and Powis Arms. It was noted that Montgomery Brewery have shown an interest in the Powis Arms</li> <li>2. Cllrs noted email and information from Woodland Trust on free tree packs.</li> </ol>	
15.059	<p>Date of next meeting confirmed as 9/09/14 and that the AGM for next year be rearranged to 20/5/14.</p>	<b>AB</b>

Signed ..... Chairman      Date .....