

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Wednesday 16 March 2011 - At 7.30pm Lydbury North Village Hall

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| 11.36 | <p>Public Open session – Matt & Kim Williams attended to see how they could help and work with the parish council on preventing the school closure. Ideas were sought on how to publicise the protest and which Government Minister we could invite for publicity and to highlight that closure is contrary to the government’s Localism Agenda.(see below) Kate Baker also attended and talked about the Big Society and how Lydbury North was already achieving many of its community aims. It was expected of the Parish Council to become more active and lead the debate. Kate was given a copy of the NALC Guidance on Localism and clerk will send her e-mails addresses of Cllrs so that the conversation can continue.</p> | BE |
| 11.37 | <p>Members present Cllrs Kidd, Bowen, Williams, Beaumont, Bluhm, Collin, Plowden, Ellis, Mardzynski</p> | |
| 11.38 | <p>Apologies for absence - None</p> | |
| 11.39 | <p>Declarations of Interest Cllr Plowden on both the above for village hall proposals and planning at Eaton Farm Cllr Beaumont a prejudicial interest also on Eaton Farm</p> | |
| 11.40 | <p>Minutes of last meeting – agreed and signed by Chairman.</p> | |
| 11.41 | <p>Presentation by Mathew Mead – Mathew is the community regeneration officer for the southern area directorate. Chris Edwards is the director. He is our link between LJC (our LJC 19 will meet three times a year) and parish councils and to promote the big society and the way services are delivered. Fund raising is also an element of his job. He is normally in Bishop’s Castle Enterprise House on Tuesdays 9.30 – 5.30. Clerk to circulate contact details to councillors. JW would like the clerk to send official thanks to Frances for all her help over the years – all agreed.</p> | BE BE |
| 11.42 | <p>School Governors’ Report – JW requested that everyone should sign the petition and also it could be done on line and to write to members of the Shropshire cabinet. Addresses can be found on the County web site. GE will speak with Phillip Dunne about inviting members of the government – i.e. national cabinet - possible Ministers to invite were Eric Pickles, Michael Gove, Owen Patterson, and Ian Duncan-Smith MP’s. GE will also raise the fact that we are a ‘super sparse’ area and that</p> | GE GE |

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| | Shropshire's funding formula doesn't take account of this. Arguments on economic grounds should be formulated to counter the County's economic figures – target the cabinet and MP's - they make the decisions. JW will circulate dates to all when the next meetings are concerning the school. SB to liaise with Nikki Pugh about our efforts in the campaign | JW SB |
| 11.43 | Correspondence – Flood monitors – JW suggested Mr Wall for Acton. All councillors to let the clerk know if they wish to become one. Central Networks – thought about 30 packs for the APM and to take names at the meeting for further distribution. Clerk to send letter of support to Nikki re the school. | JW ALL BE |
| 11.44 | New Hall Project – Cllr Ellis reported that Terms of Reference had been signed by the VHMC. Some Cllrs were concerned about the tone of some sections, particularly Para 6, which should be reworded –the aim should be to foster co-operation between all groups. Other matters raised were Dorothy's wishes – RP to copy to GE Dorothy's original offer letter. The Vanguard project may have a bearing on developments both for the hall and the school. A public meeting to discuss the options has been planned for the 4 April 2011. JB raised two issues from the VHMC – (1) a reluctance to proceed further with the project until a legal Deed of Gift was drafted (to protect Councillors should Dorothy die before the new Hall is completed, and to set out terms for the use of the Maintenance Fund) - RP agreed to talk to Nikki and (2) The VHMC are adamant that they do not want the 'cherries' (car parking, shop, village green, playing field), only a new Village Hall. The Parish Council did not agree with this as it was considered to be an opportunity missed for wider Community benefits and also a possible help to obtain Grant Funding for site purchase. Obviously the choice of site is critical as to whether the 'cherries' are achievable. IK stated that the play-area funding will not be available: All agreed clerk should approach Chris Edwards about the purchase or lease of the playing field. A clear sense of urgency to progress was agreed and a public meeting is set for 4 April where views on the best site and facilities may help progress the issue. Clerk to talk to Land Registry as the boundaries of the village Hall ownership marked in red may be wrong. | RP RP BE BE |
| 11.45 | Planning Committee - All noted and clerk to send link to Eaton Farm application - Cllrs will then decide if they want to have a site visit and comment by 23 March. | BE ALL |
| 11.46 | LJC – next one 21/3/11 in Church Barn Bishop's Castle. | ALL |
| 11.47 | AGM/APM – JW is getting positive feedback from groups about the Diamond Jubilee. Central Networks will give a short talk and bring emergency packs for the elderly and vulnerable. Await further information on hall, school and vanguard project. Clerk to draw up plan | BE |

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| | for the evening for next meeting | |
| 11.48 | Parish Newsletter – Plan for the next one in May after the parish meeting. | |
| 11.49 | The Big Lunch – When councillors are speaking to Kate Baker ask if she would like to take this on. | ALL |
| 11.50 | Clerks Corner – Clerk to check SC IT department re. Virus Screen for advice and if required purchase and reclaim cost – if not needed install free AVG | BE |
| 11.51 | <p>Updates – see notes</p> <p>Streetlights – Enquiry from public about missing lamp post – clerk is including this when estimates are sought for replacing others</p> <p>Electricity Purchase Scheme – Clerk to progress</p> <p>Speed Watch – Cllr Kidd has contacted Safer Roads Partnership</p> <p>Brocton Junction – meeting with Glyn Shaw has progressed this – Clerk to obtain quote.</p> <p>Purchase of Cabinet – not progressed,</p> <p>Memorial Mr & Mrs Over – not progressed,</p> <p>Invite vicar to meeting – advice has been gained from ALC. Unless she is invited to be a councillor when there is a vacancy she can only be treated as a member of the public – i.e. be able to talk at the public open session. I will now write to her telling her of the dates of future meetings,</p> <p>Shropshire Charter – I now have this – and will now send as there appears to be some action between ALC and the SC,</p> <p>Hedge by bus shelter – have received advice from Nikki – will progress asap,</p> <p>Notice boards – Georgie looking up prices,</p> <p>Emergency planning meeting – IK/JC to attend 11/4/11,</p> <p>Use of defibrillators. – SM volunteered to be the contact,</p> <p>ALC training initiative – JW taking to SSAPTC,</p> <p>Road Gullies – Cllrs to inform clerk</p> <p>Meetings attended – RP reported attending a sustainable tourism meeting</p> | <p>BE</p> <p>BE</p> <p>BE</p> <p>BE</p> <p>GE IK/JC SM JW ALL</p> |
| 11.52 | Bills to be Paid – Agreed all to be paid | BE |
| 11.53 | Staffing Committee – (to include employment liaison, training and quality council) Clerk attended training on financial matters and advises a finance committee be set up. | ALL |
| 11.54 | Preservation orders – clerk to ask for advice | BE |
| 11.55 | Pride of Shropshire Awards – All agreed clerk to put Dorothy's name forward | BE |
| 11.56 | E-mails – Now included in correspondence section | |

Date of next meeting is 7.30 April 13 2011 in the Primary School.

Signed Chairman

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