

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Tuesday 6th January 2015 - 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

MINUTES

	Public session: No members of the public in attendance	ACTION
15.113	Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Beaumont, Bowen, Ellis, Evans, May and Also present Andy Boak (Clerk), Charlotte Barnes (Unitary Authority Cllr), Mathew Mead (Community Enablement Officer)	
15.114	Members absent: Cllr Woosnam Roberts	
15.115	Apologies for absence: Cllr Woosnam Roberts, Unitary Cllr C Barnes, CEO M Mead	
15.116	Declarations of interest: Cllr Evans as relative of applicant for planning application FUL; Cllr Plowden as owner of land relating to potential housing development in place plan	
15.117	Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of meetings held on 25 th November 2014 were accepted as a true record	
15.118	Matters arising: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In respect of minute 15.109 concerns continue to be raised about the nuisance caused by dogs in Church Close. JB to follow up and Clerk to inform Shropshire Council. 2. In respect of minute 15.108(1i) the state of the footpath in front of the garage is getting worse. JB believes that the footpath does come under the jurisdiction of Shropshire Council. JB and Clerk to meet on site with land registry plan of boundary prior to contacting Shropshire Council. 3. In respect of minute 15.106 in the context of the school. JB had raised this with the VHMC who stated that the increase in cost was £2 more than previous and that there is discount for local weddings. JB asked to raise with the VHMC if consideration for preferential rates could be given to the school and similar local organisations 4. Cllrs discussed issues regarding the Post Office service run from the Village Shop and the Clerk was instructed to write to the regional manager to voice the PC's concerns. 	<p>JB AB</p> <p>JB/AB</p> <p>JB</p> <p>AB</p>
15.104	Councillor vacancies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No suggestions to add. 	
15.105	Planning: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Applications <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 14/05350/FUL Lynch Gate, Lydbury North, Shropshire, SY7 8AE. Proposal for the erection of extension and alterations to existing dwelling. Supported with reservations: Lack of glazing bars; are sheds staying or going; internal chimneys; public footpath not shown on plans. b. 14/05358/FUL 14 Golden Grove, Acton, Bishops Castle, Shropshire, SY9 5LD. Proposal for the erection of an artists studio and wood turners workshop. No comment. c. 14/05323/FUL Walcot Farm, Lydbury North, Shropshire, SY7 8AA Proposal for the erection of agricultural buildings for barn egg production, together with attenuation pond and access visibility splay improvement. Objected on the grounds of: An industrial form of agriculture in a historic landscape; sits in an AONB and will be visible from everywhere as on a flood plain; concerns over pollution of ground 	AB

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	<p>water (if approved would expect very careful monitoring); work has already been started on removal of hedgerows for access alterations. Clerk asked to determine if and when this will be taken to committee.</p> <p>2. Parish Plan: Clerk presented a revised plan for circulation based on the existing priorities and those identified through the recent survey and in line with guidance from Shropshire Council.</p>	AB
15.106	<p>Reports</p> <p>Investment Information from SNR Brunt on potential yield of whole portfolio received and noted. Detail forwarded to VHMC. Income for December £712.97.</p> <p>West Mercia Police Crime statistics for the area including Lydbury North for 14/11/14-14/12/14 were received and noted.</p>	
15.108	<p>Highways -</p> <p>1. The following reports on highway maintenance were received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Culverts on Acton-Bryn road exposed and cleared though last one in line before A488 is blocked b. Culvert below Plowden Church overflowing – reported. c. Cllr Ellis raised concerns regarding mud on the road at Totterton which were making conditions hazardous. A question was asked regarding responsibility for clearing debris. Clerk to investigate and ask Shropshire Council if they can send a road sweeper. d. Unitary Cllr Charlotte Barnes provided information that Highways are going to do a site visit to see what signage can be put in to slow traffic down in Brockton. 	AB
15.109	<p>Dog Nuisance Clerk to write to MB expressing the Council's strong concern.</p>	AB
15.110	<p>Finance and Bills to pay</p> <p>1. The following payments from Community Account were approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wages for February D Birch £60.67 Gross; A Boak £332.49 Gross ii. Enterprise SW Shropshire for printing community newsletter inserts – £22.30 <p>2. The following payments from the New Hall Accounts were approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SMC Custom Installations – power operated screen - £256.95 <p>3. The Parish Council considered a number of alternatives for setting the precept for 2015/16. The draft budget shows a requirement for £10890 including contingency costs. Shropshire Council have proposed a precept of £10194, the same as requested by the Parish Council last year excluding the Council Tax Support Grant (CTSG) which amounted to an additional £717. Shropshire Council will not be making the CTSG available to the Parish Council for 2015/16 equivalent to a 7% reduction. As the Parish Council had raised the precept last year by 3% in anticipation of the loss of the CTSG Cllr Evans proposed that the Parish Council seek to cover the loss of the CTSG by charging a precept of £10648 representing a charge of £49.99 for a Council Tax Band D property. Cllr Ellis seconded and all agreed.</p>	AB AB
15.112	<p>Next meeting confirmed as 10/02/15. Request to alter date of AGM to 14/5/2015. Clerk to investigate.</p>	AB

Signed Chairman Date