

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Tuesday 12 April 2016 - 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

MINUTES

		ACTION
	Cllrs welcomed Ann Furness who attended the meeting as an interested party	
17.001	Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Beaumont, Bowen, Ellis, Evans, May, and Woosnam Roberts Also present: Unitary Cllr Barnes, Andy Boak (Clerk)	
17.002	Members absent: None	
17.003	Apologies for absence: Mathew Mead (Community Enablement Officer)	
17.004	Declarations of interest: None	
17.005	Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th January 2016 were signed following amendments agreed at the meeting of the 8 th March 2016. The minutes of the meeting held on the 8 th March were agreed and signed further to the following amendments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minute 16.112 – VHMC – to add request for copy of accounts 2. Minute 16.113/3 – Gulley at Folly Farm with grid reference 	
17.006	Matters arising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re defibrillator training. WMAS is no longer offering training. It was agreed to pursue one of the volunteers who is or has been a practising nurse delivering the training ensuring they had a trainer's ward and relevant insurance. 2. Cllr Evans reported that hare coursers had been seen on Oakley Mynd and reported to the Police. 3. Cllrs expressed concern over infrastructure maintenance in rural areas. 	
17.007	Councillor Vacancies: Cllr Ellis had spoken with Mrs Burgoyne at Churchmoor, but they are unable to commit at this time.	
17.008	Planning and Housing Matters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning application 16/01005/FUL erection of single storey 2 bay open fronted garage at Greycote, Acton. No comment 	
17.009	Reports Dorothy Hunt Investment Trust - Cllrs noted receipt of the half yearly report that showed the value of the investment at 13/3/16 as £197909.38. Payments made from 14/9/15-13/3/16 = £3524.37 less £369.77 charges. Unitary Cllr Barnes - Cllr Barnes reported on the fund raising being undertaken by SPARC and efforts to increase sustainability following the announcement that Shropshire Council would no longer subsidise the facility. Photovoltaic panels have been erected. A five year contract for running the library at Bishop's Castle has been signed with Enterprise House. Cllr Barnes responded to concerns regarding Police response times to hare coursing reports in terms of their location at the time of the report. Cllr Barnes raised the issue of the Government decision to make all schools academies and the impact this could have on small rural schools. Cllrs were informed of the consultation on the National funding formula for schools and the 17 th April deadline. Cllrs keen to support school with any response they make and Cllr Woosnam Roberts agreed to speak to the Head and Clerk to email. School - Cllr Woosnam Roberts reported that there will be no out of school provision in the future, but the breakfast club will continue. LJC - Cllrs noted the meeting to be held on 14 th April at SPARC (7pm) with leader and Chief Executive of Shropshire Council delivering input on the cuts to the budget and their impact. Meeting with Bishop's Castle Town Council - Cllr Plowden reported on the meeting between the chairs and clerks of the two respective Councils. This meeting arose from the potential for services currently delivered through Shropshire Council to be	JWR/AB

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	transferred to Town Councils and the desire for Parish Councils to have a voice and form a natural grouping of rural parishes around the Town Council. Outcome of the meeting was that BCTC have invited Unitary Cllr Cecilia Motley who has cabinet responsibility for Rural Services and Local Communities to meet with chairs and clerks of local parishes.													
17.010	<p>Highways - Cllr May raised concerns regarding the closure of roads and the apparent lack of coordination regarding such closures. Cllr Barnes concurred having raised the matter with Shropshire Council.</p> <p>The following reports on highway maintenance were received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllrs expressed concern regarding erosion of the road edge on Castle Bank 2. Cllr Woosnam Roberts reported that the sign by the ford on the R Kemp had been repaired 3. Cllr Woosnam Roberts reported that no further action had taken place regarding the bridge at Brockton. 	AB												
17.011	<p>Crime Report for Lydbury North, Edgton, Hopesay and Wistanstow for the period 15th February – 14th March 2016</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">Crime Reported</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Details</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Location</th> <th style="width: 35%;">Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Attempt burglary dwelling</td> <td>Damage caused to rear patio door, no entry gained</td> <td>Lydbury North</td> <td>28th – 29th February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary – non dwelling</td> <td>Outbuilding broken into, numerous power tools stolen. Husqvarna/Makita chainsaw's, Stihl strimmer, brush cutter</td> <td>Woolston</td> <td>14th – 18th February. Small yellow pickup seen in area on 16th & 17th by neighbours, possibly a Proton Jumbuck, Ford Ranger, Skoda Felicia, Mazda B series.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cllrs noted the above report and current priorities relating to the increase in acquisitive rural crime and livestock worrying. Cllr Barnes stated that the Community Enablement Officer team can access SmartWater at a discount for villages wishing to take this up.</p>	Crime Reported	Details	Location	Notes	Attempt burglary dwelling	Damage caused to rear patio door, no entry gained	Lydbury North	28 th – 29 th February	Burglary – non dwelling	Outbuilding broken into, numerous power tools stolen. Husqvarna/Makita chainsaw's, Stihl strimmer, brush cutter	Woolston	14 th – 18 th February. Small yellow pickup seen in area on 16 th & 17 th by neighbours, possibly a Proton Jumbuck, Ford Ranger, Skoda Felicia, Mazda B series.	
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17.012	<p>Finance and Bills to pay</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllrs approved the following payments from the Community Account <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wages for A Boak (Clerk) - £357.07 gross ii. SALC affiliation fee for 2016/17 - £239.31 iii. HMRC income tax payment made on 8/4/16 to avoid charges - £202.92 iv. SALC for audit training - £22.00 (b) Cllrs approved the following payments from the New Hall Account <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. J S Beaumont on behalf of LNVHMC for purchase of clock - £35.00 													
17.013	<p>Correspondence – Cllrs noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The launch of Shropshire Great Outdoors website b. The Post 16 Education transport assistance consultation c. The opportunity to receive the VCS digest d. The Independent Maternity Review following the tragic death of Kate Stanton-Davies in 2009 e. The forthcoming elections for the next PCC f. The report on potential closure of Community Pharmacies. In recognising the risk to non-prescription and other services the Council encouraged everyone to sign the petition at the Bishop's Castle pharmacy. g. The request for support from SPARC. Clerk to request more detailed information prior to consideration of the request. 	AB												
17.014	AGM – Clerk reported that Shropshire Cllr Cecilia Motley portfolio holder for Rural Services & Local Communities will be the key speaker. Marketing material to be prepared and distributed.	AB												
17.015	Date of AGM confirmed as 4 th May 2016.													

Signed

Chairman

Date