

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council

Held Tuesday 14th April 2015 - 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

MINUTES

	Public session:	ACTION
16.000	<p>Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Beaumont, Ellis, Evans, May and Woosnam Roberts</p> <p>Also present: Andy Boak (Clerk)</p>	
16.001	Members absent: Cllr Bowen	
16.002	Apologies for absence: Cllr Bowen, CEO M Mead and Unitary Cllr Barnes	
16.003	Declarations of interest: None declared	
16.004	Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of meetings held on 17 th March 2015 were accepted as a true record	
16.005	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>1. Item 15.147 re LJC report on broadband. PC agreed not to invite 'Connecting Shropshire' to a future meeting at this moment in time.</p>	
16.006	<p>Councillor Vacancies: Clerk to contact potential interested parties. Vacancies to be broadcast at the AGM</p>	AB/RP
16.007	<p>Planning:</p> <p>1. Planning Applications</p> <p>a. Noted that the application for the removal of trees at Lydbury House had been approved</p> <p>b. Regarding planning application 14/05323/FUL Walcot Farm, Lydbury North, Cllrs noted that no decision had been made by Shropshire Council</p>	
16.008	<p>Reports</p> <p>Dorothy Hunt Investment Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllrs noted receipt of half year report up to March 2015 on the investment showing the £200k had grown by £10672 and delivered a dividend of 2.5-3%. Clerk to seek an up to date valuation for the AGM. Review of investment strategy. Noted that the investment had achieved everything expected in terms of growth and income. Cllr Ellis proposed that the investment strategy be approved without amendment. Cllr Evans seconded all in favour. Clerk to ask SNR Brunt if any changes proposed. <p>School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JWR reported that there was no new information to report other than a meeting with parents and Cllr Barnes was being arranged to discuss the speed of traffic. 	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
16.009	<p>Highways -</p> <p>1. The following reports on highway maintenance were received</p> <p>a. The sign at the ford in Brockton which is in a dangerous condition has been reported</p> <p>b. An email has been sent to ask if suggested lowering of the road at the bridge in Brockton is to be carried out.</p> <p>c. Pothole on Llysty lane reported</p>	CB
16.010	<p>Mobile Phone Signal: Cllrs expressed their concerns for a young person trapped by agricultural machinery and for their inability to obtain a mobile signal for contacting the emergency services. Agreed Cllr Evans prepares draft letter with the approval of the injured person and their relatives to increase pressure on the mobile phone companies to provide adequate signals in rural areas.</p>	RE

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	<p>Cllr Woosnam Roberts showed the Council the signal booster for use in the home to improve the mobile signal using broadband. Cllr Woosnam Roberts also referred to the use of the 112 emergency number which is treated in the same way as 999, but can be used in other EE countries. If in a remote location a mobile connection to emergency services can enable location of the phone.</p>	
16.011	<p>Defibrillator:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk reported that the defibrillator is registered with West Midlands Ambulance Service, but is not linked to their system to enable its effective use. Three alternatives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Volunteers trained in CPR and use of defibrillator who can respond to an incident within 30m of the machine. Volunteer notified via WMAS and respond to incident. Clearly would only cover part of the village b. Volunteers trained in CPR and use of defibrillator who can respond to an incident within 300m of the machine. Volunteer notified via WMAS and respond to incident. Lydbury North covered, but nowhere else. c. Volunteers trained in CPR and use of defibrillator are registered on the 'Numbers Plus' scheme whereby any incident coming through the emergency services is cascaded to volunteers. The volunteer offering support stays in contact with WMAS who can provide additional assistance. Coverage is within 5 mile radius of machine and ensures overlap with other areas. Cost £99/yr + VAT <p>Need minimum of 6 volunteers for training purposes. Agreed to raise at AGM in terms of preferred option (c)</p> 	
16.012	<p>Finance and Bills to pay</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The following payments from Community Account were approved <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wages for April D Birch £60.67 Gross; A Boak £332.49 Gross b. Enterprise South West printing of Parish Post - £19.20 c. SALC membership - £231.28 d. Insurance renewal – Alternative quotes sought and Zurich have offered the same level of cover for £388.58 which based on last years quote from Came & Co represents a saving of £390.24. Cllr May proposed that this is accepted, Cllr Ellis seconded, all agreed. 2. Audit of accounts. Agreed that Diane Malley provides internal audit. 	
16.013	<p>AGM agenda and content agreed. Clerk to organise and include in Community Newsletter</p>	AB/JB

Signed Chairman Date