

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council

Held Tuesday 15 September 2015 - 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

MINUTES

	Public session: Tim Weaver addressed the Parish Council on two matters:	ACTION
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Timescales for publication of Parish Council minutes and agendas. Clerk to address 2. Signage for the location of the defibrillator. Clerk to investigate 	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
16.045	<p>Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Beaumont, Bowen, Ellis, May and Woosnam Roberts, Unitary Cllr Barnes</p> <p>Also present: Andy Boak (Clerk)</p>	
16.046	Members absent: Cllr Evans	
16.047	Apologies for absence: Cllrs Evans	
16.048	Declarations of interest: None declared	
16.049	<p>Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of meetings held on 21st July 2015 were accepted as a true record subject to amendment. In order to address issues regarding timescales between meetings and publication of minutes Cllr Bowen proposed that draft minutes of Parish Council meetings are published clearly identified as draft and agendas for meetings are published on the website. Seconded Cllr May and all agreed.</p>	
16.050	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Following communications with the Chair of Lydbury North Village Hall Management Committee the Clerk reported that further detail on the arrangements for a member of the committee to contribute the Parish Council meetings had been requested. Whilst the VHMC would prefer an informal relationship, the Parish Council reiterated its previous position to seek Councillors as representatives of local groups. Cllrs agreed that if a representative of the LNVHMC wished to attend that part of the meeting in which to provide a report they would be welcome, but suggested that in doing so they could miss relevant information given at other parts of the meeting and would not be able to enter into debate on any matter. Clerk to inform VHMC.</p>	AB
16.051	<p>Councillor Vacancies:</p> <p>Cllr May reported that they had spoken to someone interested from Churchmoor and Cllr Plowden suggested they attend informally in the first instance</p>	GM
16.052	<p>Planning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Applications <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 14/05323/FUL Walcot Farm. Planning application approved at Shropshire Council South Shropshire planning committee meeting held on 8th September 2015 with a number of conditions. Lydbury North Parish Council represented by Cllr Bowen who presented the Parish Council's objections to this scheme. Cllr Bowen informed the Council that a visit to the site by the committee did not include viewing from positions overlooking the site. Cllr Barnes expressed disappointment with the attitude of planning committee members towards Cllr Bowen. The Parish Council expressed concerns about its lack of ability to influence planning decisions in the light of Government policy on localism. b. 15/03556/FUL. Application for change of use of land for the siting of a holiday unit, installation of septic tank and associated drainage field. As this is a similar application to one submitted previously except for the inclusion of a septic tank and drainage field to which the Parish 	

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	<p style="text-align: center;">b.ii. Increased enforcement. Clerk to respond</p> <p>2. In response to a request for a dog waste bin near the village shop from Rita Baker as Chair of the Village Shop Committee, Cllrs felt the crossroads by the garage would perhaps be a more appropriate position. Cllr Barnes offered to pursue in the first instance</p> <p>3. Cllrs approved advertising the vacancy for a street cleaner. a. Cllr Bowen proposed that the Parish Council adopts, and pays the street cleaner at, the national living wage rate of £7.85/hr. Cllr Beaumont seconded and all approved.</p> <p>4. The Clerk was asked to report the driving of a tractor through Lydbury North with an unsheeted load of chicken waste.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>AB/JB</p> <p>AB</p>
16.055	<p>Defibrillator: Communication received from WMAS with requirement for a minimum of 6 for training. Cllrs agreed to advertise in order to attract volunteers particularly from areas of the parish not already covered.</p>	<p>AB</p>
16.056	<p>Transparency Code Clerk asked to pursue application for DCLG grant to support Councils meet the requirements of the mandatory Transparency Code which requires the online publication of key spending and governance information on the occasions specified in the Code. Such requirements would necessitate the development of website design and access. Cllr Bowen agreed to investigate costs for website development to support this transition.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>JB</p>
16.057	<p>Finance and Bills to pay</p> <p>1. The following payments from Community Account were approved a. Wages for A Boak £357.07 b. Diane Malley for audit £85.00 c. HMRC – income tax for July/Aug/Sept - £170</p> <p>2. The following payments from the New Hall Account were approved a. LNVH maintenance account - £835.79</p> <p>3. Cllrs received and noted reports on audit of accounts for 2014/15</p> <p>4. Cllrs noted that under the new transparency code all financial transactions must show the recipient of funds. Cllrs agreed that all recipients of Parish Council funds should be identified with the proviso that where this is on behalf of another organisation this is clearly shown.</p>	
16.058	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>1. Cllrs approved the request from Philip Dunne's office to display posters and agreed that posters displaying Cllr Barnes contact details should also be included.</p> <p>2. In response to a request from Shropshire Housing for support of strong local connection for a Kerry Dehre currently resident at Home Farm House Bishops Castle seeking a Housing Association dwelling on Habershon Close. Evidence of strong local connection Cllrs felt unable to confirm such a connection.</p> <p>3. Cllrs approved the forwarding of an email from Shropshire Defend our NHS expressing concerns regarding Future Fit proposals</p> <p>4. Cllrs noted content of emails copied to the Clerk between Duncan Baker and Connecting Shropshire regarding rural broadband</p>	<p>AB/CB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
16.059	Confirmation of next meeting 20th October 2015	

Signed

Chairman

Date