

# Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council  
Held Tuesday 17th March 2015 - 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

## MINUTES

		<b>ACTION</b>
	<p><b>Public session:</b> Mr Matthew Williams addressed the Parish Council on the issue of dogs in Church Close presenting information regarding the efforts taken to address concerns of neighbours and the actions taken to ensure that his dogs were treated in accordance with expected standards. Mr Williams explained that he kept 6 working gun dogs, 3 of which accompanied him when working to reduce the impact of any noise disturbance. He also has 3 West Highland Terriers. 1 litter of pups is produced per year. He has Kennel Club accreditation and complies with the requirements of Shropshire Council.</p>	
15.140	<p><b>Members present:</b> Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Beaumont, Ellis, Evans, May and Woosnam Roberts <b>Also present:</b> Matthew Williams (resident of Church Close), Andy Boak (Clerk), Charlotte Barnes (Unitary Authority Cllr)</p>	
15.141	<b>Members absent:</b> Cllr Bowen	
15.142	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr Bowen and CEO M Mead	
15.143	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None declared	
15.144	<b>Minutes of last meeting:</b> The minutes of meetings held on 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 were accepted as a true record	
15.145	<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With reference to updating the standing orders the Clerk reported that this was work in progress</li> <li>2. With reference to item 15.096 the Clerk reported that a new laptop had been purchased at a cost of £199.99. Open source and payroll software has been installed at no cost to the Council.</li> </ol>	
15.146	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning Applications               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 14/05598/FUL 1 Church Cottages, Lydbury North, Shropshire, SY7 8AU proposal for the erection of a two storey rear extension has received approval</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
15.134	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><b>Dorothy Hunt Investment Trust</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of investment strategy awaiting report from SNR Brunt. Clerk to ensure availability for AGM.</li> </ul> <p><b>School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JWR reported that the school newsletter included reference to the parking situation outside the school which had caused some confusion particularly when parents dropped off/collected children. Consequently a meeting is to be held with the school, parents and the unitary Cllr Charlotte Barnes. The nursery has 13/14 attending each week with a maximum of 8 per session. There are 28 children in school. The Head is attending the Parish Council AGM. Volunteers to hear children read would be welcomed. The school will be holding an Easter service on the 27/3/15 followed by tea, coffee and cakes to which everyone is welcome.</li> </ul> <p><b>Unitary Councillor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CB made reference to the meeting at the school</li> <li>• In relation to SAMDev CB informed Cllrs that development of less than 10 houses would not incur the affordable housing element and made reference to grants available to developers rather than buyers. The overall policy looks to be approved with some changes to site allocations.</li> </ul>	<b>AB</b>

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15.135	<p><b>Highways -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The following reports on highway maintenance were received             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. David Birch reported unsheeted tractor with trailers carrying waste from chicken rearing sheds, confirmed by JB – registration taken and reported. Also possible fly tipping by company carrying out work in Lydbury North, but difficult to corroborate. Dog dirt still an issue.</li> <li>b. Speed check in Lydbury North last month resulted in the issuing of 1 speed enforcement ticket and 3 verbal warnings. There were no reported incidents for Lydbury North, but West Mercia Police added a general report on sheep worrying and the deaths of 20 sheep.</li> <li>c. JB asked the Clerk to investigate legislation concerning speeding of tractors. This has just been increased to 25mph. The limit is 40mph if fitted with brakes of truck standard and with ABS.</li> <li>d. JWR reported that signage in Brockton was outstanding together with traffic calming for which a site meeting is being organised. JWR also noted that a meeting with relevant bodies to discuss the impact of the bridge on flooding had not taken place. Clerk to pursue.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>CB</b> <b>AB</b></p>
	<p><b>Defibrillator</b> – JWR asked Clerk to ascertain who has received training. Clerk confirmed that as far as he knew no one other than Duncan Baker and said that the PC could register with the Clun Valley AED scheme. As volunteers are needed for training it was agreed that this should be raised at the AGM.</p>	
15.136	<p><b>Finance and Bills to pay</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The following payments from Community Account were approved             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Wages for April D Birch £60.67 Gross; A Boak £332.49 Gross                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.i. Enterprise SW Shropshire printing of parish post Jan/Feb - £49.40</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.ii. LNVH for room hire not discounted - £855.00</li> <li>a.iii. A Boak for purchase of laptop on behalf of LNPC - £199.99</li> <li>b. The following payments from the New Hall Account were approved               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b.i. Kitchen equipment - £338.07</li> <li>b.ii. GF &amp; M Astley Landscaping - £4830.00</li> <li>b.iii. Public Address and lighting systems – £773.13</li> <li>b.iv. Price and Oliver for hall keys - £288.06</li> <li>b.v. To LNVH interest payments on investment Dec/Jan - £712.97/£465.00 (£1177.97)</li> <li><b>b.vi.</b> To LNVH interest payments on investment Feb/Mar - £396.54/£502.08 less overpayment of £365.50 = £533.12</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
15.138	Next meeting confirmed as 14/04/15. Clerk to provide agenda for AGM at this meeting	<b>AB</b>

Signed ..... Chairman      Date .....