

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Tuesday 19 January 2016 - 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

MINUTES

		ACTION
16.089	<p>Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Beaumont, Bowen, Ellis, Evans, May, Woosnam Roberts and Unitary Cllr Barnes</p> <p>Also present: Andy Boak (Clerk),</p>	
16.090	Members absent: None	
16.091	Apologies for absence: Mathew Mead (Community Enablement Officer)	
16.092	Declarations of interest: None	
16.093	Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 17 th November 2015 were accepted as a true record.	
16.094	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>(a) Re Minute 16.037/3 Change of title for village hall request by VHMC. The VHMC following independent legal advice, expressed dissatisfaction with the response from Greens solicitors as it doesn't change the title to that requested. After discussion Cllr Bowen proposed that the Parish Council allow the VHMC to pursue the matter as they feel fit, but in the doing so keep the Parish Council informed. Cllr Ellis seconded and all agreed. Cllrs also noted and expressed their appreciation that the VHMC had agreed to pay the solicitors costs from VHMC funds rather than it being paid from Parish Council village hall funds. The Clerk informed Cllrs that he had received a cheque for the cost of the solicitors fees and would process payment to Greens.</p> <p>(b) Regarding item 16.054/4 unsheeted chicken waste being driven through the village. It has been noted that the offending tractor/trailer is now sheeted every time it travels through the village.</p>	
16.095	Councillor Vacancies: It was agreed to advertise the two vacancies for co-option enabling anyone interested to determine if they would wish to pursue election in 2017.	
16.096	<p>Planning and Housing Matters</p> <p>(c) Cllrs noted that Shropshire Council has adopted the SAMDev policy details of which have been posted on the website</p> <p>(d) Cllrs noted that planning approval has been given for the extension at Grasvenor House</p>	
16.097	<p>Reports</p> <p>Dorothy Hunt Investment Trust Cllrs noted that the Dorothy Hunt Investment Trust. Investment income for December was £376.58 and for January = £763.90</p> <p>Unitary Councillor Unitary Cllr Barnes reported the approval of the SAMDev policy. With regards to SPARC Cllrs Barnes reported the fitting of solar photovoltaic panels and that Shropshire Council appears to be doing what it can to maintain the facility. Following the resignation of Keith Barrow a new leader of Shropshire Council, Malcolm Pate had been appointed leading to the introduction of a new cabinet with renamed portfolios. Cllr Barnes felt that this change in leadership was having a positive effect on both officers and opposition members who felt that communications had improved. The new cabinet had identified three key priorities for the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance strategy and resources • Needs of vulnerable people • Growing the economy <p>Cllrs Barnes agreed to provide the names of the new cabinet and their posts.</p> <p>School Cllr Woosnam Roberts reported that there had been an intake of 5 nursery pupils in</p>	CB

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	<p>January, that the award of a Stay Safer School was pending and the School had been classified as outstanding for its community involvement.</p> <p>LJC</p> <p>Cllr May reported from the LJC meeting held on 25th November 2015. The meeting received and update from Shropshire Housing Group and on Future Fit delays in the implementation of which were attributed to earlier proposals bring insufficient to meet the current financial deficit. With regards to a proposed Urgent Care Centre for Bishop's Castle it may be that the existing hospital offers increased services, yet to be determined. Cllr Barnes said that Future Fit are holding drop-in sessions on the 10th February at Bishops Castle between 10am and 2pm.</p> <p>Cllr May also reported on the allocation of grants from the LJC to the Honest Truth Partnership (£150) and Bucknell Pre-School towards their outdoor play area (£150). The LJC was also seeking continuing support from Parish and Town Councils of a suggested £100 per Council to maintain the support grant fund.</p> <p>Big Conversation event</p> <p>The Clerk reported on an event held by Shropshire Council for Parish Council and the Voluntary sector regarding the direction the Council should take given the reduction on government funding. Whilst the general comments reiterated much of what Shropshire Council has already said, it was felt by some that there was a lack of information to inform decision making and given the low volume of respondents to a Shropshire wide survey it was suggested it was more of a 'small' rather than big conversation.</p>	
16.098	<p>Highways -</p> <p>The following reports on highway maintenance were received</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request for repainting of 'keep clear' sign outside school gate on waiting list. 2. Blocked culvert on Acton-Bryn road reported and identified as collapsed and will need road closure to rectify 3. Cllr Bowen reported that there has been further erosion of the road edge on Castle Bank following the recent weather. 4. Cllr Woosnam Roberts reported that the sign by the ford in Brockton had still not been repaired/replaced. 5. The need for improved signage and repainting of give way/stop lines at the Five Turnings junction. Clerk to report. <p>Whilst there are continuing issues Cllrs wanted to thank Alan Meyrick and his team for their efforts and hope they will be able to continue to maintain the service.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AB</p>
16.099	<p>Flooding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllrs agreed that information received by the Clerk from Shropshire Council on flood assessments for individual properties should go on the website. 2. Cllr Woosnam Roberts reported having contacted Shropshire Council as a promised meeting regarding issues at Brockton Bridge had not been forthcoming. Alan Meyrick had made contact and made an on-site visit with his manager to look at options including dredging of the River Kemp under the bridge and removal of weirs upstream. 	
16.100	<p>Hare Coursing and other illegal activity: It was noted that hare coursing had reduced in intensity due to the weather and the reduction in hare numbers had also had an impact. Increase in burglaries and the potential link to people from outside the area being involved with illegal activity was discussed. It was noted and appreciation expressed that both hare coursing and burglaries were identified as priorities by the Police for the forthcoming period.</p>	
16.101	<p>Defibrillator</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk reported that dates for training had been requested from WMAS 2. With regards to previous comments on signage for the defibrillator it has been ascertained that there are no official signs available and there has not been any request for such across Shropshire. It was noted that any sign erected on the highway would have to comply with legislation and need approval from 	

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	<p>Shropshire Council. As the defibrillator is located at the English Centre the Clerk approached Mr Duncan Baker who expressed that they would be happy to have a sign in their hedgerow. Clerk to contact SC highways.</p>	AB
16.102	<p>Finance and Bills to pay</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The following payments from the Community Account were approved <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Wages for A Boak £357.07 (b) Enterprise SW Shropshire Inv 9335 printing inserts for community newsletter- £23.40 (c) VHMC for hire of hall and meeting room January-December 2016 - £326 2. To following payments from the New Hall Account were approved <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Greens solicitors for land registry change (to be reimbursed by VHMC) - £250 (b) Topline furniture for additional chairs – £1108.50 (c) J Beamond on behalf of LNVHMC for purchase of additional tables - £807.35 (d) Enterprise House for purchase and setting up of laptop for village hall use - £525.00 (e) VHMC maintenance account investment income for December and January - £376.58 + £763.90 = £1140.48 3. Following communications from Shropshire Council identifying that due to an 2.8% increase in the taxbase LNPC can set a precept of £10946 without it resulting in any increase for Council Tax. As Cllrs had previously approved a precept of £10648 based on an assumption that this was the amount that could be levied without and increase in Council Tax Cllr Bowen proposed that LNPC accept the precept as proposed by Shropshire Council. Cllr Ellis seconded and all agreed 4. Cllrs received an application for support of South West Shropshire Grants Scheme. Administered by Shropshire Council on behalf of the LJC this grant is used to support projects across SW Shropshire, e.g., new insulation for a village hall, support for driver training programme for young people, creation of play area in a school. £100 from each Council requested. Cllr Evans proposed that the Parish Council approve this application as Lydbury North has benefited in the past. Cllr May seconded and all agreed. 5. Cllrs received a request from Crucial Crew a charity that encourages children to be aware of physical and social situations that could be of danger to them in their own environment for match funding of £7 per child (£35 total) to allow 5 children from year 6 at Lydbury North Primary School to attend an event at Oldbury Wells School in Bridgenorth. Cllr Evans proposed that this application be approved as it has been of great benefit to the children in the past. Cllr Bowen seconded and all agreed. 6. Cllrs noted the submission of a grant application for support in delivery of the Transparency Code. A request for ~£2500 was submitted by December deadline the outcome of which will be known in early February. 7. The Clerk informed the Cllrs that LNPC needs to consider if it is to be part of the external audit scheme proposed to replace current audit arrangements. Due to the complexity of the information relating to this matter and following changes to timescales for opting in/out of the proposed scheme this is to be considered at the next meeting. 	
16.103	<p>Due to the postponement of the January meeting it was agreed that the meeting in February be cancelled. Consequently the next meeting was confirmed as 8th March 2016.</p> <p>Dates for future meetings were agreed as follows: 12th April 2016, 4th May 2016 (AGM), 21st June 2016, 19th July 2016, 13th September 2016, 18th October 2016, 22nd November 2016</p>	

Signed

Chairman

Date