

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Tuesday 20 October 2015 - 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

MINUTES

		ACTION
16.060	<p>Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Beaumont, Bowen and May, Unitary Cllr Barnes</p> <p>Also present: Andy Boak (Clerk)</p>	
16.061	Members absent: Cllrs Ellis, Woosnam Roberts	
16.062	Apologies for absence: Cllrs Ellis, Woosnam Roberts	
16.063	Declarations of interest: None declared	
16.064	Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 25 th August 2015 were accepted as a true record. The minutes of the meeting held on the 15 th September 2015 were subject to amendment and to be signed at the next meeting.	AB
16.065	<p>Matters arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With regards to the issues raised by Tim Weaver at last meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. and minute 16.056 - Minutes of meetings on website are now up to date including a draft of September's meeting and agenda for this meeting. Audit report and financial summary for 2014/15 also on website. b. Re signpost for defibrillator. Rita and Duncan are happy with the idea and would like to see what is proposed. 2. Cllr Bowen reported that she had spoken informally to Veronica Collumb and Chris Penny stating that the Parish Council would be supportive of an affordable dwelling and that the Parish Council recognised that they had a strong local connection. 3. Cllr Bowen reported speaking with Mike Ashwell at Enterprise House regarding the development of an alternative website to meet the needs of the Transparency Code including training for the Clerk in maintenance of such a facility. Cllr Bowen to obtain proposal. 4. In respect of the approval of the planning application by Walcot Farm by Shropshire Council planning committee Cllr Plowden reported raising the issue of localism with a Shropshire Cllr and the inability of the Parish Council to respond to the planning committee once it had presented its case. Unitary Cllr Barnes said that Cllrs from Bishop's Castle were receiving training to enable planning objections to carry more weight with the local authority and that this was not the only planning application where local views appeared to be ignored. Cllr Bowen commented that it was local authority Cllrs who needed training to listen more effectively to local opinion. In response to Cllr May raising comments by the public that publicity appeared to infer Cllr Barnes supported the Walcot Farm planning application, Cllr Barnes stated that she is in exactly the same position as the Parish Council in terms of presenting objections, does not have a vote and it is only through the intervention of a Unitary Cllr that an objection from a Parish or Town Council can be raised at the planning committee. 5. In response to a question raised about the refusal of planning permission for a poultry unit at Hopton Heath Cllr Barnes stated that this was a much larger operation with greater potential for contamination 6. Re minute 16.054/1b Cllrs noted that further to receipt of the PC's priorities for highway maintenance Glyn Shaw has passed these on to the Capital Projects request assessment team 7. Re minute 16.054/4. Police notified. 8. Re minute 16.058/1 Posters displayed 9. Re minute 16.058/2 email sent out re second applicant seeking strong local 	JB

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connection endorsed by Cllr Woosnam Roberts.

16.066	<p>Councillor Vacancies: Cllr May reported that he had spoken the resident from Churchmoor, but they had not wished to pursue the matter Following the expiration of Cllrs Beaumont's tenure on the Lydbury North Education and Welfare Fund, Cllr Beaumont was renominated by Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr May and all approved.</p>	
16.067	<p>Reports Dorothy Hunt Investment Trust A full report on the trust was received from SNR Brunt and Cllrs agreed with the conclusions. Cllrs also agreed to continue to provide information on the investment for the public. Investment income for October £1148.33 Unitary Councillor Cllr Barnes reported that there is currently a consultation with a very short deadline on the merging of Police and Fire Authorities. There was no mention of the Ambulance service. Cllr Barnes expressed being in favour of collaboration, but not a merger as this would impact on local control. Information had been made available suggesting that one of the two A&E departments for Shropshire could close under the winter pressure programme as a consequence of which an emergency scrutiny panel had been called to determine if this was indeed the case. Consultation on Bishop's Castle library being run by Enterprise South West Shropshire had been positive. Currently a petition on the future of SPARC and seeking support from MP Bishop's Castle Community College had some of the top results in the County and OFSTED now rated it as good. At a finance briefing at Shropshire Council officers had expressed the need to raise Council Tax, but that this would not happen until 2018 and if greater than 1.9% would require a referendum. The announcement that local authorities would be able to keep business rated revenue would have limited impact in Shropshire due to the proportion of small businesses not paying such rates. School Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Woosnam Roberts that the fun day raised over £900. The cost of a bench for which support has been requested would be £317 plus VAT to be discussed at the next Education and Welfare Fund meeting. LJC Cllr May attended and reported that no tenders for the running of Youth Services in South Shropshire had been received. Bishop's Castle Youth Centre and now closed. Cllr Barnes had suggested that facilities may be available through the Kings Head Two applications were received for South Shropshire Community Grant - £150 for the Honest Truth initiative approved and funding to support improvements to the outdoor play area at St Mary's primary in Bucknell, further information sought. Future Fit Cllr Bowen reported from a meeting Cllr Ellis and herself attended. Currently a hiatus in moving this forward. GP's in Bishops Castle discussing a minor injuries unit pilot project. The desire for an Urgent Care Centre locally stalled as lack of decision making capacity available, MP supports, but may not be able to influence. The two A&Es to remain for the present notwithstanding the issue over the winter pressure programme. Crime/incidents to note reported Lydbury North, Hopesay & Wistanstow 13th September – 14th October 2015 1. Theft of 2 white cast iron benches with wooden seats from Walcot Hall overnight 6/10/15 2. Theft of fuel from vehicle on Long Lane. Suspect arrested</p>	CB

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16.068	<p>Highways - The following reports on highway maintenance were received</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair and Clerk met with Alan Meyrick from Shropshire Council <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Investigated Church Bank and identified remedial action: (b) Clearing of gullies (c) Concrete sandbagging of eroded road edge (d) Cllr Plowden suggested piping of gullies (e) Investigation of erosion at Mynd Mill – Cllr Plowden reported that this was less of a problem than first thought (f) Also reminded Alan of signpost at ford in Brockton and clearing of gully on Acton-Bryn lane close to A488 2. Sign in Brockton erected at potato store to attempt to reduce speed of traffic 3. Cllr Barnes reported that Street Scene had approved a dog waste bin and would visit to select the most appropriate site. 4. Cllr Plowden raised the following: 5. Gully at the bottom of Totterton Bank overspill onto road in poor weather <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Grid at Plowden Church and on Choulton lane damaged/missing b. Kerbs at Plowden T junction extend along road too far. c. A49 at Marshbrook 	
16.069	<p>Defibrillator: Clerk to forward information to Cllr Evans for inclusion in Parish Post.</p>	AB
16.070	<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>	JB
16.071	<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 A Boak £357.07 b. HMRC income tax £170 c. Npower - £283.12 2. The following payments from New Hall Account were approved <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a.i. LNVH maintenance account - £1148.33 3. Report from external auditors on accounts for 2014/15 noted. Everything in order except for the late submission of the accounts and requirement to put in place measures to meet financial reporting responsibilities by the due date. 4. Cllrs noted communication from VHMC re reduction in rent on the village hall. 5. Following discussion regarding demand for the Clerk's services at the surgeries held on Monday mornings at the village hall and in light of the need to ensure fiscal responsibility, Cllr Bowen proposed that the Clerk's attendance at the village hall be reduced from every week to once per month, Cllr May seconded, all agreed. Clerk to inform LNVHMC. 	
16.072	<p>AOB Cllr Evans raised the issue of increasing hare coursing in the area by groups of quite threatening people from elsewhere. Police have been notified.</p>	
16.073	<p>Dates of future meetings proposed as: 12/1/16, 9/2/16, 8/3/16, 12/4/16. Clerk to contact LNVHMC re above dates and availability of main hall for AGM May 2016. Confirmation of next meeting 17th November 2015</p>	AB

Signed

Chairman

Date