

# Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council  
Held Tuesday 22 November 2016 – 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

## MINUTES

		ACTION
17.083	<b>Members present:</b> Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Baker, Beaumont, Bowen, Ellis, May, Woosnam Roberts and Unitary Cllr Keeley <b>Also present:</b> Andy Boak (Clerk), Sally Jones and Sasha Anna Minch	
17.084	<b>Members absent:</b> Cllr Evans	
17.085	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr Evans	
17.086	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
17.087	<b>Minutes of last meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
17.088	<b>Matters arising</b> Unitary Cllr Keeley confirmed the connection of superfast broadband to the cabinet in Lydbury North. Availability to households would be in the new year. Cllr Baker informed the Council that the 'line of sight' broadband provider, SWS, were unable to provide superfast broadband to some homes due to the number of trees which block the signal.	
17.089	<b>Councillor Vacancies:</b> Cllr May proposed the co-option of Sally Jones of Meadowend Farm, Acton. Cllr Woosnam Roberts seconded and all approved. After signing a declaration of acceptance Cllr Jones was able to participate fully in proceedings.	
17.090	<b>Planning and Housing Matters</b> 1. Planning application 16/05176/FUL Acton Nurseries, Acton, Bishops Castle, Shropshire, SY9 5LA: Change of use of land for the siting of a holiday unit (to comply with the legal definition of a caravan) to be used as tourist accommodation. Site visit agreed for 22/11/16 at 1500hrs	
17.091	<b>Reports</b> <b>Dorothy Hunt Investment Trust</b> – Cllr Plowden confirmed following discussion with SNR Brunt that no change to the investment portfolio was the most appropriate course of action. Dorothy Hunt Investment Trust – income for October = £54.05 <b>School</b> – Cllr Woosnam Roberts reported on the forthcoming Tree of Light festival proceeds from which would go to the Church. Cllr Woosnam Roberts asked about a previous request for funding for a notice board at the School. This had been considered by the Education and Welfare Trust which had supported a number of alternative projects. The Clerk was asked to contact the Chair of Governors regarding support for the School and information exchange. <b>Unitary Cllr</b> – Further to earlier comments on broadband Cllr Keeley asked that any issues that may arise be reported back to him. Cllr Keeley was also able to report that the road closure between Brockton and Lydbury North for water mains renewal would last 2 weeks.	AB
17.092	<b>Highways</b> The following reports on highway maintenance were received: 1. Cllr Ellis reported that potholes at Totterton had been filled. 2. The Clerk confirmed that a site meeting to agreeing the most appropriate location of a mirror at Five Turnings on 24 <sup>th</sup> November at 1530. Clerk and Cllr Evans to attend. 3. The Clerk was asked to report blocked gulleys on the A488 at Acton; A489 at the turning to Asterton and at Folly Farm, Totterton. 4. The Clerk was also asked to report continuing erosion on Church Bank 5. Cllrs noted provision of a telephone number for the reporting of mud on the roads by members of the public where SC are not in a position to identify such issues themselves	AM/RE  AB AB

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## Crime Report

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED  
LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW  
16<sup>th</sup> October – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment / Send letter conveying a threatening message x 4		Lydbury North	Suspect arrested. Investigation ongoing
Criminal damage	House window broken	Lydbury North	8 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Assault		Woolston	Detected
Assault		Long Lane, C/Arms	Detected

Clerk reported on supportive emails for interactive speed signs and communications with West Mercia Police regarding community speed watch that will involve an assessment as to viability.

Cllr Bowen proposed that interactive speed signs be installed at each end of the village. Cllr Ellis seconded, 6 agreed and 1 against

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## Finance and Bills to pay

1. Cllrs approved the following payments from the Community Account
  - (a) Wages for Clerk Nov/Dec – £368.58 gross x2
2. Cllrs approved the following payments from the New Hall Account
  - (a) Transfer of funds from investment - £50.05
3. Cllrs Baker and Bowen agreed to meet with the Clerk to ratify the quarterly finance report for approval by the full Council at the next meeting.
4. Cllrs considered the budget for 2016/17. Clerk reported on savings made in a number of areas, i.e. wages (no street cleaner), lower than expected street lighting due to wrongly being charged, reduced village hall rental, together with an increased precept resulting from change in the tax base that will lead to a surplus at the end of the financial year which added to the existing surplus allows for the following proposals for items of expenditure:
  - (a) Completion of street light repairs/upgrades. Proposed Cllr Bowen, seconded Cllr May, all agreed. Clerk to get alternative quotes to those previously supplied.
  - (b) Installation of interactive speeding signs.
  - (c) Setting aside £2000 towards the maintenance of SPARC on the proviso that there is an effective business plan in place for 2017/18. Proposed Cllr Ellis, seconded Cllr Woosnam Roberts, 3 for, 3 against, 2 abstentions – motion carried.

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## Correspondence

1. Cllrs agreed that the Parish Council should adopt the phone boxes due for closure in Lydbury North and Lower Down for alternative use. Cllrs noted receipt of suggestions for alternative use and agreed to take this further at the AGM:
  - a. Relocate defibrillator and include first aid box
  - b. Use as a lending library
2. Cllrs noted receipt of authorisation for the Colstey Motorcycle Enduro Event on 27th November 2016
3. Cllrs noted receipt of information on computer skills course being held across the county.
4. Cllrs noted receipt of the 'My Community assets guide for local authorities'. Clerk to investigate in respect of the playing field
5. Cllrs received and noted clerk update on next round of broadband procurement
6. Cllrs received and asked Clerk to respond to Open Space Needs Assessment (ONSA) survey/consultation.

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Date of next meeting agreed as 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 starting at 7.30pm and future meetings as follows:  
14<sup>th</sup> February, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May (AGM), 13<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> July

Signed

Chairman

Date