



# Lydbury North Parish Council

	<p>February 2014. A government inspector will then examine the plan and process.</p> <p><b>B) Planning applications:</b></p> <p>1) 13/03743/HRM Proposal to remove of 70m length of hedgerow in field opposite Brockton Lodge, Lower Down, Lydbury North. No objection raised</p>	
14.73	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b>A) New Hall project</b></p> <p>1) Meeting of project management group on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There was good progress being made against the project plan</li> <li>b. There were no associated risks/major decisions made or problems encountered</li> <li>c. In relation to the financial processes and position - £146355 expenditure to 7/10/13. It was agreed that only one current account should be used for payments as lottery funding is being paid on a proportionate basis.</li> </ul> <p>2) Investment sub-committee report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The response from Andrew Whittle to the issues raised by the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the investment of the £200k was duly noted and the clerk asked to write to the VHMC enclosing a copy of the letter from Mr Whittle.</li> <li>b. The Investment sub-committee minutes were circulated and amendments sought to ensure comparability of costs from the 3 different investment proposals received. SNR Brunt to be asked to present their proposal to the next meeting of the Parish Council.</li> <li>c. Clerk reported that Building Societies offer instant access cash savings interest rates of approximately 1.5%. Clerk to investigate opening an account with the Dudley Building Society that has a branch in Bishop's Castle.</li> </ul> <p><b>B) County Councillor</b></p> <p>CB apologised for not having been available for recent meetings and reported that in seeking to make some £80m savings Shropshire Council will lose approximately 700 council staff. Concerns regarding the ability of certain departments to maintain services have been raised. The schools budget is protected and the social services budget is to be increased. The council see that volunteering is the way forward to ensure delivery of services.</p> <p>CB reported that locally mobility is an issue and reminded the Parish Council of the community car scheme. It was also noted that the Bishop's Castle dial a ride was seeking volunteer drivers.</p> <p>In relation to highways Ringway is being subjected to scrutiny by Shropshire Council.</p> <p>CB also reported that a new policing team would be in place with PC Ann Gutteridge supported by 2 Community Support Officers (Julie St John Martin and Shaun Collin) taking responsibility for a larger area across South Shropshire. Traffic police recently issued 5 tickets to drivers breaking the speed limit through Lydbury North. Cllrs. Raised concerns regarding potato tractors and lorries at the current time and GM agreed to speak with Swinackton.</p> <p><b>C) School</b></p> <p>No report</p>	<p><b>AB</b></p> <p><b>RP</b></p> <p><b>GM</b></p>
14.74	<p><b>Street Cleaning</b></p> <p>Branches overhanging the path and main road were causing some problems. JB to speak with owner.</p>	<b>JB</b>

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14.75	<p><b>Dog nuisance</b> Complications arising from the relevant officer from Shropshire Council not having sent an email as agreed resulted in the dog warden being contacted in error. The dog warden only has responsibility for stray dogs and passed the details of complaints to the Street Scene manager Kate Adams who provided information that responsibility for the noise issue lay with public protection. CB agreed to liaise with the clerk to progress this problem which is clearly causing some anxiety for residents.</p>	<b>AB</b>
14.76	<p><b>Playing Field</b> The clerk reported that the government is making changes to registering village greens which could impact on using that process to protect the playing field. A response is awaited following the expression of interest completed for a community asset transfer.</p>	
14.77	<p><b>Rural Broadband and Digital Radio</b> DB reported that he had raised concerns with the MP Philip Dunne regarding the problems encountered with poor broadband speeds and the impact of the proposed changes to digital radio in the absence of good quality digital radio signals in the area.</p>	
14.78	<p><b>Finance and bills to pay:</b></p> <p>A) The following transactions were approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) From Community Account               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Greens solicitors for advice on letter sent to MedicottSnows and investment of £200k - £84.00</li> <li>e. Wages for October D Birch £60.67 Gross; A Boak £332.49 Gross</li> <li>f. Mazars for external audit - £120</li> <li>g. NPower electricity for street lighting - £155.77 by DD</li> <li>h. HMRC income tax for July-Sept - £235.40 by internet transfer</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) From New Hall current account               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. RJT Consulting - £2311.07 paid September</li> <li>b. SJ Roberts first phase of construction - £60553.02 paid October</li> <li>c. Shropshire Council building control fee - £720.00 paid October</li> <li>d. RHM Beaumont - £528.00 paid October</li> <li>e. Bowen Consulting - £864.00 paid August</li> <li>f. Greens professional fees - £588.72 paid August</li> <li>g. Bowen consulting - £8351.12 paid August</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>B) The external auditors report was received and the following comments noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) No issues for concern, however as reported last year as the PC acts as a soled managing trustee for a trust fund the this should be subject to audit by the internal auditor.</li> <li>2) A notice of conclusion of the audit and right to inspect to be completed and posted that includes a decision on how much to charge for a copy of the annual return. Agreed as £5 per copy.</li> </ol> <p>C) The finance risk log and internal controls were reviewed with amendments for 2013/14 approved.</p>	
14.79	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Road closures at Five Turnings notified for 1 week from 2/12/13 noted</li> </ol>	
14.80	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> - Date of next meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 1930 at Lydbury English Centre</p>	

Signed ..... Chairman      Date .....