

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Wednesday 17 September 2013 - 7.30pm at Lydbury English Centre

MINUTES

		ACTION
	Public open session:	
14.40	Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Baker, Beaumont, Ellis, Evans and May Also present Andy Boak (Clerk), Steve Freeman, Richard Burn, Jane Woosnam.	
14.41	Apologies for absence: J Bowen, C Barnes and M Mead	
14.42	Declarations of interest: RP – In relation to potential development sites as landowner and as trustee of Poors Estate; RB as trustee of Poors Estate and contractor for works on the Village Hall	
14.43	Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 19 th August 2013 were accepted as a true record by all and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment:	
14.44	Matters arising: None	
14.45	Councillor vacancies: A) Richard Burn and Jane Woosnam attending this meeting as observers will confirm their interest in co-option at the end of this meeting which will be considered at the next full meeting. B) Keith Burton does not wish to pursue co-option at this time, Phillipa Whittaker would not yet and RB would speak with Dominic Wood.	RB
14.46	Planning: A) Neighbourhood plan 1) It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting was required prior to the next full meeting on the 15 th October 2013 to address the Development Planning Statement. At this point RP excused himself from the meeting in respect of his declared interests as landowner of potential development sites. GE proposed that RP could attend this meeting as a Councillor, but should not chair the meeting and should not vote on any issue appertaining to declared interests as landowner of development sites. Seconded DB, all agreed. RP rejoined meeting and extraordinary meeting agreed for 30 th September 2013, 1930 at the English Centre with RB as chair. B) Planning applications: 1) 13/002220/FUL Lower Farmhouse, Lydbury North. Following revisions to plans for the garage, an arboriculture assessment by DGL Environment Ltd and comments by the Tree Officer for Shropshire Council the Parish Council agreed to remove any objection to this application. Clerk to inform planning. 2) 13/03743/HRM Proposal to remove of 70m length of hedgerow in field opposite Brockton Lodge, Lower Down, Lydbury North. No objection raised	AB

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14.47	<p>Reports:</p> <p>A) New Hall project</p> <p>1) Clerk reported that at the Project Management Board meeting an update on progress with the build was given. Old hall demolished. Foundations and 50% of floor slab complete and timber frame currently being prepared for erection. Noted that local community could access information on progress via the community and parish newsletters and website.</p> <p>1) Investment sub-committee reported that proposals for investment of the £200k bequest from Miss Dorothy Hunt were being sought from SFR Bunt, Bowen Dolphin and Hargreaves Lansdown. The investment sub-committee would identify the proposal offering the best return on the investment and present this to the full Council. The sub-committee also discussed the timing of the investment and where the fund should be held in the interim period.</p> <p>2) The Council received a letter from the VHMC concerning the investment in relation to the terms of Miss D Hunt's Will and the interest received from MedicottSnows during the time the fund was held in their account. Agreed that advice be sought from Greens regarding investing the fund according to the terms of the Will and a letter be sent to MedicottSnows seeking explanation as to the low level of interest received on the fund during the time it was held in their account prior to responding to the VHMC.</p> <p>B) County Councillor No report</p> <p>C) School No report</p>	AB
14.48	<p>Street Cleaning</p> <p>Further to reports regarding continuing issues with rubbish the Clerk was asked to contact Shropshire Council.</p>	
14.49	<p>Dog nuisance</p> <p>Two anonymous letters have been received by the Parish Council during August seeking support to address the problem of barking dogs in Church Close, Lydbury North. Clerk contacted Jane Salisbury of the Dog Warden Service, Shropshire Council who reported that this had been a long standing problem and that a visit to the Close in June confirmed that there was an issue which was raised with the dogs' owner. The Dog Warden Service is only able to take the matter further on behalf of local residents or the Parish Council if they identify themselves. Names will then be treated in confidence. Copies of the complaints have been forwarded to Jane. Clerk to meet with residents to facilitate progressing this matter.</p>	AB
14.50	<p>Traffic</p> <p>Potholes on the Argoed road above Leasty have been filled in. RP reported that action is being taken by Shropshire Council to deal with surface water issues at Five Turnings.</p>	
14.51	<p>Playing Field</p> <p>An initial expression of interest has been completed for the community asset transfer of the playing field. The result of this will determine the completion of an application for transfer of ownership.</p>	
14.52	<p>Finance and bills to pay:</p> <p>A) The following transactions were approved:</p> <p>1) From Community Account</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Wages for October D Birch £60.67 Gross; A Boak £332.49 Gross</p>	
14.53	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a. The Shropshire AONB Leader report was received</p> <p>b. Cllrs noted that budgets and public services open meetings clashed with</p>	

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	<p>the PC meeting and it was unknown if further meetings would be held locally.</p> <p>c. It was noted that the Rural Services Network have provided data sets from the 2011 census that can be broken down by Parish Council or Local Authority area that may support the production of the development planning statement. Clerk to produce synopsis for 30/9/13 meeting</p> <p>d. Historic Towns Forum newsletter noted</p> <p>e. Helicopter noise liaison group meeting noted</p>	AB
14.54	<p>AOB</p> <p>The Chair asked Richard Burn and Jane Woosnam if they still wished to pursue co-option. Richard will if no-one else comes forward and Jane is happy to be considered.</p>	
14.55	<p>Date of next meeting - Date of next meeting: 15th October 2013, 1930 at Lydbury English Centre</p>	

Signed Chairman Date