

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Tuesday 15th April 2014 - 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

MINUTES

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15.001	Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Beaumont, Bowen, Ellis, Evans, May and Woosnam Roberts Also present Andy Boak (Clerk), Charlotte Barnes (Unitary Authority Cllr)															
15.002	Apologies for absence: Mathew Mead															
15.003	Declarations of interest: Cllr Plowden as landowner of potential development sites; Cllrs Plowden, Beaumont and Bowen as Trustees of the Lydbury North Education and Welfare Fund; and Cllr Woosnam Roberts as daughter of landowner at Acton Bank Farm															
15.004	Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 18 th March 2015 were accepted as a true record following handwritten amendments to copy signed by the Chair															
15.005	Matters arising: re minute 15.163 The Clerk presented information on the incidence of TB in cattle and humans in Shropshire. RE asked if information on the incidence in cattle could be provided for the parish and also the farms affected.	AB														
15.006	Councillor vacancies: Cllrs agreed that vacancies should be advertised in the Community newsletter and at the AGM	JB/Chair														
15.007	<p>Planning: SAMDev</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk reported that to date no public comments had been received in response to the SAMDev consultation on the process relating to the development plans for Lydbury North 2. Cllrs discussed the Parish Council's response to the SAMDev consultation. Cllrs supported the process for development of housing in Lydbury North, but wished to raise objections to the area wide policies relating to the River Clun catchment designation as a special area of conservation with specific reference to the freshwater pearl mussel. Clerk asked to formulate response on basis of : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The need for phosphate stripping at the sewage treatment plant in Lydbury North and Clun in order to meet water quality requirements on nutrient loads b. The need for up to date data on the incidence of the freshwater pearl mussel on which to draw appropriate conclusions. If, as a consequence, the fwpm are determined to be functionally extinct the policies particularly in relation to phosphate nutrient loads should be proportionate. 3. Cllrs supported the arrangements for updating the Parish Plan and agreed to the Clerk undertaking the additional work required. Cllrs reviewed the current version of the plan and reprioritised objectives as below: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 70%;">In Parish/Place Plan</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Level of Priority</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Affordable housing</td> <td>DESIRED</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business start up units</td> <td>DESIRED</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Facilitation of ICT/broadband technologies and improve mobile phone signal, TV and radio reception</td> <td>IMPORTANT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Retention of Primary School</td> <td>IMPORTANT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Review of primary school places to ensure sufficient provision</td> <td>IMPORTANT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Review of secondary school places to ensure sufficient provision</td> <td>DESIRED</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	In Parish/Place Plan	Level of Priority	Affordable housing	DESIRED	Business start up units	DESIRED	Facilitation of ICT/broadband technologies and improve mobile phone signal, TV and radio reception	IMPORTANT	Retention of Primary School	IMPORTANT	Review of primary school places to ensure sufficient provision	IMPORTANT	Review of secondary school places to ensure sufficient provision	DESIRED	AB
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15.008	<p>Reports</p> <p>New Hall</p> <p>JB reported on the successful opening of the new hall and the range of associated events with over 300 people attending on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March. Activities have led to long term programmes and bookings.</p> <p>Investment</p> <p>SNR Brunt has reported to the Chair that to date £60k has been invested across the following trusts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alliance Trust PLC - £20,000 • Newton Asian Income - £20,000 • Schroder Income Maximiser - £20,000 <p>County Cllr Charlotte Barnes reported on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadband – Lydbury North can expect to receive superfast broadband within the next 18 months 2. The Youth Club in Bishop's Castle is under threat of closure which young people are petitioning against. It provides a safe environment for young people in the area to meet and talk. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should write to Gwilliam Butler on behalf of the parish council in support of the youth club. 3. There is a petition to improve EE mobile reception which everyone affected is encouraged to sign 4. Speeding – Police issued 6 tickets for speeding at a recent speed check in Lydbury North. <p>School – JWR reported that the the school has 25 pupils, 18 at key stage 2. There are 2 classes and the nursery which is open 4 days/week (5 from September, and is full (8 children). The head is pleased that the parish council wishes to support the school and is happy to meet with RP. A playgroup currently runs at the school on a Friday in the nursery and will require alternative accommodation from September. The village hall has been considered, but will have to pay the standard rate. The head manages Onibury as well as Lydbury North school. A local authority governor is required for Lydbury North.</p> <p>LJC – GE reported that the meeting had input on structural changes to hospitals, ambulance and air ambulance services that should deliver improvements.</p>	AB																												

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15.009	Flooding	RB/GM and the Clerk will survey the River Kemp within the next 2-3 weeks. Clerk to supply maps and it was suggested Clunbury Parish Council is contacted	AB																																																
15.010	Highways	RP reported collapsed manholes at Plowden Huts Corner on the A483. GM reported potholes between Brockton and Lower Down. Clerk to report to Shropshire Council.	AB																																																
15.011	Website	Clerk reported that Shona Bluhm has offered to set up and maintain the website solely for the Parish Council. Cllrs agreed.																																																	
15.012	Local Services and Volunteering	– CB reported that Shropshire Council is keen to encourage communities utilising volunteers to deliver services that are being severely restricted due to funding shortfalls and reductions in staffing																																																	
15.013	Finance and Bills to pay	<p>a. The following payments from the Community Account were approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wages for April D Birch £60.67 Gross; A Boak £332.49 Gross ii. Arrears of pay for A Boak underpayment of £3.33/month from July 2013 – March 2014 and of £15.05 for May/June 2013 = £60.07 gross, £48.06 net. iii. Payment to A Boak to cover cost of printer ink - £37.00 <p>b. The following payments from the New Hall from Big Lottery/Bequest Account were approved</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin: 10px 0;"> <tr><td style="width: 15%;">10/04/2015</td><td style="width: 35%;">Active Energy</td><td style="width: 15%;">Cheque</td><td style="width: 10%;">100049</td><td style="width: 10%;">£</td><td style="width: 15%;">120.00</td></tr> <tr><td>10/04/2015</td><td>R J T Consulting Engineers</td><td>Cheque</td><td>100050</td><td>£</td><td>1,058.51</td></tr> <tr><td>10/04/2015</td><td>R Pidduck</td><td>Cheque</td><td>100051</td><td>£</td><td>3,017.82</td></tr> <tr><td>10/04/2015</td><td>Bowens</td><td>Cheque</td><td>100052</td><td>£</td><td>3,191.28</td></tr> <tr><td>10/04/2015</td><td>Bambers Special Projects</td><td>Cheque</td><td>100053</td><td>£</td><td>640.00</td></tr> <tr><td>10/04/2015</td><td>Jay Griffiths</td><td>Cheque</td><td>100054</td><td>£</td><td>84.00</td></tr> <tr><td>10/04/2015</td><td>Lawrence Bluhm</td><td>Cheque</td><td>100055</td><td>£</td><td>150.00</td></tr> <tr><td>10/04/2015</td><td>S J Roberts</td><td>Cheque</td><td>100056</td><td>£</td><td>90,692.70</td></tr> </table> <p>c. Cllrs noted receipt of precept for 2014/15 - £10911.80 includes £717 CTSG</p> <p>d. Cllrs noted receipt of audit arrangements for 2013/14 accounts</p>	10/04/2015	Active Energy	Cheque	100049	£	120.00	10/04/2015	R J T Consulting Engineers	Cheque	100050	£	1,058.51	10/04/2015	R Pidduck	Cheque	100051	£	3,017.82	10/04/2015	Bowens	Cheque	100052	£	3,191.28	10/04/2015	Bambers Special Projects	Cheque	100053	£	640.00	10/04/2015	Jay Griffiths	Cheque	100054	£	84.00	10/04/2015	Lawrence Bluhm	Cheque	100055	£	150.00	10/04/2015	S J Roberts	Cheque	100056	£	90,692.70	
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15.014	AGM	Clerk reported that the Emergency Planning team have agreed to give an input at the AGM. AGM to be advertised in the Community newsletter and Clerk to produce posters. At the request of RP, CB agreed to chair the AGM	AB																																																
15.015		Date of next meeting, AGM confirmed as 20/05/14																																																	

Signed Chairman Date