

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Tuesday 19 February 2013 - At 7.30pm Lydbury North Village Hall

MINUTES

		ACTION
13.63	<p>Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Bowen, Beaumont, Ellis and Evans Also present Charlotte Barnes (County Cllr), Andy Boak (Clerk), Jackie Williams. RP welcomed Godfrey and Valerie May from Brockton who have expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor.</p>	
13.64	<p>Apologies for absence: Matthew Mead</p>	
13.65	<p>Declarations of interest: RP – In relation to potential housing sites as landowner.</p>	
13.66	<p>Minutes of last meeting: Subject to the following amendment the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2013 were accepted as a true record by all and signed by the Chair: Minute 13.61: change £50m to £50</p>	AB
13.67	<p>Matters arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The submission of the Place Plan to Shropshire Council was noted 1. The response from Shropshire Council following the report of fly tipping was noted. Shropshire Council can organise removal of rubbish at our request and if this matter persists they can also look at appropriate signage and possible enforcement patrols. A further three instances of fly tipping have been identified. 2. The submission of the precept request to Shropshire Council was noted 3. GE queried lack of payment for remembrance day wreath. Clerk needed address, provided. 	AB
13.68	<p>Request for defibrillator Further to the request from Mr Duncan Baker for a defibrillator in Lydbury North it is understood that the Village Shop have purchased a defibrillator which is known to be compatible with those supplied by the Clun Valley AED scheme that Lydbury North is expected to join. RP re-emphasised the number of vacancies on the Parish Council and the impact this had on ensuring effective communication and representation between the PC and local organisations. The PC supports the Village Shop initiative and are happy for them to take this forward. The PC is happy to provide assistance should it be required. Clerk to inform.</p>	AB
13.69	<p>Request for repairs/maintenance of telephone box Further to a request from Ms Shona Bluhm regarding the state of the local telephone box RB reported that a new card phone has been installed and is operable. Clerk to notify SB.</p>	AB
13.70	<p>Potholes and dog barking A number of potholes in pavements within Lydbury North have been reported to Shropshire Council and a request to the Parish Council to address potholes on a privately owned track at Lower Gardens has been made. Both RP and CB are currently pursuing the poor state of minor roads in the parish. JB reported that potholes in Lower Gardens are being filled in and reminded the PC that they have no jurisdiction over privately owned land. The incidence of dog barking and other dog related incidents such as dog fouling should be reported to Street Scene. Clerk to respond.</p>	AB
13.71	<p>Councillor vacancies and elections:</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GE noted that Frances Williams had expressed an interest so had not pursued R Gee. RE confirmed that Keith Burton is not interested at this stage, but may be later. It was suggested that the PC would welcome representation from the Village Shop and their AGM offered an opportunity to raise this. The PC welcomed the interest shown by Godfrey and Valerie May through their attendance at this meeting. 2. The Clerk reminded Cllrs of their obligations during the period between notification of the election and the close of polling. 3. Due to the closure of the Village Hall the polling station will need to be located elsewhere. Edgton Village Hall and Bishop's Castle were deemed unsuitable. Proposed that the English Centre and Church be investigated. Clerk to contact Duncan and Rita Baker of the English Centre in the first instance. 4. Cllrs noted the availability of materials to encourage interest in becoming a Cllr and supported their inclusion in the Parish Council newsletter. 5. Cllrs noted that fees for the elections will be £2 per elector and will be deferred until next financial year to allow for setting of the precept for 2014/15 	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
13.72	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Neighbourhood plan</p> <p>In the absence of MM, CB reported that the development plan for Lydbury North was ongoing with the various sites identified for potential development in the process of being assessed. With respect to the potential for development in Brockton JB/RP reported that the public meeting held in Brockton on the 18th February 2013 was well attended and generated a good deal of interest. As a consequence it was agreed to hold a further meeting together with a drop-in session facilitated by MM and Liam Cowden to enable the community to make decisions about development in Brockton.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed to seek the views of Godfrey May who attended the meeting. GM commented that there were differing opinions regarding concerns about development in Brockton. Given the history of the village/hamlet, the presence of a dairy farm at its centre, its situation within the flood plain of Kemp Brook and the ownership of a significant proportion of land being with one person, residents do not necessarily want it to become something different. The idea of barn conversions to affordable dwellings was thought to be appropriate, but concern over changes in Central Government and therefore policy was raised. GM referred to the Highland Seeds development and its brown field site status and wondered how this might affect future development. GM felt the Shropshire Council Officers were helpful. GM added the comment that members of the public may not be fully aware of the roles/powers of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Planning applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The following planning applications were tabled for consideration. Site visits have been undertaken and the decisions reached reported to the planning officer as shown: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 12/05252/FUL for a rear extension, porch, detached garage and new vehicular/pedestrian access at 18 Brockton. No comment. b. 13/00193/FUL for the erection of extension to dwelling at 52 Lydbury North. Support c. 13/00332/FUL for the Erection of a two storey extension to rear at 5 Brockton. Support with recommendations d. 13/00313/FUL for the Conversion of existing building into an affordable dwelling including installation of rooflights and solar panels; installation of package treatment plant at Acton Nursey, Acton. Support e. 13/00331/FUL Erection of a two storey extension to side following removal of 	MM/LC

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	<p>addition to Cllrs Croxton and Jones owners of land adjacent to the R. Kemp include R. Plowden and R. Parish.</p> <p>2. Update on offer by Shropshire Council to send an Officer to investigate the flooding in Brockton – see 13.57 report from County Cllr</p>	AB
13.75	Traffic See 13.57 report from County Cllr	
13.76	Parish Newsletter AB/JB to liaise	AB/JB
13.77	Clerking – To note change in working arrangements with closure of village hall. As there has been an offer of accommodation at the English Centre the Clerk will liaise with Duncan Baker	AB
13.78	<p>Finance and bills to pay:</p> <p>1. The following transactions were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To cancel, write back and re-issue the following cheques: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cheque no. 100643 to Judith Bowen - £29.98 not presented ii. Cheque no. 100649 to Judith Bowen - £45.98 not presented b. To cancel, write back and re-issue the following cheque upon receipt of invoice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cheque no. 100679 to Shropshire Council - £136.21 not issued as no invoice c. Payment of wages for February - J Coull £56.33; D Birch £60.67 Gross; A Boak £320.77 Gross d. Payment of redundancy to J Coull employed from 1/1/08 to 28/2/13 - £97.50 e. Payment of village hall rental £209.00 f. Payment for website domain, £10.00 and hosting, £48.00 payable to Shona Bluhm g. Payment for litter picking kit to The Helping Hand Company- £37.20 h. Direct debit to Npower for £155.45 on 24/1/13 i. Internet transfer to HMRC of £33.60 to cover income tax for J Coull from October-December 2012 j. Invoice Lydbury North Village Hall for the equivalent amount of J Coull's wages - £281.65 k. To cancel, write back and re-issue the following cheque to Keith Price: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cheque no. 100694 to Royal British Legion - £34.00 not presented as paid by K Price. <p>2. Cllrs received quarterly finance report</p> <p>3. To consider the additional cost of insurance for covering the additional funds to be credited to PC accounts. The fidelity guarantee covers risk of fraud/embezzlement by Officers/Councillors. Big Lottery expects the PC to have adequate insurance in place. Current arrangements are satisfactory for the Development Grant of £27000 and the loan of £45000. There is a £25000/day withdrawal limit on PC accounts, two signatories required. As £200000 is to be invested in perpetuity then only the £300000 being used to fund the building of the new hall would need to be covered and the Clerk was asked to request a revised quote. Cllrs were reminded of the need to consider the investment of the £200000.</p>	AB All Cllrs
13.79	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>1. Cllrs noted receipt of letter of congratulations for Mr Philip Dunne MP for Shropshire on receipt of the Big Lottery grant. The Clerk informed Mr Dunne's PA regarding the amount reported and the requirement for public non-disclosure until after 19/2/13.</p>	
13.80	AOB - RE asked that the PC acknowledge the work carried out by Mr E Jones of Basford Farm, Edgton in ensuring the roads in the locality were kept clear of snow during the recent inclement weather. Clerk to write.	AB
13.81	Date of next meeting - Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 19 th March 2013. Clerk to pursue holding meeting at Brockton Village Hall.	AB

Signed Chairman Date