

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Wednesday 15 January 2014 - 7.30pm at Lydbury English Centre

MINUTES

		ACTION
	<p>Public open session: Philip Needham spoke to the Parish Council regarding the plans for development within Lydbury North and concerns over information on the website. The Clerk was able to show that information was available on the website except for the Development Planning Statement which was still in draft form. Mr Needham expressed concern regarding the plans for industrial units as he feels there is no demand and was unclear about what the Parish Council was proposing for housing development. Liam Cowden for Shropshire Council said that support for employment was a key policy for Shropshire Council and that this was part of the negotiations between Shropshire Council and the Parish Council prior to discussions with developers. It was recognised that the site to which Mr Needham refers (LYD007) forms part of the gateway to the village and the provision of low numbers of high value executive style housing may be most appropriate.</p>	
14.105	<p>Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Baker, Beaumont, Bowen, Ellis, and Woosnam Roberts Also present Andy Boak (Clerk), Mathew Mead, Charlotte Barnes, Liam Cowden</p>	
14.106	<p>Apologies for absence: Evans and May</p>	
14.107	<p>Declarations of interest: RP as landowner of sites identified for development under SAMDev and in respect of the investment of Miss Dorothy Hunt's £200k legacy for the maintenance and upkeep of the new hall where his brother has links to one of the identified investment opportunities.</p>	
14.108	<p>Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 12th December 2013 were accepted as a true record by all and signed by the Chair subject to the addition of: Cllr Evans raised concerns regarding overhanging shrubs and trees along the main street. .</p>	
14.109	<p>Matters arising: JB informed the PC that she had drawn the attention of property owners in the village to the overhanging trees and shrubs to which RE referred and which have now been dealt with.</p>	
14.110	<p>Councillor vacancies: A) RP reported that, due to other commitments Dominic Wood was no longer interested in co-option. It was agreed that residents of other parts of the parish not represented on the PC should be encouraged to be involved.</p>	All
14.111	<p>Planning: A) Neighbourhood plan 1) LC provided a comprehensive update on SAMDev for Lydbury North. Meetings with landowners and their agents of proposed development sites have resulted in agreement for the development of sites LYD 007/008/009 and 011. LYD001 and 002 have been rejected at this time as there are access and parking issues and do not offer significant community gain. Shropshire Council has sought to encourage a partnership between landowners particularly regarding site LYD007/008/009 as this would have mutual benefits. Currently a sole developer approach is being pursued. LC said that developers would be</p>	

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14.114	<p>Highways and lighting</p> <p>A) Highways</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Brockton - Cllr Woosnam Roberts had sought clarification on responsibility for the footpaths leading to the footbridge over Kemp Brook. Shropshire Council have accepted responsibility and will look to improve after April, but in the meantime have offered to put down chippings. Clerk asked to request this. Potholes outside the 'potato store' were reported and have been repaired. Cllrs noted that potholes near Acton View had been repaired. 2) Cllr Plowden reported that the culvert at Five Turnings had been dealt with, but the ditches now needed to be reinstated up the hill to prevent water eroding the surface of the lane. 3) Clerk reported that potholes had also been repaired on the Leasty/Argoed lane 4) Clerk presented Cllrs with provisional costs for specific traffic calming measures, i.e. radar activated speed signs £2000+. It was agreed to put traffic calming measures for Lydbury North on hold pending the outcome of the development of housing sites and the junctions providing access. <p>B) Lighting – Clerk reported that no communication had been received from EON.</p>	AB
14.115	<p>Flooding</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact owners of land adjacent to Kemp Brook and the River Kemp regarding permission to access such land for the assessment of flood risk by members of the PC in early May 2014.</p>	AB
14.116	<p>Dog nuisance</p> <p>Clerk reported on actions being taken by Shropshire Council to deal with the dog nuisance in Church Close. A request for additional dog waste bins was rejected, but Cllrs suggested that an item should be included in the next parish newsletter and consideration should be given to naming and shaming irresponsible owners.</p>	
14.117	<p>Finance and bills to pay:</p> <p>A) The following transactions were approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) From Community Account <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wages for January D Birch £60.67 Gross; A Boak £332.49 Gross ii. A Whittle for advice re Village Hall - £192 2) From New Hall current account <ol style="list-style-type: none"> iii. S J Roberts construction costs – £69354.69 iv. R Pidduck professional fees - £2299.81 v. Nisbetts white goods - £5,450.59 vi. Sico Europe Ltd 50% up front cost for staging £1932.90 <p>B) Cllrs noted the receipt of the council tax precept letter following the meeting held on 12th December 2013 at which it was agreed that the precept should be raised by 10% to enable it to cover the potential loss of the Council Tax Support Grant (CTSG) and also meet commitments under the Parish Plan for 2014/15. Cllrs agreed that the increase should be based on the precept requirement proposed by Shropshire Council excluding the CTSG. This would increase the Council Tax Charge for a Band D property from £43.15 in 2013/14 to £47.78 for 2014/15. Clerk to submit precept request form on this basis.</p> <p>C) Cllrs agreed to a request for a donation towards the cost of heating and lighting at Brockton Chapel incurred through meetings held to discuss SAMDev. Clerk to ascertain costs which would be covered by Vanguard funding.</p>	AB AB
14.118	<p>Website</p> <p>Shona Bluhm no longer wishes to maintain the lydburynorth.net website. Cllrs thanked Shona for all the hard work she has done to create and maintain the website over the years. The Clerk was asked to investigate alternative means for providing and</p>	AB

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	maintaining a site.	
14.119	Date of next meeting Extraordinary meeting 27 th January 2014. Ordinary meeting 11 th February 2014	

Signed Chairman Date