

# Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council  
Held Wednesday 24 July 2013 - 7.30pm at Lydbury English Centre

## MINUTES

		<b>ACTION</b>
	<p><b>Public open session:</b> Terry Couzens and Jean Seckington attended on behalf of the Village Shop to present the Parish Council with the AED purchased by the Shop on behalf of the community. The AED will be installed in a cabinet at the English Centre and maintained by the Ambulance Service. The Chair thanked the Village Shop for their donation. Clerk to send photographs of presentation to TC. Jackie Beaumont speaking on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee and New Hall Project group sought assurances from the PC regarding the investment of the £200k legacy of Miss Dorothy Hunt to be held in trust for the maintenance and upkeep of the new hall with the money such that the capital is unaffected. The VHMC also made representation to ensure the income generated by the investment of the £200k was made available for the maintenance and upkeep of the new hall.</p>	<b>AB</b>
14.25	<p><b>Members present:</b> Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Bowen, Beaumont, Ellis and May Also present Andy Boak (Clerk), Jackie Beaumont (VHMC), Richard Beaumont (VHMC), Duncan Baker.</p>	
14.26	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> R Evans, C Barnes and M Mead</p>	
14.27	<p><b>Declarations of interest:</b> 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; JB as trustee of Poors Estate.</p>	
14.28	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were accepted as a true record by all and signed by the Chair.</p>	
14.29	<p><b>Matters arising:</b> Agreed the Clerk prepare a Parish Newsletter for distribution in September. Clerk to email all for contributions. Diane Malley has agreed to provide an audit service for the new hall accounts</p>	<b>AB</b>
14.30	<p><b>Councillor vacancies and elections:</b></p> <p>A) It was noted that as there had been no call for an election following the notification of Councillor vacancies the Parish Council could now co-opt. B) Interest in one of the vacancies for Councillors received from Mr Duncan Baker and JB proposed his co-option with immediate effect. Seconded by GE, all agreed. Mr Duncan Baker was duly co-opted onto the Parish Council and completed the Acceptance of Office. C) Cllrs agreed to contact other interested parties and invite them to attend the September meeting as observers. Jane Woosnam (GM), Keith Burton(JB),Phillipa Whittaker(GE)</p>	<b>All</b>
14.31	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>A) Neighbourhood plan</b></p> <p>1) With regards to the forthcoming consultation event to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at the Powis Arms the Clerk was requested to prepare and distribute posters. In respect of the SAMDev survey being carried out by Shropshire Council including development in Lydbury North it was agreed that the Clerk prepare and distribute posters to draw attention to the survey. The Clerk also offered</p>	<b>AB</b>

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	<p>to provide a support facility for anyone having difficulty accessing the background information and survey on the Shropshire Council website.          In respect of Brockton it was agreed that a referendum may be the solution to determining the final decision on development within the village. Clerk to obtain clarification on whether this needs to be completed by 23/8/13.          In order to complete the Parish Design Statement it was agreed that the Parish Council hold an extraordinary meeting on the 19th August 2013 to set out the key principles. RB to chair in the absence of RP who submitted his apologies on the basis of declared interests. Venue Lydbury English Centre 1930.(Minutes attached)</p> <p><b>B) Planning applications:</b></p> <p>1) 13/002220/FUL Lower Farmhouse, Lydbury North. Erection of porch to front (southeast) elevation; erection of single storey extension to side elevation to include solar panels; internal alterations to form first and second floor accommodation; insertion of rooflights and dormer windows to front and rear rooflines; and elevational alterations; erection of detached double garage with first floor accommodation and external staircase; insertion of rooflights. The PC expressed concerns regarding the proposed garage and garden room above with respect to its position, scale and size and the potential impact on a mature walnut tree. Clerk to ascertain date and time of any planning meeting in order that the PC can be represented.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
14.32	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b>A) New Hall project</b></p> <p>1) JB reported that the Big Lottery bid was now officially recognised as successful and that she attended the tender opening for the building works on the new hall and confirmed SJ Roberts as the successful tender. Work is due to start on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and S J Roberts have committed to the cost and timescale. RP as Chair of the Council wished it to be known that the PC felt that the Project Manager (Bowen's) and Architect (R Pidduck) had worked well together and that the PC recognised the huge amount of time and effort that the Village Hall Management Committee had put in to securing the Big Lottery funding and ensuring work started as soon as possible. It was agreed that RP prepare a report for the Parish Council newsletter.</p> <p>2) With respect to the exclusion of a small triangle of land, allocated for the siting of a gas storage tank from the land registry the VHMC have informed the Parish Council that this had now been resolved.</p> <p>3) Following further correspondence with Caroline Denham regarding the £200k maintenance portion of Miss D Hunt's bequest it was agreed that prior to sending a letter providing the necessary assurances advice should be sought from Greens solicitors.</p> <p>4) Investment sub-committee has identified a number of investment opportunities and agreed that the various options should be presented to the full PC for decisions to be made including whether to invest before February 2014 when the new hall had to be built.</p> <p><b>B) County Councillor</b> No report</p> <p><b>C) School</b> 27 on roll, 1 leaving 1 starting. 5 in nursery. Toddler group running on a Friday. Successful sports night. Website out of date.</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>AB</p>
14.33	<p><b>Flooding</b> Agreed that survey of the Kemp by Cllrs be postponed until May 2014</p>	
14.34	<p><b>Street Lighting</b> Further to approval for the installation of LEDs and part-night cells on all lights it was</p>	

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	<p>agreed that a part-night cell should not be fitted to the lamp outside the English Centre (No 4) to ensure the recently installed defibrillator received illumination throughout the night.</p>	
14.35	<p><b>Street Cleaning</b> Further to reports regarding continuing issues with rubbish the Clerk was asked to contact Shropshire Council.</p>	
14.36	<p><b>Traffic</b> Following the reporting of potholes at various locations it was confirmed that the pothole adjacent to Red House has now been repaired. Shropshire Council will inspect Castle Bank and that any repairs will be subject to damage at the edges meeting the intervention levels required for it to be classified as a defect. An order has been issued to repair potholes on the Argoed road, but there are no plans to resurface this year and they noted that gullies are emptied on all rural roads annually. The clerk noted that this has not been carried out on the Argoed road. The sign on the entrance to the Lydbury North has now been repaired. The Clerk was asked to investigate plans by Shropshire Council to deal with surface water issues at Five Turnings.</p>	<b>AB</b>
14.37	<p><b>Playing Field</b> The Clerk was asked to investigate a Community Asset Transfer from Shropshire Council to the Parish Council of the playing field at Lydbury North. It was noted that Aston-on-Clun had registered the Village Hall/Shop as a Village Green.</p>	<b>AB</b>
14.38	<p><b>Local History Records</b> Approval for the handover of electronic records from Mr B Edwards pending setting up of a local history group was sought. Mrs J Beaumont was able to inform the Council that this group was now in place and could take charge of such records.</p>	
14.33	<p><b>Finance and bills to pay:</b> A) The following transactions were approved: 1) From Community Account a. Wages for September D Birch £60.67 Gross; A Boak £332.49 Gross b. Arrears of pay for A Boak £11.72 c. A Boak for stationary £4.39 d. Shropshire Council for costs incurred for Lydbury North SAMDev survey - £319.42 e. Lydbury English Centre for room hire - £195.00 f. SALC affiliation fee – £210.38 2) To note a pay award of 1% payable from 1<sup>st</sup> April has been agreed between the unions and employers for Parish Clerks</p>	
14.34	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> None received</p>	
14.35	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> - Date and time of meetings for the year agreed as: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 1930 at Lydbury English Centre 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 1930 at Lydbury English Centre 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 1930 at Lydbury English Centre 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 1930 at Lydbury English Centre 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 1930 at Lydbury English Centre 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 1930 at Lydbury English Centre 15<sup>th</sup> April 201, 1930 at Lydbury English Centre 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (AGM)</p>	

Signed ..... Chairman    Date .....