

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Tuesday 17th June 2014 - 7.30pm at Lydbury North Village Hall

MINUTES

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| 15.027 | Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Beaumont, Bowen, Ellis, Evans, May and Woosnam Roberts Also present Andy Boak (Clerk), | |
| 15.028 | Apologies for absence: Charlotte Barnes (Unitary Authority Cllr), Mathew Mead | |
| 15.029 | 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 | |
| 15.030 | Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 15 th April 2014 were accepted as a true record following re-checking of the Parish Plan objectives | |
| 15.031 | Matters arising: re minute 15.105 The Clerk reported that a freedom of information request had been made to DEFRA on the incidence of bovine TB in the parish over the last 10 years. | |
| 15.032 | Councillor vacancies: No one has expressed an interest since the last meeting. Agreed to include in the forthcoming community newsletter | JB/Chair |
| 15.033 | <p>Planning: SAMDev</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllrs noted the need to improve communications and that there was a general misunderstanding that the Parish Council was leading the drive for new housing development rather than it resulting from national policies for increased housing. 2. Clerk to add information provided by Mathew Mead to relevant website page following his approval 3. Cllrs noted the queries raised by John Murphy and responded as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Council Minutes from Aug 2013 note a council decision to prefer sites LYD007-011 with LYD001 as a reserve site. What valid planning criteria and evidence base did the Council use in making this decision?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council explained to Shropshire Council that it had a preference for smaller sites so that there was no large single development • The Parish Council indicated that development should be incremental. • The Parish Council made Shropshire Council aware of issues relating to access to sites LYD001 and LYD002 that they were unaware of. • There was also a preference for development to take place at the East end of the village due to the impact on the overall landscape including the impact of the garage site as the gateway to the village. b. <i>Minutes from 15 Jan 2014 note " ... agreement for the development of sites LYD007/008/009 and 011". The results of the Shropshire Council survey from June 2013 reports that sites LYD001, 002 and the combined LYD007/8/9 were the sites most preferred by local people, with site LYD011 being least preferred. Can the Council please explain their decision to promote one of the sites (011) least preferred by local people instead of one of the most preferred (001 & 002) by local people?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council preferred smaller sites whereas sites LYD001 and LYD002 would have led to single larger scale development. Sites LYD001 and LYD002 also have access issues as stated before. c. <i>Minutes from 15 Jan 2014 note that "LYD001 and LYD002 have been rejected at this time as there are access and parking issues and do not offer significant community gain". This appears to contradict the Shropshire Council Stage 2b assessment of these sites which states they have one of the better highway accesses in the village. Can the Council please explain this apparent contradiction? Also can the Council please explain what "significant community</i> | |

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| | <p><i>gain" is expected from the development of sites LYD007-011 that cannot be delivered through sites LYD001/2.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council had significant local knowledge of there being access issues on South View and Habershon Close of which Shropshire Council were unaware. • Development on sites LYD007-11 allows for smaller scale development than would take place on LYD001 and LYD002 and addresses issues relating to the impact of site LYD009, the garage site, on entering the village. • The Parish Council is seeking a variety of housing types including opportunities for home working <p>Clerk to respond to Mr Murphy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The amendment to planning application regarding Acton Nursery sent by Shropshire Council for information was noted. 5. Cllrs approved actions being taken by the Clerk to update the Parish Plan. | AB |
| 15.034 | <p>Reports</p> <p>Investment</p> <p>SNR Brunt has reported that to date a further £60k has been invested across the following trusts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monks Investment Trust - £20,000 • Bankers Investment Trust - £20,000 • Unicorn Income - £20,000 <p>School – JWR reported that the school is expecting 5 children to start in September with 3 leaving. The playgroup will remain in the nursery from September. The school would like to develop the playing field and is seeking support from the Parish Council. JB suggested they contact Frances Phelps regarding applying for lottery funding. It was agreed that it would be helpful to know the costs of the different projects. The head had not been invited to the AGM. Clerk to send apologies.</p> | JWR AB |
| 15.035 | <p>Flooding</p> <p>Further to the survey carried out it was agreed that :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A meeting should be arranged between Shropshire council and JWR/GM to address the problems at Brockton Bridge 2. Landowners notified of the obstructions identified for those parts of the river for which they have riparian responsibility 3. Clunbury Parish Council notified of the survey and information about any issues within the two parishes shared. 4. Any funding that may support the work to address issues is identified | AB AB AB AB |
| 15.036 | <p>Highways</p> <p>RP reported that problems with manholes at Plowden Huts Corner on the A489 may not have been repaired. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council.</p> <p>GM reported potholes between Brockton and Lower Down had been repaired.</p> <p>Cllrs noted the report of increased traffic and speeding through Lydbury North as a result of the B4368 Clun road diversion.</p> <p>Concern expressed over narrowing of road on Castle Bank (Stank Lane) and Clerk to ascertain if appropriate signage could be erected.</p> | AB AB |
| 15.037 | <p>Street cleaning - Cleaner has seen improvements, though dog owners are tending to allow their pets to foul along edges of fields/tracks.</p> | |
| 15.038 | <p>Website</p> <p>Cllrs commented positively on the new website and agreed that any requests for</p> | |

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| | information other than for the Parish Council would be at the discretion of the website maintenance service and would incur charges. | |
| 15.039 | World War I commemoration – GM proposed, RB seconded and all agreed that the PC contributes £25 towards the costs of commemorations due to take place. | AB |
| 15.040 | Powis Arms – Cllr Bowen stated that the item on the agenda regarding the Powis Arms was not a proposal, but reflected concerns regarding the public house remaining as such. GE had receives some reassurance that this would be the case. The PC noted that the Powis Arms as with other local assets can be registered as community assets if this is felt appropriate. | |
| 15.041 | <p>Finance and Bills to pay</p> <p>a. The following payments from the Community Account were approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wages for June D Birch - £60.67 gross; A Boak £332.49 gross ii. VHMC deposit for VH keys - £30 iii. Shona Bluhm for website domain name and hosting - £39 iv. Helping Hand for litter picker and gloves - £24.72 v. Enterprise House for photocopying - £13.40 <p>b. The following payments from the New Hall from Big Lottery/Bequest Account were approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. D&G Stone Services - £900 ii. Price and Oliver for keys - £268.26 iii. A Shutt landscaping - £250 and £60 iv. SJ Roberts outstanding - £6172 <p>c. The PC's internal controls and asset register were tabled and approved.</p> | |
| 15.042 | <p>AOB</p> <p>i. Further to a request from the VHMC the PC agreed the following dates for future meetings in 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16th January 10th February 17th March 14th April 19th May (AGM) <p>ii. Details of training to be circulated once known</p> <p>iii. Key for opening windows in the 'Green Room' requested</p> | AB |
| 15.043 | Date of next meeting, AGM confirmed as 15/07/14 | |

Signed Chairman Date