

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Tuesday 19 March 2013 - At 7.30pm Brockton Chapel

MINUTES

		ACTION
13.82	<p>Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Bowen, Beaumont, Ellis and Evans Also present Charlotte Barnes (County Cllr), Mathew Mead (Community Action Officer), Andy Boak (Clerk). RP welcomed Barry Capsey and Rita Baker who have expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor.</p>	
13.83	<p>Apologies for absence: None</p>	
13.84	<p>Declarations of interest: RP – In relation to potential development sites as landowner; RB in respect of contracting work on the Village Hall; GE in respect of potential development sites as member of Community Land Trust (property development)</p>	
13.85	<p>Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2013 were accepted as a true record by all and signed by the Chair</p>	
13.86	<p>Matters arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To note payment for wreath b. To note current situation regarding defibrillator –the Village Shop has confirmed the purchase of a defibrillator which will be based at the English Centre, are awaiting its delivery and are organising training c. To note Clerk now working from English Centre on Monday mornings d. To confirm letter and redundancy payment sent to J Coull e. To confirm letter of thanks to Mr E Jones 	
13.87	<p>Councillor vacancies and elections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The clerk provided details of the election process and eligibility criteria for those Councillors wishing to stand for the forthcoming Parish Council elections being held on the 2nd May 2013 and for attendees interested in standing for election. 2. Nomination packs were distributed to all present who expressed an interest in standing for election. 3. The clerk notified Cllrs of the location of the polling station for the forthcoming Parish Council elections as the English Centre, Lydbury North. 4. Cllrs agreed to pursue interest in standing for election from other residents of the parish 	All
13.88	<p>Planning: Neighbourhood plan Planning applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MM reported that whilst progress with development planning had been slow across the region locally all sites over 0.2h in Lydbury North that had been put forward as having potential for development had been initially assessed for potential sites had been. Two exception sites (below 0.2h) have been identified for which specific site allocation assessments have to be completed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The garage on the B4385 in Lydbury North (LYD009) b. The site to the south of the bungalow behind the garage in Lydbury North (LYD008) <p>Following the assessment and agreement of landowners a short list of sites will be drawn up on which further consultation will take place before the finalising of development sites in mid June. MM also reported on the meeting held in Brockton on the 18th February 2013. The</p> 	MM/LC

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	<p>suggestion regarding the conversion of existing redundant dwellings was being pursued with the owners of these sites, however it was noted that such sites may not be eligible for the Community Interest Levy.</p> <p>2. The following planning application was tabled for consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 13/00879/FUL - Erection of a sunroom and kitchen extension at Shepherds Lie, Churchmoor, Hamperley. Date/time for site visit by Cllrs. agreed. 	
13.89	<p>Reports:</p> <p>New Hall project</p> <p>GE updated Cllrs on progress to date. With the tabled receipt of a letter dated 19th March 2013 from Caroline Denham of Medicott Snows confirming that the Probate Office would be granting probate within the next 7 working days and providing a full breakdown of Miss Dorothy Hunt's bequest, everything was now in place for the Big Lottery stage 3 bid for which a Development Grant of £27000 to cover costs is available.</p> <p>Delays in the purchase of the Poors Estate land are resulting from the registration of the land. Andrew Whittle has emailed and written to Linda Myers re the purchase of the Poors Estate land and reported that the land registry are currently taking some time to deal with voluntary registrations.</p> <p>The electricity supply has been relocated.</p> <p>As there has been no interest in the purchase, for demolition, of the existing hall this would now be dealt with through the tendering for the building of the new hall.</p> <p>The clerk asked for permission to pay back the PWLB loan upon receipt of funds from the bequest to ensure additional interest charges would not be incurred. Proposed JB seconded GE, all agreed.</p> <p>County Councillor</p> <p>CB reported that Kate Adams has been asked to make contact with the clerk regarding dog fouling.</p> <p>CB expressed frustration with the Safer Roads Partnership looking into the issue of speeding traffic through Lydbury North.</p> <p>The business park at Bishop's Castle has been relaunched with the support of Enterprise House and 2 companies are showing an interest.</p> <p>Concerns over the closure of the Police Station in Bishop's Castle are unfounded, but consideration is being given to relocating in Enterprise House. Cllrs. thoughts on the accessibility of the Police and Crime Commissioner were being sought.</p> <p>Schools are under pressure following changes to special needs budgets that is impacting on staffing. Rural schools are also having to deal with significantly greater costs for broadband than urban schools.</p> <p>Shropshire Council is undertaking a review of the scrutiny panel process and are keen to encourage public participation through attendance at scrutiny panel meetings.</p> <p>The suggestion that Lydbury North Parish Council becomes a member of a flood forum was postponed until after the elections in May. The proposal to walk the River Kemp has been raised with Clunbury PC who will be discussing the matter at their March meeting. 1:10000 maps were requested to assist with the process. MM/CB to make available.</p> <p>Potholes are being dealt with more effectively with gangs allocated to fill in as they find rather than as reported. RP expressed concern regarding the quality of work being undertaken and general lack of maintenance and is pursuing this on a personal basis.</p> <p>Shropshire Council is considering looking to Parish Councils to assist in the identification of issues (not just potholes).</p> <p>There will be a full Council meeting on the 18th April 2013 at which matters raised by</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MM/CB</p>

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	<p>Parish Councils and reported before the 15th April 2013 will be answered by the relevant portfolio holder. Attendance at this meeting allows for supplementary questions to be asked.</p> <p>School JB reported that the school is applying for funding to upgrade the playing field. The PC supports this initiative and expressed interest in registering the land as a Community Asset. Clerk to pursue.</p>	AB
13.90	<p>Flooding in Brockton See 13.89 County Cllr. report. Clerk to contact Clunbury PC following their March meeting.</p>	AB
13.91	<p>Traffic See 13.89 report from County Cllr</p>	
13.92	<p>Parish Newsletter Clerk to complete, have Enterprise House print 300 copies in time for delivery with the Community Newsletter.</p>	AB/JB
13.93	<p>Finance and bills to pay:</p> <p>1. The following transactions were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. From Community Account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Pots and Dots - £35 for 10 mugs being sold at £4.50 each (2 mugs previously sold at £3.50 each) ii. Payment of wages for March - D Birch £60.67 Gross; A Boak £320.77 Gross iii. Shona Bluhm as annual payment for website maintenance - £250 iv. Lydbury English Centre - £44 for hire of room at £11 per day on Monday 4th/11th/18th/25th March 2013 b. Payments on New Hall from Big Lottery Development fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Village Hall Management Committee for payment of Building Control fee - £360 ii. City Environmental Services for asbestos survey - £522 iii. Bob Johnson Consulting for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phase 1 site investigation - £630 2. Substructure design - £390 3. Superstructure design - £900 iv. RHM Beaumont for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excavation of inspection pits for site survey - £360 2. Excavation of pit for water attenuation test - £684 v. R Pidduck for outstanding professional fees - £2889.72 c. Clerks attendance at Audit Training 10th April 2013 at cost of £20 approved d. Additional insurance cover at a cost of £296.80 for the £300000 bequest of Miss Dorothy Hunt approved. Clerk to organise. <p>2. It was agreed that a sub-committee comprised of RP, RE and JB be convened to look into the investment in perpetuity of the £200000 bequest from Miss Dorothy Hunt for the ongoing maintenance of the New Hall. Protocols covering investment of funds to be sought from SALC.</p>	AB/MM
13.94	<p>Correspondence: From Shropshire Council on archiving of pre-2005 Parish Council records received and noted.</p>	
13.95	<p>Date and time of AGM agreed as 8th May 2013 1930 to be held at Edgton Village Hall if available.</p>	AB
13.96	<p>Date of next meeting - Date of next meeting confirmed as Tuesday 23rd April 2013 at Plowden Hall Barn.</p>	AB

Signed Chairman Date