

Lydbury North Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Held Wednesday 21 November 2012 - At 7.30pm Lydbury North Village Hall

MINUTES

		ACTION
	<p>Public Open Session: Jean Ferguson-Davie representing the LNPCC expressed concern regarding the increased amount of traffic, particularly lorries travelling through Lydbury North and sought support from the Parish Council in bringing the matter to the attention of Shropshire Council. It would appear vehicles are using the B4385 as a through route as opposed to the A489/488. Francis and Joy Lochbaum attended to assist the Parish Council in its deliberations regarding item 6 on the agenda (request for support of Parish Council)</p>	
13.36	<p>Members present: Cllrs Plowden (Chair), Bowen, Beaumont, Ellis, Evans and King Also present Matthew Mead, Andy Boak (Clerk)</p>	
13.37	<p>Apologies for absence: Charlotte Barnes</p>	
13.38	<p>Declarations of interest: RP – In relation to potential housing sites as landowner.</p>	
13.39	<p>Minutes of last meeting: The minutes were accepted as a true record by all and signed by the Chair:</p>	
13.40	<p>Matters arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Street cleaner – Approval was given for the clerk to purchase a litter picking kit (£31.20 from Helping Hand) prior to the appointment of David Birches. 2. Street lights – The clerk reported that EON had been instructed to carry out the work on replacing the remaining street lights at a cost of £3909.87 (excl. VAT). RB asked when the work was due to be undertaken as two of the lights to be replaced were malfunctioning. The clerk felt EON would be undertaking the work shortly. 	AB
13.41	<p>Lochbaum The Parish Council considered the request from David Garrett (Shropshire Council) seeking confirmation of local connection for Mr F Lochbaum currently residing in Clunton. Mr Lochbaum provided affidavits from 2 Clunton residents and information on evidence of local community involvement. Cllrs identified that Mr Lochbaum met 3 criteria against a minimum requirement of 2. Consequently RE proposed the Parish Council confirm a local connection, JB seconded, all agreed. Clerk to provide written confirmation to Mr Lochbaum.</p>	
13.42	<p>Flooding in Brockton GE raised concerns about flooding in Brockton brought to her attention by a concerned local resident seeking support for the dredging of Kemp Brook. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to contact David Edwards, Flood and Water Manager at Shropshire Council and post a reply to GE in order to respond to the resident concerned.</p>	AB
13.43a	<p>Councillor appointments/resignations: Clerk has received a letter from Shropshire Council stating that as no request for an election had come forward to replace Cllr Jackie Williams the PC could seek co-option. JB reported no interest in current vacancies. GE will contact Rachel Gee at Acton View to ascertain interest. RE aware of interest, but not until April 2013. RP suggested they could attend meetings prior to April, if available in order to establish interest. KK also</p>	GE KK

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	<p>aware of interest and will contact.</p>	
13.43b	<p>Planning: Neighbourhood plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MM reported on the consultation event held at the Village Hall on 24/10/12. It was agreed that the comments form the basis of further consultation to be held in the New Year following a detailed assessment of proposed alternative development sites being undertaken. Matters raised by the consultation and discussed included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Keeping Lydbury North as a community hub b. Development for 25-30 houses including affordable housing c. Having a development boundary d. Linking development to employment e. Ensuring the availability of green space to maintain existing character of the area f. Communities rights as part of localism (Community right to bid for local assets) g. The continuing availability of a referendum would need to be undertaken before June 2013 h. Infrastructure requirements and the Community Infrastructure Levy <p>It was generally agreed that the process and progress of the development planning was effective as previously there had been no regard for local community views. MM will update on progress at next Parish Council meeting.</p> 2. Cllrs were reminded that the Place Plan for Lydbury North needed to be submitted by 25th January 2013. To be considered at the next Parish Council meeting. <p>Planning applications None received</p>	<p>MM All Cllrs</p>
13.43c	<p>Reports: New Hall project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GE reported that the VHMC had met with Richard Pidduck. Specific details of final layout agreed. Bowen Consultants are to manage the project. Block bookings for Village Hall are to be cancelled from February 2013. Tender specifications are to be prepared with a view to seeking tenders in February 2013. Further to discussion on this last point JB proposed that the Clerk communicate with the VHMC to start the tendering process prior to the Christmas break so potential contractors could prepare and submit tenders and take account of the construction within their planned schedules at the earliest opportunity. Seconded RE, all in favour. 2. Clerk reported that he had just received approval from the DCLG to apply for a loan of £45000 to cover the cost of purchasing the land from the Poors Estate and relocation of the electricity supply. Clerk to complete PWLB application. 3. Clerk reported that Western Power expect payment of £11236.50 in advance including permissions from the Poor's Estate to access the land and carry out the work for relocation of the electricity supply. Payment approved with transfer of £10k from deposit a/c to be refunded on receipt of PWLB loan. 4. The VHMC has agreed to assist with enabling the purchase of the Poors Estate land by paying the 10% deposit required at exchange of contracts <p>County Councillor In the absence of CB no report was tabled.</p>	<p>AB AB AB</p>

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	<p>School Governor The school has been subjected to another Ofsted inspection the report from which is not yet within the public domain. A new teacher Miss Vicki Walker has been appointed.</p>	
13.44	<p>Milestones To be cfwd to next meeting</p>	
13.45	<p>Streetlights As requested at the last meeting the clerk reported on the replacement of street lights and use of part time night lighting as part of street light improvement programme. Conversion to part night lighting will save ~50% based on a current annual cost of ~£620 and conversion to LEDs saves a further 50%. Cost of conversion to part night lighting is £75/lamp and LED lamps cost ~£25 each. It was agreed that the clerk progresses this work.</p>	AB
13.46	<p>Finance and bills to pay: 1. The following payments were approved: a. Wages to be paid (December) J Coull £56.33 Gross; A Boak £309.23 Gross b. Expenses for A Boak – Postage, stationary - £31.43 c. Shropshire Council – Production of maps for planning consultation event - £36.92 d. Village Hall Management Committee (Jackie Beaumont) – refreshments for planning consultation event - £17.50 e. Donation to Citizen’s Advice Shropshire for £50 (see 13.47a) f. Direct debit to NPower - £155.46 g. Cost of holly wreath for remembrance day £34 Royal British Legion (K Price) 2. The draft budget for 2013/14 was approved</p>	
13.47	<p>Correspondence: a. The Council received the report from Citizen’s Advice Shropshire and agreed to the request for support by donating £50. Clerk to notify. b. Rural Broadband update report received c. Cllrs received a speed management update. Consideration was given to the matters raised by Jean Ferguson-Davie during the public open session and it was agreed that the Clerk identifies and invites the most appropriate person to a future meeting A number of 30mph wheelie bin stickers have been made available and it was agreed that they should be distributed via the Village Shop. d. Cllrs attention was drawn to the SALC legal note on Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in relation to setting the precept. e. Clerk informed Cllrs of meeting to be held with Dave Palmer of Cam & Co re Parish Council insurance. f. Clerk reported on action taken regarding request for information on flooding history in Lydbury North from a potential resident and wished to thank Richard Beaumont for the invaluable information provided. g. Report on email re ash die back received. h. Clerk reported on email received from S Bluhm regarding information for the website. i. Annual report from AONB received together with leaflets on septic tanks. Agreed to distribute leaflets through Village Shop j. Severn Hospice Annual report received with request for grant. It was felt that the PC could not support at this time. Clerk to notify</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>

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	1. Clerk informed members that an additional 10 Jubilee mugs have been requested and will contact the company who provided the originals. Jackie Williams is collecting the money on the Parish Council's behalf.	AB
13.48	RB sought advice on the positioning of the repaired millennium bench. Agreed that it should return to its original position.	
13.49	Date of next meeting Date of next meeting confirmed as 9 th January 2012 at 1930. Venue TBA. Further meeting dates agreed as: Tuesday 19 th February 2013 Tuesday 19 th March 2013 Tuesday 23 rd April 2013 Venue TBA	

Signed Chairman Date