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Local Joint Committee Report No. 19 From Cllr Jackie Williams

Police reported crime rate decreasing in the area. Gwilym Butler from Shropshire Council answered questions very directly concerning pay cuts of 5.4% for staff shortly to be implemented at Shirehall. Other topics were discussed at length and Gwilym congratulated on his responses and reasoning.

Members of this LJC have opted for training from ALC (Association of Local Councils) for Parish Councillors to be held jointly to save costs for Parish Councils.

For the community to benefit from the LJC meetings attendance needs to improve.

Notice of meetings held three times a year is well publicised.

New Parish Hall Update

The new Hall will be built on the existing site or on the land currently owned by the Poors Estate. Funds are still required of approximately £60,000 for the possible purchase of land to further the development. Funds allocated by the donor cannot be used for land purchase or the demolition of the existing hall and two fifths of the total sum will be held in trust by the PC for maintenance. The Steering group are liaising with designers and have formulated a design brief for the new hall. It is hoped the hall will be constructed using PassivHaus principles—making the most of renewable energy and insulation. To view up to date minutes and reports of the steering group please look at the Lydbury North website.

School Update

Shropshire Council have allowed a 6 week consultation period to enable Lydbury North and Onny Primary Schools to produce a business plan of hard federation. The response to this will be published on the 6th July and if accepted Federation will begin on January 1st 2012.

Federation enables the sharing of resources and effectively, reducing costs. Each school will retain it's own identity but will share a governing body. There will be one headteacher 'post' although in practice this can operate as a job-share arrangement. Each federation is different but the aim is to work together to make the best use of funding, staff, resources and expertise to achieve improved standards of education for all the children at each school. Federation brings the opportunity to secure strong, strategic leadership and work differently to deliver 21st Century schooling.

The Parish Council would like to express their gratitude to the Staff, Governors and the community at the overwhelming support that has gone into making all of this possible.

Community Shop

Our Community Shop is celebrating its 10th birthday this year and the shop committee are putting forward plans to make this a special event for the shop volunteers and the community. A questionnaire will be sent out to the community which will help the committee to consider the views of the shop users (and non users!). Questionnaires which are returned completed to the shop will be entered in to a prize Draw. A Summer Party will be held in the Village Hall in September.

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Planning Policies

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 11th Jake Berriman (Head of Strategy and Policy Shropshire Council) explained the new planning policies and how they will affect Lydbury North Parish. These are : Shropshire Core Strategy on Planning, SAMDev (Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan, where all of Shropshire is classed as countryside (where no market housing will take place) unless communities opt in. Lydbury North opted to be a community hub which means that we will have more say in planning decisions in this area.

Lydbury North will also be involved with the Neighbourhood Vanguard Project. £20,000 pound has been allocated to work with Shropshire Council to produce a neighbourhood plan for the community of Lydbury North. This will build on our Parish Plan and the Rural Toolkit event. A community infrastructure levy will be in place by October 2011. This will guarantee any development will provide £80 per square metre and 90% will be spent locally on local priorities identified in the plan. Lydbury North forms part of the Place Plan for Bishop's Castle, which is an investment strategy for the area.

Consultation about what the needs of Parish of Lydbury North will begin once a statement of community involvement has been prepared. The final say will be a local referendum on the plan.

Parish Paths Wardens

Shropshire Council's Countryside Access Wardens are looking for volunteers to assist them in looking after over 5000 km of footpaths and bridleways. As a volunteer you will inspect, maintain and report problems to the Wardens, you will be clearing vegetation, practical ground working, repairing stiles and gates, guiding and promoting walks. There are currently 56 'Parish Paths Partnerships' working in Shropshire. For more details please contact Cllr Ian Kidd and Cllr Sue Mardzynski.

Diamond Jubilee & Olympian Festivities

There will be four days of National celebrations in June 2012 for the Queens Diamond Jubilee, with two extra Bank Holidays on the 4 and 5 June. As a community we would like to celebrate the occasion, if you have any ideas and would like to get involved, either individually or as a group, please contact Jackie Williams who will be co-ordinating the event. Some ideas are an Open Gardens Day, Street Party, Dance, Hog Roast, Communal Picnic etc.

The Olympics run from 27 July 2012 to the 12 August 2012 (Para Olympics 29 August - 9 September 2012) If you have any ideas on how we could celebrate this event as a community we would like to hear from you.

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