

Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings held at the Village Hall Green Room.

Anybody present can address councillors on any subject they wish from 7.30pm onwards. The full council meeting starts at 7.45pm and members of the public are free to stay and watch proceedings.

It should be noted that, if an answer to a specific query is urgent, the earlier the clerk has an indication beforehand of the nature of the question the more information can be provided at the meeting itself.

Next PC meeting Wednesday 16th March 7.30pm Village Hall Green Room

Contact your Parish Councillor

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Website

Our parish website is **www.lydburynorth.net**

It has been online since 2007 and receives around 1000 visits per month. It provides a useful information service to the local community, as well as tourist information for visitors to the area. The website contains news, events, useful links, council news and minutes, Parish Hall news and much more. If you would like to add news, events, business information etc, please email: shona@lydburynorth.net

The Parish Council is responsible for some of the local services in the parish including street lighting, community buildings, community spaces, bus shelters, footpaths, tree planting, verge maintenance and litter.

Contact the Clerk regarding any of these services.

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Lydbury North



Parish Council Newsletter

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THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Our school is again threatened with closure, although pupil numbers have risen to 36, with more expected after Easter and an excellent new headteacher has recently been appointed. The threat seems 'at odds' with the Government's Localism agenda – perhaps our elected Councillors need reminding of both Localism and our determination to keep our school open ?

In the meantime the Village Hall project is 'taking shape'. The Steering Group of Georgie Ellis, Graham Ford, Roger Evans, Lawrence Bluhm, Bamber Hawes and Jackie Beaumont are discussing possible sites with the Planners and also looking at other recent village halls with our Donor to get ideas of best practice, layout and construction.

Following on from the very well attended and successful Rural Toolkit event organised by Shropshire County in the Village Hall last May, we have been invited by SC to be a pioneer for the Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard Scheme. The County will help us to prepare a 'development plan' for the Parish and to apply for a grant for community facilities (such as our proposed new village hall, and perhaps even our school !)

So there is a lot going on in our Parish and Village and I would like to thank all those who are involved in making these things happen and to encourage everyone to support these initiatives.

Roger Plowden, Chair of Parish Council

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting is being arranged at Lydbury North Village Hall on **Thursday 10th March 2011**, concerning the proposed school closure. Representatives from the LEA, Shropshire Council, the Diocese etc, will be invited. Please come and give your support to this important cause.

Nikki Pugh, Chair of Governors.

PARISH NEWS

Local Joint Committee News 10th February, Bishop's Castle

Report from Cllr Jackie Williams

Police reported 248 offences for this LJC area over the past 12 months, highest of these being criminal damage, burglary and motor vehicle in that order. P.C. Nick Williams is currently unwell and the work for this area will be shared with Church Stretton. The CSOs are to undertake Speed Gun training which will hopefully help to deter speeding through L.N. village. This training has been withdrawn from public use.

The Highways officer was thanked for the work undertaken during the past months. 600 salt/grit bins have been supplied. Funding is still available for this winter. Proposals for Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust were tabled. Children's services are at this time unresolved, and the maternity care unit is coming under intense scrutiny. Dependence on Air Ambulance (funded by voluntary sources only) can only increase.

There is to be a nationwide CENSUS on 27th March 2011. The form will arrive in a white envelope to each house on 7th March. Collection of forms not returned in the required timescale will be made between 6th April and 6th May. HELP is available with completion, which is compulsory.

Fire & Rescue: We were informed that NO stations are to close but posts will be reduced by 10% with a maintenance programme in place. A large sum has been provided by central government to be used by the end of March 2011. It is anticipated that this will be spent on vehicle improvement.

The debate on the proposed reduction by Shropshire Council on schools funding, only issued this week, was lengthy. A further meeting of the LJC will be held in the near future to cover only this subject.

Proposals for reduction in public transport services were discussed at length and information gathered will be forwarded to Shropshire Council.

Community Action officer

Frances Hall, our local officer at Enterprise House is retiring shortly. Our new officer will be Mathew Mead, who will be our link to Shropshire Council. Mathew's contact details are email: mathew.mead@shropshire.gov.uk, tel: 01743 252534 or mobile: 07837 719009.

Defibrillator

A defibrillator (a small battery-powered electrical impulse generator which is used to prolong the lives of those patients who are at risk of heart failure) is available to the parish. If anyone would like to receive training in the use of this life saving equipment please contact the Clerk.

email list

Please send your name and email address to: shona@lydburynorth.net if you would like to receive this publication by email. Apart from saving paper you would also be helping the dedicated band of volunteers who deliver it throughout the parish.

PARISH NEWS

New Councillor

We would like to welcome Sue Mardzynski, who lives at Walcot, to the Parish Council.

Table Tennis

£280 has been granted from the LJC to add towards the cost of table tennis equipment for the Village Hall. Thanks to the young people in the village who wrote letters of support for this application.

New Parish Hall

Graham Ford and Katherine Baker have joined the steering group after resignations from Terry Couzens and Bryan Jones. A planning officer is visiting the various sites outlined during the public meeting. There will be an open meeting soon to discuss the planning officer's recommendations and also all the other information that the steering group have amassed. The date of the public meeting will be advertised. If you would like to add any comments to the steering group you can email: newhall@lydburynorth.net or write to Mrs Beaumont at the School House, Lydbury North.

Grant

Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership has secured a grant of £59,000 from the Big Lottery Fund, for its Shropshire Hills Farming Project which will address problems affecting farmers such as falls in income, excessive bureaucracy and regulation, changes in farm management and isolation. It will offer advice and grant funding for the development of farm businesses, reducing carbon footprints and leading to more viable farming in the area. For more information contact Big Lottery Fund Press Office: 020 7211 1888, Out of hours contact: 07867 500 572, Public Enquiries Line: 08454 102030

Roads

The severe winter weather has caused a lot of damage to our roads, please report potholes and damage to the clerk who will inform the Highways Agency, or you can report potholes via the website www.potholes.co.uk

Road Closure

B4370 Cwm Head, Marshbrook (section 50 m NE of Oaklands) will be closed for 2 weeks from March 7th for drainage works. Weekdays only. Diversions will be in place.

Planning

Ref: 11/00241/FUL (validated: 20/01/2011): Lydbury North Garage, Lydbury North, Shropshire, SY7 8AR. Proposal: Erection of two detached 4 bedroomed eco-homes, retention of existing bungalow, formation of new vehicular and pedestrian accesses and associated landscaping following demolition of existing garage building.

Ref:11/00457/FUL (validated 03/02/2011): Greycote, Acton, Bishops Castle, Shropshire, SY9 5LA. Proposal: Erection of two storey extension and alteration to existing vehicular entrance and formation of new access drive.

Plans can be viewed via the Shropshire Council Website.