

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.

On dates marked * meetings will only take place if there are urgent agenda items.

Wednesday 23rd September

Wednesday 21st October *

Wednesday 25th November

Wednesday 16th December *

Lydbury North Village Hall was built in 1928 and is well used by various community groups. The hard working management committee organise concerts and films and other events. Funding and grants available for new community buildings, can be applied for from sources such as the Big Lottery.

In the Parish Plan Survey, from 212 answers received 138 people replied that they would use the hall more if it was rebuilt or refurbished.

The Parish Plan, although it touched upon the subject, lacked the more comprehensive examination that is required to ensure the feasibility of a major development of the hall.

We welcome your views on the subject and would appreciate you answering the following questions:

1. Would your use of the hall increase if the hall had better facilities?
Yes No

2. Would you like a new purpose built community building?
Yes No

3. If you answered No, would you prefer the Village Hall to be renovated?
Yes No

4.. Would you prefer a new Village Hall to be on a different site, with better access?
Yes No

5. Would you like to be involved in the management of the village Hall?
Yes No if yes, please add your contact details.....

Any other comments.....

Please return to any Parish Councillor or to the Clerk, Nikki Pugh at Gravenor House, Lydbury North.

Lydbury North



Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 3 August 2009

Letter from the Chairman,

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter - an important way of communicating with all parishioners and keeping you informed of what has been happening and what events are planned for the future. The hope is, of course, that more of you will get involved in whatever issue or events that interest you, and that we will work better together as a community.

Two items which were "top of the Parish Council list" were saving the school and gaining the 30mph speed limit. Both have been successful although the former took a great deal of time and effort, particularly by the governors and parents of the school.

Now that the dust is settling, our thoughts are turning towards issues raised in the Parish Plan, whether we need more affordable housing in the village and whether we need to replace the village hall (and how to pay for it!). Both are under active discussion and if you have any views we would like to hear them.

Why not write or email, contact details are on the back of this sheet. Or fill in the short questionnaire on the back page. You would also be very welcome to put your views to Parish Councillors at any meeting - dates are listed on the back page.

In the meantime, I hope everyone has a safe and happy Summer holiday.

Roger Plowden

Lydbury North Parish Council



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Local Joint Committee

The first meeting of our LJC was held in the Public Hall, Bishop's Castle on July 7th. Our LJC comprises of Bishop's Castle, Chirbury & Worthen and Clun Districts. Cllr Jackie Williams attended on behalf of Lydbury North Parish. Each Parish Representative will be allowed 3 minutes per meeting to speak on issues relating to their own area.

Our LJC has a budget of £49,000 per year of which £20,000 is to be set aside for Community Chest Grants. Community Chest grants are capped at £500 per application. This is subject to the discretion of the Committee and no match funding is required. Applications will be appraised by the members following assessment by the Community Regeneration Officer - Frances Hall.

Email: frances.hall@shropshire.gov.uk

If you require funding for your local group or organisation application forms can be downloaded from the Shropshire County Council website - follow the link to Local Joint Committees > application forms. Please contact your local community regeneration Officer for help and advice. (Frances Hall will be based at Enterprise House, Bishop's Castle on Tuesdays.) Application forms are also available from the Clerk, Nikki Pugh.

Next LJC meeting Monday 28th September 2009 at Newcastle Community Centre, 7pm. These meetings will be held at different venues throughout the year to reach as many areas as possible.

Transport News

Speed Limit - Regarding the new 30mph speed limit, a survey involving either strips on the road or a police hand held device, will be held sometime after summer to evaluate the success of the scheme, if the speed of vehicles is consistently above the limit it may be possible to allocate a temporary "flashing" SLOW DOWN sign.

New road signage has been installed at the Brockton /B4385 junction in a bid to slow traffic down. Further "SLOW" warnings have been painted onto the road surface.

Three local bus service routes have been withdrawn by their current operator as they were not financially viable. Shropshire Council and the Local Joint Committee are working with Shropshire Link and bus companies to try to resolve this issue.

Skate Ramp

The mobile skate ramp has been a great success with communities in South Shropshire villages, especially younger people. The parish council booked the ramp for a few weeks in May and it provided a meeting place for youngsters from the village who enjoyed skating or being spectators. For the dates the ramp visits Lydbury North email the clerk or check the website



www.lydburynorth.net.

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Housing Needs Survey

A working party has been established to liaise with Shropshire Housing Trust and to carry out a housing needs survey. A questionnaire will be circulated throughout the parish and we would be grateful to receive as much feedback as possible. The information gathered will be invaluable to the Parish Council in determining the future of housing in the Parish. The Parish Plan showed that there is a need for affordable housing for young people and families, housing for these key groups will help to encourage the sustainability of the village.

Sustainable Community Strategy

The SCS steers both policy decisions and the services that public agencies provide across the county, it is used as a basis for making financial decisions and gaining external funding. The SCS also leads the Local Development Framework which is the plan that will provide for the physical and infrastructure development that will take place across Shropshire in coming years. The parish council are currently studying the draft strategy and will formulate a response at their September meeting. If you would like to contribute your comments would be gratefully received by councillors.

Street Lighting.

The PC has accepted a quote from e.on for new street lighting in Lydbury North. The PC are in the process of prioritising the work which will begin shortly.

Planning

Recent planning applications dealt with by the parish council include:

09/00854/FUL – Retrospective application for temporary siting of static caravan to accommodate temporary casual agricultural workers at Brockton Store. Parish Council had no objection to this application.

09/01247/COU – Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic at 14 Golden Grove Acton. Parish Council had no objection but asked that the mature oak tree at the site was protected.

Planning applications can be viewed by contacting the clerk or online at

www.shropshire.gov.uk.

Database

The parish council holds an email database and regularly sends planning lists, meeting details and other interesting information to those on the list. If you would like to be included please send an email to the clerk at lydburycouncil@tiscali.co.uk.

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.

Mrs Nikki Pugh, CLERK to the Parish Council

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