

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 2nd December

Wednesday 16th December *



Kemp Valley Apple Project

Thanks to a grant & support from the A.O.N.B Sustainable Development Fund delivery of an Apple Mill, Fruit Press and two Pasteurizers has recently been acquired by the Kemp Valley Group. A few apple pressing days have already taken place to great success.

Next year it is planned to organise a large number of pressing days starting as early as August. If you are interested in pressing your own fruit please contact the Kemp Valley Group so that we can let you know where & when these will be taking place, ideas for locations and groups wishing to organise their own days will be welcome - and start saving bottles, with caps of course!

Speed Watch Update

Since the introduction of the 30 mph speed limit through the village the Parish Council is aware that some vehicles, including Heavy Goods Vehicles, are ignoring the 30 mph restriction. The local Police have been informed and will be monitoring the speed with occasional spot checks and, in addition to that 14 members of the village have volunteered to work as Police Volunteers and operate speed checks, as part of the Community Speedwatch Scheme. The list of names went off to the Police in August but we could do with more volunteers. So if you are happy for a CRB check, and to complete a medical form, please contact Cllr Ian Kidd on 680511, with your full address details and we will gladly forward your details to register you as a Police Volunteer to monitor the speed of traffic through the village. The police will send you a form to complete.

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Parish Council Newsletter

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Vacancy on Parish Council

Lydbury North Parish Council has a vacancy for a new councillor at the moment. Applications for the vacancy are requested from anybody living in the parish, candidates must be on the register of electors and live (or own land or work) in the parish for 12 months or more.

The parish covers a wide area, from the Llysty in the West to Priors Holt in the East including Brockton, Lower Down, Acton, Totterton, Plowden, Eyton, Walcot and of course Lydbury North.

The council usually meets monthly, on Wednesday evenings, in Lydbury North Village Hall. Becoming a Councillor is often a rewarding and valued form of public service. All councillors contribute to the work of the Parish Council by having a say about things they care about, responding to the needs and views of the community, seeking outcomes to local issues and getting involved in decision making. Councillors may also be expected to participate in projects supported by the Parish Council, represent the Council on other bodies; such as the Village Shop Committee and Youth Groups, and occasionally attend other meetings on particular subjects.

For more information contact the clerk,
Mrs Nikki Pugh, on 01588 680 449 or email
lydburycouncil@tiscali.co.uk.

Applications need to be in writing and received before 18th
November 2009.

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Local Joint Committee News

Report from Cllr Jackie Williams

The September meeting of the LJC was held in Newcastle Community Centre. Funding amounting to a total of £13,320 was approved from which L.N. Community Newsletter received £330 to fund costs for one year's production and the L.N. Young Archaeologists group received £300 towards their application of £500 for purchase of a laptop and field equipment. £39680 remains for the 2009/10 budget. (Community Chest £17,270, Match Funding Projects £18,410). Any funding remaining at the end of March 2010 will be carried over into the 2010/11 financial year.

During the same evening the success (or otherwise) of the Shropshire Link service was considered. Comments concerning shortcomings were made very forcibly from the floor to the relevant officer in attendance. (Jackie had received a negative response from past users of this service in our parish, which was relayed). Concern was expressed to the police (who were in attendance) over the requirement of CPR checks for volunteers for checking speed through L.N.Village. Some volunteers have dropped out because of this. Jake Berriman, Head of Strategy and Policy (Development Services) on the Shropshire Council, gave a presentation on the Sustainable Community Strategy - stressing the importance of replies from the community via parish councils on how we wish to see the development of housing and services for the foreseeable future. L.N. Parish Council's views have been submitted. An open session followed to consider problems facing communities, particularly in the Newcastle area, which were tabled.

This meeting was very well attended, and healthy discussion conducted on every subject. The next Meeting is provisionally arranged for 20th January 2010 at Marton Village Hall at 7.0 p.m. It is hoped that we will arrange such a meeting for Lydbury North in the near future, when local concerns can be high on the agenda.

Dog Mess



There is a continuing problem with irresponsible dog owners allowing their pets to mess on pavements and verges - PLEASE clear up after your dog, apart from it being unsightly it is also unhygienic.

If you have a problem with dog fouling in your area please call

0345 678 9000 (Shropshire Council) to log a complaint. You will need to provide as much information as possible including the name of the dog owner if you know who is responsible.

Shropshire Council have the authority to fine persistent offenders or, as a last resort, involve the local police when anti social behaviour orders may be necessary.

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Resignation

Since the last issue, Andy Horrocks has resigned from his post as Parish Councillor, Andy was a valued member of the team and contributed a great deal throughout his many years service to the Parish.

Village Hall

We had a poor response to the questionnaire in the last newsletter regarding the future of the Village Hall. The majority of those who answered would prefer a new village hall rather than a refurbishment. Difficulty of access was the major issue with the present village hall.

A programme of events to be held in the coming season is available from the Village Hall and the shop.



Village Playground

The Parish Council are in the process of applying for funding for play equipment for the school playing field. This facility will be available to all children. If you have any suggestions for suitable (and safe) play equipment please contact the Clerk or Cllr's Ian

Kidd or Shona Bluhm.

Planning

Recent planning applications dealt with by the parish council include:

Planning permission has been granted for the erection of extension to dwelling, replacing existing porch with cold lobby at 11 Long Row, Lower Down.

Planning has been applied for erection of an affordable dwelling and detached garage at Bury View, Brockton.

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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