

Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings held at the Village Hall Green Room.

Anybody present can address councillors on any subject they wish for 15 minutes 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 August 18th 2010 7,30pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday September 22nd 2010 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday October 6th 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting
Next Local Joint Committee Meeting 13th October Clun Parish Hall 7pm

Contact your Parish Councillor

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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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Letter from the Chairman

Three important events occurred in Lydbury North Parish in May : firstly Nikki Pugh, our Clerk to the Parish Council for the last 6 years retired – we have been very lucky to have had Nikki to guide us during this busy period, not least putting together our Parish Plan and the threatened closure of our school. She has been succeeded by Bernard Edwards, who comes after a career in both Shropshire County Council and the Environment Agency. Both are incredibly well qualified to navigate us through the tides of local bureaucracy and we thank them for their patience.

Second we had a very successful AGM on 19 May to which there was an excellent turnout to hear about the digital television switchover and from our County Councillor, Peter Phillips on how coalition government may affect us.

Finally about 30 volunteers were hosted by Shropshire Council in the Village Hall on 27 May to discuss their proposals for Planning in the countryside and our rural villages and to hear from us what was needed to make Lydbury North a better and more sustainable community. My thanks go to everyone who has given their time to attend these events and to contribute their ideas and enthusiasm to the Parish. The overriding impression is that we are in good spirits and health and that 'life can only get better'.

Lastly, but not least, please take the time to read this quarterly newsletter as it contains some relevant information for all members of the community, along with contact details of your local Parish Councillors.
RGP Plowden,
Chairman

PARISH NEWS

Local Joint Committee

At our parish AGM questions were raised about this relatively new committee set up in April 2009 which is reported on quarterly by Jackie through this parish news.

What is it?

A link between YOUR parish council and Shropshire Council, where concerns can be discussed and relayed upwards. Lydbury North is part of LJC 19 which covers 13 parishes within the Clun, Bishop's Castle, and Chirbury and Worthen unitary divisions.

What does it do?

It has an annual allocation of £49,000 to spend on local project funding. Applications are made for up to a maximum of £1500 each (without match funding) for small community projects, such as new cookers/chairs for village halls etc. Larger local projects with match funding are also applied for.

The police are present to outline current local concerns and to answer questions from those present.

Concerns from parish representatives are discussed within the 3 minutes time allowed for each parish should this be required, which concerns can be taken to Shropshire Council for further discussion if appropriate. This is also a very good meeting point between the 13 parishes for us to discuss local issues which may be common to us all and not previously aired.

How does a local organisation apply for funding?

Contact for applications is frances.hall@shropshire.gov.uk. Frances is also at Enterprise House on a Tuesday weekly to help with enquiries.

When and Where are the Meetings?

These are held quarterly and move to village halls around the three divisions.

The public are encouraged to attend and contribute to these meetings. Approval of the funding applications is given, or not, at these meetings, having been discussed at a pre-meeting a fortnight before when applicants may come and state their case.

As during the past year, a brief outline of progress from the above meetings will be given through this parish news bulletin. My contact e-mail address is overleaf.

News

Senior Safety Day

A Senior Safety Day is being held at the Community College, BC on Wednesday 28 July. It's free, and there's lunch provided. There will be talks from the Emergency Service and a lot of useful organisations will be represented for participants to get information and advice. This is an all day event so attendees will need to book. If you would like to come call 01743 342162. If anyone requires transport some will be arranged.

Village Playground

We have been allocated a grant of £20,000 from the Playbuilder Scheme. The next stage is to determine the site and we will be meeting with Shropshire Council regarding the use of the School Playing Field.

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Skate Ramp

The Parish Council have booked the skate ramp for 1 or 2 weeks in the summer holidays, to be located in the Village Hall car park, when dates are confirmed they will be publicised.

Clerk

Nikki Pugh has resigned as Parish Clerk because of work commitments and was presented with a gift from the councillors as appreciation for her many years of service to the parish and the community. As well as being in full time work, Nikki has recently taken on the role of Chair of Governors at Lydbury Primary School.

Bernard Edwards has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk. Bernard is recently retired from a career with Shropshire County Council and the Environment Agency. He does voluntary work with Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre and the House on Crutches Museum, he lives in Bishop's Castle.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Cllr Harris has resigned from the Parish Council because of work commitments. The PC would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Tony and wish him all the best for the future. There is now a vacancy on the council, please contact the clerk for further details.

Ambulance service

The Ambulance service have requested that all households who live in rural and isolated locations will keep their Ordnance Survey Grid Reference number by the phone as this will enable the emergency services to respond to calls quickly. If you need help determining your OS grid number please contact Cllr Ian Kidd (contact details overleaf)

Digital Switchover

Digital Switchover, will start to take place in our area on 6th April 2011 with the full switchover on 20th April 2011. Some members of the community are eligible for financial help and support, if you do not receive an information leaflet with this newsletter, there will be some available in the shop. Or call 0800 40 85 900 (free) or visit www.helpscheme.co.uk

Internet Café

Computers, printers and the internet are available at the new Internet Café at the primary school on Monday and Wednesdays after school (term time only) - contact the school 680277

Childcare Provision

Shropshire Council are currently seeking the views of local people on childcare provision in the area. Questionnaires will be sent out to random households- if you would like to be involved and have childcare issues, please contact Penny Hall 01743 254 367 or email: childcaresufficiency@shropshire.gov.uk