

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE - By Sue Hackett

The Leebotwood & Longnor Parish Council Website can be found at www.2shrop.net/leebotwoodparishcouncil or why not simply google ityou'll find it at the top of the page! The website receives on average 500 hits a month; so someone is using it! It was set up in 2009 and aims to keep you informed of local issues such as:

- Road works, Local news items,
- Contact details for all your councillors and the Clerk,
- Dates and times of our meetings,
- All of the Council's approved minutes and finance details.

The Council strongly believes in transparency and being accountable to the residents of the parish. Please let us know how useful you find the site and what kind of additional information you would like to see on it.

Your Local Police Team

PC David Harte (2681) & CSO Dave Baron (6417)

Call 999 for emergencies

E.g.s When a crime is in progress; When there is danger to life; When someone suspected of a crime is nearby; When violence is being used or threatened.

Call 101

A new number to call the local police for less urgent matters
E.g.s If your car has been stolen; If your property has been damaged; When you suspect drug use or dealing; To report a minor traffic collision; To give the police information about crime in your area.

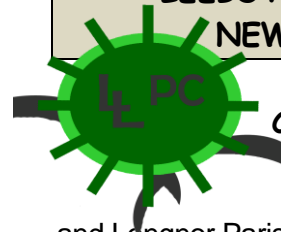
Cost - 15p per call of any length, and from landline or mobile.

General Switch Board Tel 0300 333 3000 ex 66644 number to get through to a particular person or department.

This information is supplied by West Mercia Police and is displayed on the Parish Council notice-board

LEEBOTWOOD & LONGNOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair's Report by Cllr Jennie Griffiths

In April 2011 I became Chairman of Leebotwood and Longnor Parish Council. It is an honour to serve the electorate and I thank my fellow councillors for paying me the compliment of voting me as Chairman.

This year the Parish Council (PC) have been consulted on many important issues by Shropshire Council including reiterating your views to remain as open countryside under the new policy of Site Allocation and Management of Development.(SAMDev.)

Speeding through the village of Leebotwood has long been a matter of concern to residents. The PC have considered erecting, at the PC's expense, vehicle activated signs. These signs give a warning to motorists who exceed the speed limit, similar to the ones erected at Bayston Hill. After careful consideration the PC have agreed to put this on hold until Shropshire Council measure the speed travelled through the village. If the average speeds exceed the speed limit Shropshire Council may meet part of the installation and running costs. However, if evidence shows that motorists do not exceed the speed limits then of course expenditure on the signs would not be appropriate. Incidentally these plans have not triggered the recent speed checks carried out in Leebotwood by the Camera Safety Partnership this is purely a coincidence.

As shown in this Newsletter we are planning to update the Parish Plan. As you are aware a Parish Plan is a comprehensive document, which sets out a shared vision of how the community wants the parish to develop over the next 5-10 years. A Parish Plan is developed by the community, the PC cannot do this without **YOUR** help. We do hope you will come along to the meetings in January where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions, give your opinion and become involved in the process to help us produce a working document which enhances the environment in which we live and influence local decision making and community strategies.

The PC has this year, set up a Finance Working Party to look very closely at PC expenditure. Their recommendations will be put to the PC at their January meeting for approval. I can assure you, that as a result of this process the Council Tax payable in 2012/13 attributable to the PC will be kept as low as possible.

Jennie Griffiths

Your Local Parish Councillors Telephone Contact Details

"The Council strives to maintain and improve your parish environment and local services for you."

| Leebotwood | Longnor |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Mrs Joan Davies 01694 751325 | Mrs Lorna Pardoe 01743 718695 |
| Ms Jennie Griffiths (Chair) 01694 751326 | Mr Des Jacques 01743 718853 |
| Mr Roderick Probert 01694 751337 | Mr John Ludlow 01743 718044 |
| Mr John Wilson (Vice Chair) 01694 751266 | Mr Paul Harris 01743 718028 |

Recent Parish Planning Applications in the Parishes :

The Farm Longnor - Various applications including Formation of concrete yard; Erection of two extensions to an existing agricultural building, erection of a grain bin and a rainwater tank; Erection of replacement agricultural building. Realignment of existing overhead line **Status: Permission Granted**

Land To The North Of Martins Hatch 9 Longnor - Erection of one detached 2 bedroomed affordable dwelling with detached double garage/store and creation of new vehicular and pedestrian access Ref. No: 11/02460/FUL **Status: Pending Consideration**

Micklewood Farm, Micklewood - Construction of a slurry lagoon Ref. No: 11/02459/FUL **Status: Permission Granted**

The Withies Ryton - Erection of a first floor extension, installation of dormer windows and erection of a detached double garage and store (amendment to previous permission reference 08/1429/F) **Status: Permission Granted**

Day House Leebotwood - Erection of a detached triple garage/store Ref. No: 11/03599/FUL **Status: Pending Consideration**

Penkridge Hall Leebotwood - Erection of domestic annex to provide ancillary accommodation. Ref. No: 11/03523/FUL Validated 06 -10-11| **Status: Pending Consideration** Further details can be found at www.planningpa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications

Leebotwood Village Hall Report - Cllr John Wilson

Just to update you on the car park extension which is now complete and already well used having hosted the LJC meeting and a recent Longnor School Spookey Do in October! Many thanks to all the people involved in its creation especially John Wynn for his extensive excavation and soil removal work.

Looking forward to the yuletide festivities which are to take place at the hall in the coming month. Regular Whist Drives, Art Lessons, Computer Techniques and Dance lessons are but a few of the regular events which occur at the village hall. Take a look at www.leebotwood.org.uk For further information on events Telephone Mary on (01694) 751266.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Tim Barker

By now you will all have learned that we are no longer to put cardboard into our green wheelie bins because our European friends are worried about the potential contamination of compost produced from it arising from inks. It's enough to bring out the Victor Meldrew in me and I really "can't believe it!" Work is on-going to try and provide a suitable alternative way of collecting our waste cardboard from us but in the meantime we must revert to what we used to do before kerbside collections.

A few brief lines about other matters.

- The youth club at Dorrington continues to do well. Heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who make this such a success. I would encourage the youth in Longnor and Leebotwood to give it a try. Why not contact Edward Marvin for more info on marvin@web-hq.com
- I would encourage you to get involved with your Parish Plans Update meetings, as the Localism initiative encourages local voices to be heard.

Enough from me. Happy Christmas to you all (yes, we are nearly there!). Please contact me if I can help you in any way.

Tim Barker

New Tel No : 01694 771592 email : tim.barker@shropshire.gov.uk

Your Local Mobile Library Service The service now runs on alternate **Tuesdays**; calling at The Pound Inn Car Park, Leebotwood between 9.00 -9.15 am and at Longnor Village between 9.25 - 9.40 am.

LJC Report by Cllr Des Jacques who gives a brief resume about himself:

As your Parish Council delegate at the Local Joint Committee meeting I wish to report that the October meeting held at Leebotwood was well attended.

Of special interest was a presentation by Mark Pembleton Service Manager- Business & Enterprise Shropshire and Ian Binks Regional Partnership Director - BTplc. Giving an update on the Countywide Broadband Project, if we want to get high speed broadband in our Parish we all need to contact him, the higher the demand the better. The Police report was useful, it identified that metal theft is on the increase. During the winter leave a light on when you go out to deter burglars! A short presentation was also given on walking with OFFA.

A brief history about me. I was born in Wednesfield in Staffordshire many years ago! Moved to Albrighton near Cosford in 1960, then moved to Newport, Shropshire and arrived in Longnor in April 1998.

As a qualified mechanics engineer, I have worked in the steel industry much of my life. Spent 2 years in National Service at 4 Trade Training BN R.A.O.C. I returned to engineering as a draughtsman, designing rolling mill equipment and pressure vessels in the chemical industry; later I spent time as a technical salesman.

I finally spent 30 years in the Financial Service industry, retiring in 2004. On a personal front I am happily married to Sonia, with two sons Matthew and Nicholas and live opposite the school in Longnor. Other interests include Golf, Cycling, and many other sports.

Your next LJC meeting is to take place at 7.00pm at Church Stretton School on 16th February 2012.

**What will residents do with their cardboard now?
Residents will no longer be able to put cardboard in their garden waste bin from Monday 28 November 2011.**

Householders are now being asked to recycle their cardboard by taking it, if they are able, to their nearest Household Recycling Centre. Otherwise please put your cardboard waste in your household rubbish bin. Veolia are looking for suitable sites around the county to place approximately 20 bring banks for cardboard. (Report by Clerk)

Leebotwood & Longnor's Fully Audited Accounts for 2010-11:

| | Year Ending 31/3/10 | Year Ending 31/3/11 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bal brought forward | £3,074 | £7,735 |
| Annual Precept | £10,000 | £10,000 |
| Total Other Receipts | £27 | £987 |
| Staff Costs | £3,599 | £5,023 |
| Loan interest/capital repayments | Nil | Nil |
| All other payments | £1,767 | £8,636 |
| Bal carried forward | £7,735 | £5,063 |
| Total cash & short term investments | £7,735 | £5,063 |
| Total fixed assets & long term assets | £4,025 | £4,950 |
| Total borrowing | Nil | Nil |

The accounts have been confirmed as accurate by Mazars.

Youth Sessions at Dorrington Village Hall

Dorrington Youth Club meets on the first Friday in the month for young people in year 6 and above from 6.30pm till 8.30pm. Every other Friday in the month Dorrington Village Hall hosts the 'Awards for All' funded Sports and Activity Sessions for ages 5 to 16 years. Why not contact Edward Marvin for more info on:

marvin@web-hq.com or alternatively the Parish Clerk.

FINANCE - Report by Cllr John Ludlow

In June the Parish Council set up a Working Party to look into the expenditure of the Council, in preparation for the 2012-13 Budget which will be considered at a meeting of the full Council in December. Unearthing information has taken a lot longer than expected but the exercise will have been thorough and will provide a sound basis for the Council's discussions and decisions.

No research can remove the biggest problem of budget setting - the fact that the decisions about the coming year (from April 1st) have to be made in January at the latest, i.e. with at least 10 weeks of the current year still to go. So the new budget can never be based on accurate figures for the current year and no-one can be expected to guess what surprises the final weeks (January to the end of March) of the financial year may produce. So those eight haggard looking figures pacing the streets and anxiously reading the newspapers will either be your Parish Councillors or supporters of an under-performing local football team. So watch this space - and the dark rims around our eyes!

CLERK'S CONTACT DETAILS:

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Condover, Shrewsbury, SY5 7EX
Telephone: 01743 719012, there is a
telephone message service available.
Normal Office hours Thursday's
9.00 am - 12.00. Meetings by prior
appointment only. Alternatively
Email:
leebotwoodpc@btinternet.com

Your Parish Council Meeting Dates in 2011-12

7th Dec Leebotwood Village Hall
18th January Longnor V Hall
15th February Leebotwood V H
The meetings start at
7.30pm when a public session is
held. Why not join us & find out
more !

Every effort has been made to ensure all details provided in this newsletter are accurate at the time of publication. Should you prefer to receive this newsletter by email please let the Clerk know. Our thanks to the network of volunteers who distribute. Editor Sue Hackett

LONGNOR VOLUNTEERS' CORNER - Report by Cllr Ludlow

Calling all fans of the Big Society, all Localism fanatics. Step forward and save the honour of Longnor, otherwise Dave will be disappointed, Nick will be niggled, and Eric will be in a right Pickle.

We're appealing again for volunteers in the true spirit of localism, which means doing things for nothing to save paying a local contractor. Somehow, we're told, it's all going to save the country's financial problems, or some of them at any rate. No, we don't understand it either, but here goes. Is anyone willing to volunteer to keep the signposts and road signs clear of foliage? Shropshire Council does it about twice a year but further trimming is needed in between their visits. Not arduous work.

Or how about refreshing the bus shelters on the A49 with a coat of preservative, and putting a bit on the notice-board while you're about it? Preservative supplied, and a brush or two on demand.

Any kind person offering to help, please ring Sue Hackett, the Clerk of the Parish Council, on 01743 719 012. Your reward will be Mr Cameron's gratitude and the partial unpickling of poor Eric.

Community Grants Funding

The Parish Council has a limited fund available in its current budget for community projects operating in the parishes of Leebotwood & Longnor. The Council would ideally like to hear from organisations based in the parishes /or delivering a service to the residents in the parishes who need funding assistance. It is envisaged that funding needs will be for revenue purposes such as:

The cost of room hire for an event, purchase of small equipment items, contribution towards travel/admin costs etc.

An upper limit of £100 is applicable per each small grant application. An application form, can be obtained from The Clerk, and must be completed before the Council can consider the request and approve the grant.

The Clerk