

MINUTES of the MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 13th MAY 2014 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T Barton, J Beard, B. Parker, R. Stokes
Also present Mrs L McCormack - Clerk

1. APOLOGIES and APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:

1.1 Apologies from Cllrs. P Butters (Vice Chair), S Geary, S Hardin (Chairman), Mrs S Witherspoon were received and accepted.

1.2 In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman the members present appointed Cllr B Parker to chair the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2014 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Acting Chairman

4. Election of Chairman

Clerk reported that Cllr Hardin had indicated he was happy to continue as Chairman. There being no other nominations Cllr Hardin was proposed by Cllr Stokes and seconded by Cllr Beard for Chairman.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Hardin was elected unanimously as Chairman for the coming year.
(Clerk will contact Cllr Hardin to request he sign his declaration of office)

5. Election of Vice Chairman

Clerk reported that Cllr P Butters had indicated he was happy to continue as Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations Cllr. Butters was proposed by Cllr Barton and seconded by Cllr Beard for Vice Chair.

RESOLVED: Cllr. P Butters was elected unanimously as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

6. Appointment of Representatives

Clerk reported that absent members had indicated they were happy to continue as representatives as last year. Members present duly appointed the following representatives:-

6.1 Association of Local Councils – Cllr S. Hardin

6.2 NS SALC – Cllrs. Mrs T. Barton and P. Butters

6.3 Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee – Cllr P. Butters

6.4 Wem & Shawbury LJC – Cllr. J Beard

6.5 Other – Shawbury Helicopter Liaison Group Cllr. S Geary; Patient Representative Group Clive Cllr J Beard

7. Public Participation Session

Shropshire Cllr Brian Williams had given his apologies. No members of the public present.

8. Matters arising from the March meeting.

Following flooding the gulley has been replaced in Salters Lane.

Signed by the Chairman

9. Financial Matters.

9.1 Bank reconciliation and Financial Report.

Members received and accepted the Bank reconciliation and financial report.

9.2. The Account Book was checked and signed as a true record by the Acting Chairman.

9.3 End of Year Audit

9.3.1 End of Year Statement of Accounts was approved. Business reserve a/c £3,575.27
Current a/c £50.00. £3338.80 is currently ringfenced leaving £1845.67 in General Purpose Fund.

9.3.2 Annual Returns were approved for audit.

9.4. Accounts for Payment.

The following were approved for payment:-

Marie Curie £100.00 ; Purchase of Village Hall keys for clerk deposit of £10 ; Insurance £373.64 ; LCR subscription £17.00; SALC affiliation fees £237.81

10. Planning Matters

10.1 New applications.

Reference: 14/01624/SCR (validated: 10/04/2014)

Address: Charity Farm, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SX

Proposal: Proposed solar farm

Applicant:

This is not a planning application but an application for a screening opinion only. No documents are available. The matter was reported to committee for information.

Reference: 14/01994/OHL (validated: 01/05/2014)

Address: Grafton Farm, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SL

Proposal: Installation of an underground supply taken from an existing overhead service line

Applicant: S P Manweb Plc (Electricity House, Wrexham Road, Pentre Bychan, Wrexham, LL14 4DU)

10.2. Applications received after 5th May 2014. (if any)

None

10.3 Applications commented on since the last meeting:-

Reference: 14/00256/FUL (validated: 29/01/2014)

Address: Bentley Farm, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SL

Proposal: Construction of a poultry shed and ancillary buildings and hardstanding (Phase 1 of 3)

Applicant: Bentley Growers Ltd (Bentley Farm, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SL)

Reference: 14/00257/FUL (validated: 29/01/2014)

Address: Bentley Farm, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SL

Proposal: Construction of a poultry shed and ancillary buildings and hardstanding (Phase 2 of 3)

Applicant: Bentley Growers Ltd (Bentley Farm, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SL)

Signed by the Chairman

Reference: 14/00258/FUL (validated: 29/01/2014)

Address: Bentley Farm, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SL

Proposal: Construction of a Biomass Store alongside poultry sheds (Phase 3 of 3)

Applicant: Bentley Growers Ltd (Bentley Farm, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SL)

The Committee considered and agreed the response to the planning applications & clerk duly submitted the response raising concerns in respect of highways and environmental assessment. Highways raised an objection that the transport assessment was unsatisfactory and requested appropriate conditions to provide passing places on Brandwood Rd. Applications still pending a decision.

10.3. Determined since the March Meeting.

Reference: 14/00330/FUL (validated: 06/03/2014)

Address: 19 Charleston Way, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5US

Proposal: Erection of an attached single garage

Applicant: Mr Josh Smallbone

Decision : Permission Granted 01/04/2014

10.4. Other Matters (if any)

Consultation on SAMDev has now closed. (E-mailed on 18th March)

11. Highways

11.1. In January clerk reported that the hedges on Brown Heath Road had been cut by highways team. Clerk checked this with highways and in fact the hedges had been cut by NACRO under instruction from the Highways team.

11.2. Potholes – Shropshire Council has repaired pot holes in the area.

11.3 Commonwood Road has been cleaned and Shropshire Council has contacted persons responsible for mud on the roads. New gullies have been installed around Commonwood and Noneley. The culvert at Ruewood was cleaned on Tuesday 11th March

11.4 Burlton Grange – Shropshire Council have installed numerous signs warning of oncoming vehicles and advisory speed limits. It is a pinch point and any kerbing would narrow the road further. This has been reported to road safety Dept.

11.3 Road Safety Policy – No further requests under this policy to date

11.4. An issue was raised regarding gullies around Pearl Farm and tarmacing of Burlton Road.

11.5 Shropshire Council have grant funding for 2014/15 and money has been set aside for this area.

12. Inspections of Council Property.

1. War Memorial and fencing.
2. Burlton bus shelter.
- 3 Burlton Notice Board.-
4. Pump and fencing.
5. Tan Pit and fencing.
6. Notice boards Loppington.

Signed by the Chairman

13. Reports of meetings and appointment of substitute representatives.

13.1 NSAC 8th April – No report.

13.2 LJC 24th March & 7th May 2014 Cllr. Beard reported the LJC are reforming but its terms of reference will be different as it has no grant funds

13.3 CPRE Shropshire 3rd April – No report

13.4 Patient Representative Group _cancelled

13.5 Code of Conduct Training Monday 12th May – cancelled

14. Consultations

14.1. Shropshire Council Flood Risk Management Strategy is currently open for consultation until 30th June 2014. Comments online. <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/local-flood-risk-management-strategy/>

14.2 Consultations received after 4th March (if any)

Feedback on proposals to merge local Fire Service Control Centres. Comments can be left on www.shropshirefire.co.uk

16. Information matters and correspondence - discussion not required unless you wish.

16.1. Crime statistics_ No crimes reported since the last meeting. Crime figures can be viewed at <http://www.police.uk/west-mercias/PAF14/crime/>

There is an online PACT (Partners and Communities together) on the 22nd May

<http://www.westmercias.police.uk/news/news-articles/police-stage-virtual-meeting-for-north-shropshire-and-oswestry-areas.html>

16.2

The following correspondence was reported to the meeting :-

Friends of Wem Swimming Pool Letter

Email regarding financial and crisis support from Deryl Gosmore

Email on more funding for parish councils from Sevenoaks Town Council

17. Dates for your diary.

NSAC Monday 7th July 2014, 7.15 pm at Wem Town Hall

Next LPC meeting – Tuesday 8th July 2014

PACT – 22nd May 2014(online discussion)

Next LPC meeting - 8th July 2014

Meeting closed 8:20 pm

Signed by the Chairman