

MINUTES of the MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 13th JANUARY 2015 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs.; P Butters; B. Parker; R. Stokes and Mrs S Witherspoon. Also present Mrs L McCormack – Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 In the absence of the Chairman, the vice chair Cllr P Butters chaired the meeting
1.2 Apologies from Cllrs. Mrs T. Barton: J Beard; S Hardin and S Geary were received and accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- 2.1 All members are asked to consider their position regarding the agenda items.
2.2 Clerk signed the application for Dispensation under S33 Localism Act 2011 in respect of item 8

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. Public Participation Session

(15 minutes)

4.1 Helen Trotman, Shropshire Wildlife Trust gave a presentation on Meres and Mosses project which gives small community grants for enhancement and restoration projects. This grant would be available to assist with the restoration of the Tan Pit. The grant funding is 60% of the project and 40% match funded by the PC. The 40% can be “in kind”. Luke Neal will take that application forward. The Management Plan from 2012 has been circulated to Helen and Luke. Members are to consider which option they would prefer. Luke will check the management plan and organise a new survey. A working party is proposed for 8th March, as this is organised by SWT/Meres & Mosses volunteers are covered by M &M insurance.

4.2 The matter of Tree Preservation Orders was raised. The tree described as Oak in the garden of no 55 Noneley Road is in fact a fruit tree. The oak is in an adjacent field.

Item 5. Matters arising from the November Meeting

None not covered by other items on the agenda

Item 6 Financial report and accounts for payment.

6.1 Bank reconciliation and Financial Report.

Members received and accepted the Bank reconciliation and financial report.

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

6.3. Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

- (1) CILCA/ SALC training (£60.00)
- (2) PCC grounds maintenance (£180.00)

7. Annual Review of Employee Salary

7.1 Committee received information regarding the National Pay Award for Clerks & Parish Councils 2015-2016

7.2 Committee approved one increment on new pay scale LC1 for the Clerk

7.3 Revised standing order was signed in accordance with the above

8. Budget and Precept for Financial Year 2015/16

Committee considered the budget for next financial year. Clerk reported the situation regarding Council Tax Support Grant. Shropshire Council does not intend to distribute CTSG to the Parish Councils. LPC has a reasonable general purpose reserve
RESOLVED : To leave the precept the same as last year.

Item 9. Planning Matters

9.1 New applications.

Reference: 14/05435/OHL (validated: 03/12/2014)

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

Proposal: Upgrade existing 11KV overhead line from single phase to three phase; installation of an underground supply at end of refurbished line - (retrospective)

Applicant: SP Manweb (Electricity House, Wrexham Road, Pentre Bychan, Wrexham, LL14 4DU)

RESOLVED : No Objection

Proposed Tree Preservation Orders in Loppington Village (previously e-mailed)

Shropshire Council (Loppington Village South) TPO 2014

Shropshire Council (Loppington Village North) TPO 2014

Shropshire Council (Loppington Village West) TPO 2014

Issues were raised regarding locations of trees. Cllrs. Parker and Stokes proposed to check all the locations against the plans. Cllrs. would like to meet with the TPO officer if possible.

9.2. Applications received after 5th January 2015

None

9.3. Determined since the November Meeting.

Reference: 14/03233/OUT (validated: 17/07/2014)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land Off, Noneley Road, Loppington, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline application for residential development for up to 4 dwellings (all matters reserved)

Decision: Refuse

Reference: 14/04257/TCA (validated: 19/09/2014)

Address: Linden, Scholars Lane, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5RE

Proposal: Felling of ten Conifer trees, one Larch tree and one Standard Maple tree; crown reduce by one-third one Lime tree and one Silver Birch tree and cutting back of one Walnut tree; thinning of conifer hedge; within Loppington Conservation Area

Decision: No Objection

Reference: 14/04234/FUL (validated: 21/10/2014)
Address: Ivy Cottage , Loppington, Shrewsbury, SY4 5SR
Proposal: Formation of vehicular access and driveway
Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 14/04421/FUL (validated: 15/10/2014)
Address: Woodfields, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5ST
Proposal: Erection of a replacement garage, re-siting of septic tank and change of use of agricultural land to form new access
Decision: Grant Permission

Ref. No: 14/01994/OHL
Address Grafton Farm, Loppington
Installation of underground supply taken from overhead service line
Consent given by SS (Dept Energy & Climate Change)

9.4 Applications at The Wood

Clerk had received a communication from the owners of the Wood indicating that the applications would be refused and noting LPCs original response. Clerk contacted the planning officer. The applications were to be refused because of the size and scale of the developments. The Parish Council has the option to support the application but would need to find substantive policy reasons why the development should be given permission. Members reviewed the application but felt they were unable to provide any substantive policy reason to counter the planning reasons for refusal and therefore maintained its original position.

Reference: 14/03701/FUL (validated: 15/08/2014)
Address: The Wood , Burlton, Shrewsbury, SY4 5SU
Proposal: Conversion and extension of redundant barn into a self contained annexe ancillary to the main dwelling
Decision: Refused

Reference: 14/03702/FUL (validated: 15/08/2014)
Address: The Wood , Burlton, Shrewsbury, SY4 5SU
Proposal: Conversion and change of use redundant barn building to form a self contained holiday let to include erection of single storey extension
Decision: Refused

10. Place Plan Review

LPC has invited comments from the Parish regarding the Place Plan review. No responses have been received. The website is up and running. No further amendments to be made to the plan for Loppington.

Item 11. Highways

11.1 B4397 is in a bad condition although this road is included in SC maintenance project

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

Item 12. Annual reviews

12.1 Annual review of Council documents and Standing Orders will be carried out by the Clerk who will report back to March Committee.

12.2 Clerk will contact Derek Spragg to check whether he willing to continue as LPC auditor. Committee approved him as LPC auditor.

Item 13. Inspections of Council Property.

1. War Memorial and fencing.
2. Burlton bus shelter. Cllr Barton contacted the Clerk to report that the shelter needs painting
- 3 Burlton Notice Board.- Oiled and legs treated
4. Pump and fencing.
5. Tan Pit and fencing.

Presentation received from Helen Trotman. LPC will pursue the grant funding for the Tan Pit and review the Management Plan with Luke Neal.

6. Notice boards Loppington.

Item 14. Reports of meetings & appointment of representatives

LJC on 20th November received presentations from NHS on proposals for re-organisation of health services in Shropshire; Police and Youth Commissioning by Shropshire Council

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?AIId=1881>

Item 15. Consultations

14.1. None

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

16.1. Crime statistics. One incident of damage to vehicles and buildings in Scholars Lane was reported in November. No suspect was identified.

16.2 Latest SALC information bulletin (e-mailed) included Council Tax support grant; s137 grants increase to £7.36; Finance & NPPF updates.

16.3 Details of the Garden Party received, members agreed the Clerk will nominate the Chairman to attend.

16.4 Police and Crime Commissioners Precept Consultation 2015-16 (link e-mailed) & Emergency Planning Newsletter (e-mailed)

17. Verbal report of any other matters.

Anyone who is a member of Neighbourhood Watch please contact David Edge to renew subscriptions.

For those Councils who have joined the Snow Warden Scheme Came & Co confirm that PCs are covered for snow clearance from footpaths but must contact the insurers if they wish to clear snow from roads. (Snow wardens schemes are run in Telford & Wrekin area)

Item 18. Dates for your diary.

Annual Parish Meeting 24th March

Next LPC meeting 24th March

SALC conference 9th February 10:00 am Council Chamber @ Shirehall, Shrewsbury (TBC)

Meeting closed at 8:51 pm

(LJM Jan. 2015)