

**MINUTES of the MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. J Beard, S Geary, S Hardin (Chairman), B. Parker, R. Stokes and Mrs S Witherspoon

Also present Mrs L McCormack - Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES and APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:**

1.1 Apologies from Cllrs. P Butters (Vice Chair), Mrs. T Barton were received and accepted.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman

**4. Public Participation Session**

(15 minutes)

A Burlton resident commented, the solar farm application is alright in principle. In respect of the offer of community benefit what will Burlton will be getting out of it? A suggestion was put forward regarding a mini roundabout and traffic calming measures. Chairman explained that the offer was to the Parish for suitable schemes within the terms of the offer.

Money is being spent at Wood Lane which is a minor road but Shropshire Council say that there is no money in the budget for other B roads. Why?

In respect of the Hawk Development is there a 106 in place?

On the corner at Burlton turning onto the main road there are trees obscuring visibility.

Problems with Culvert at Coppice Farm. Resident asked about the highway drainage survey and the cost of it. Cllr Williams explained that it was not possible to extract the cost of the survey from the rest of the work.

Matter of the wall at Burlton Grange was raised. Cllr Williams agreed to speak to Steve Oakley.

**Item 5. Matters arising from the May Meeting**

There are none not covered by an agenda item.

**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 Chairman.

6.3. Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

(1) Salc training session £30.00 (budgeted).

Signed by the Chairman

## **Item 7. Planning Matters**

### 7.1 New applications.

Reference: 14/02195/FUL (validated: 04/06/2014)

Address: Burlton Hall, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SX

Proposal: Proposed roof to new biomass boiler room

Applicant: Mr W Chaplin

Reference: 14/02196/LBC (validated: 04/06/2014)

Address: Burlton Hall, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SX

Proposal: Proposed roof to new biomass boiler room

Applicant: Mr W Chaplin

The committee noted the comment from Cllr Geary regarding symmetry of the building and acknowledged suitable reuse of it. Clerk will respond accordingly.

Reference: 14/02484/FUL (validated: 06/06/2014)

Address: Wishing Well Cottage , Loppington, Shrewsbury, SY4 5SR

Proposal: Erection of detached single garage

Applicant: Mr Mark Perry

After some discussion raising concerns regarding the way vehicles were parked at the property currently, the Committee considered and agreed that the Parish Council should object to the application. Clerk will respond accordingly.

Reference : 14/02537/FUL Proposal :

Address: Land Off B4397 Burlton Myddle Shropshire

Proposal : Construction of a solar farm comprising the installation of (circa) 66,000 ground mounted solar panels; 10 inverter buildings; 5 transformer buildings; electricity substation; communications building; 27 x 2.5m high pole mounted CCTV cameras; 2m high security boundary fencing; landscaping plan

After some discussion, particularly in respect of landscaping and visual amenity, the members, having received no adverse comments from constituents, considered that any visual amenity issues would be dealt with by condition and agreed that in principle they had no objection to the application.

### 7.2. Applications received after 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### 7.3. Commented on by delegation. – none

### 7.4. Determined since the May 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)

Decision: Grant Permission

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

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

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

Decision: Grant Permission

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)

Decision: Grant Permission

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

Decision: No Objection OHL/Circular Notification

### **Item 8.**

Members considered the offer by the developer in respect of 14/02537/FUL proposal for a solar farm on land Off B4397 Burlton of a community benefit payment for the installation of rooftop solar panels on building/s of their choice. As there are few buildings in the area other than the Village Hall which might benefit members opted to accept the alternative offer to work with the developer to identify suitable projects within the terms of the offer.

Members raised a point of interest as to how the figure for community benefit is calculated. The community benefit is not part of the planning application but will run parallel to the application in that it remains open for Loppington Parish Council to indicate their acceptance until the date of determination of the application. Clerk will contact the developer accordingly.

### **Item 9. Highways**

9.1 Clerk has chased up matter with Pearl Farm gullies and drainage issues .

9.2 In respect of Burlton Road resurfacing Cllr. Brian Williams informed the Committee that money has been set aside in the budget for the Loppington area this year.

9.3 Grass Verge Cutting. This was done 10 days ago.

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

### **Item 10. Inspections of Council Property.**

Neither Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton or P. Butters were in attendance to report.

### **Item 11. Reports of meetings**

12.1. North Shropshire Association of SALC. – postponed.

12.2. Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee - postponed until 14<sup>th</sup> July

### **Item 12. Consultations**

13.1. Clerk outlined the content of the correspondence regarding Shropshire Council's empty homes strategy - <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/empty-homes-strategy-2014-2017/>. Members had no comment to make as there are no issues with empty properties in the area.

Shropshire Council Elections Team is carrying out a review of polling places. Members noted

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the details and considered that the village hall is the only suitable and accessible venue in the district. Clerk will respond to Elections team.

Members noted the request in the e-mail dated 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014 regarding Sustainable Communities Act – Empowering Parish Councils to sell electricity.

13.2. Consultations received after 1 July - none

**Item 13. Information matters and correspondence - discussion not required unless you wish.**

13.1. Crime statistics.

One theft had been reported in May at Hatchetts Close Burlton which is still under investigation

13.2. Correspondence

Opening of Shropshire Women and Childrens centre at Telford Hospital (notice on boards) and info sent to Village News

Fuel buying scheme – LPG now available (for notices on boards & village news)

Woodland Trust planting tree packs – clerk will put leaflets on the website.

Shropshire Council - Wildflower Verge Reporting webpage

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/sustainability/reporting-wildflower-rich-roadside-verges/>

Clerk will put links on the webpage

13.5. Verbal report of any other matters.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service are looking to host some public IRMP (Integrated Risk Management Plan) sessions. Dates & details were e-mailed to members last week if anyone wished to attend.

**Item 14. Dates for your diary.**

Next LPC meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Meeting closed at 9:09 pm

Signed by the Chairman