

**MINUTES of the MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 24th MARCH 2015 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall**

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

Also present : Mrs L McCormack – Clerk

Cllr B Williams, Shropshire Councillor & 3 members of the public

**1. APOLOGIES:**

None

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

All members were asked to consider their position regarding the agenda items. There were no declarations in respect of any matters on the agenda

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.**

Mr Price reported an issue with potholes in Loppington. The area around Coppice Farm is particularly bad. He expressed dissatisfaction with the service provided by the Highways Authority. Having reported the problems he explained that it took 5 days before anyone attended to the matter and a further 28 days to complete the work. There seemed to be an inordinate number of people attending a relatively small job.

There is a joint 9 year contract with the Cheshire Unitary Authorities, Shropshire and Ringway which has another 4 years to run. Cllr. Williams indicated there had been expressions of concern from all the parishes in the Meres division; part of the problem is due to the way the contractors (Ringway) organise their work. This is an issue for Ringway as they are only paid for the work they do, there is no call out rate.

Mr Price stated that much of the work is unsatisfactory & LPC asked if there was any redress. Cllr Williams explained that temporary repairs are carried out to meet public expectation particularly if the weather is not suitable to do more substantial repairs. Shropshire Council must spread its resources appropriately and the standard of repairs is the same across the County. Cllr Williams suggested that if the LPC had concerns regarding contractual penalties/rescinding the contract that the Clerk might write to the Head of Legal Services.

Cllr Williams referred to the note from Mouchel which he had circulated on 19th February updating members on the highways scheme for the Loppington to Burlton Road. The works are delayed as there are badger setts in the area and work could not go ahead during the badger breeding season.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY MEETING.**

None.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

6.1 Members received and accepted the Bank reconciliation which had been checked and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

6.2 The following accounts were approved for payment: Village Hall Hire £16.00 ; Clerks Expenses £36.33: Member training on Annual Parish Meetings £20.00

6.3 Clerk reported that the precept would be paid on or around 20th April. Any Community Infrastructure Money due will also be paid in April and the Chairman signed an acceptance of Notification of CIL Project Management Arrangements and Neighbourhood Fund Agreement

## 7. ANNUAL REVIEWS

In the light of the latest legal topic notes from SALC in respect of E-service of agendas; website publications and advice on audit provisions for small councils Clerk will review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

## 8. PLANNING MATTERS

### 8.1 New Applications for consideration:

8.1.1 Reference: 15/00838/COU: The Shrubbery, Loppington, Shropshire  
Change of use of Nos. 1 & 2 from accommodation for disabled persons to domestic residential use  
RESOLVED: no objection

8.1.2 Reference: 15/00344/FUL : Maltkiln Farm, Burlton  
Proposal: Change of use of outbuilding domestic annex (office/storage)  
RESOLVED: no objection

8.1.3 Reference: 15/00345/LBC: Maltkiln Farm, Burlton  
Change of use of outbuilding domestic annex (office/storage) affecting a Grade II Listed Building  
RESOLVED: no objection

8.2 Applications received after 17<sup>th</sup> March (if any)  
None

### 8.3 Commented upon by delegation & awaiting decision

App. No.	Property	Proposal	LPC Objection	Decision
14/05588/ VAR	Land To South Of Bentley Farm, Loppington	Removal of Condition No. 4 attached to Planning Permission 14/00256/FUL dated 27th June 2014	Yes *	
14/05589/ VAR	Land To The South Of Bentley Farm, Loppington	Removal of Condition No. 4 attached to Planning Permission 14/00257/FUL dated 27th June 2014	Yes *	
14/05591/ VAR	Land To South Of Bentley Farm, Loppington	Removal of Condition No. 4 attached to Planning Permission 14/00258/FUL dated 27th June 2014	Yes *	
15/00141/ VAR	The Gables , Burlton, Shrewsbury	Variation of Condition No. 3 attached to Planning Permission NS/03/01324/FUL dated 4 February 2004 to allow use of annex as a holiday cottage	No	

14/05139/ PMBPA	Agricultural Building NW Of Burlton Grange, Burlton,	Application for Prior Approval under Part3, Class (MB) of the T & C P (General Permitted Development) (Amendment & Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014 for the Change of Use from agricultural to residential	Parish Council objected on the grounds that there is no identified need for residential development in the open countryside	
15/00287/ LBC	Spenford House, Loppington	Listed Building Consent to carry out repairs to the south east gable, to remove existing brickwork external wall reinstate the timber frame at ground floor level	Support	

\*With regard to land south of Bentley Farm, the LPC expressed particular concern that the condition requiring provision of the passing places is not complied with and opposed the applications to remove condition 4. LPC is concerned that the Highway Authority is negotiating an alternative solution which they (LPC) were not aware of until now particularly given the Highway Authority comments and objections in June 2014 in response to the original applications.

#### 8.4 Determined since January meeting

4/05435/O HL	Bentley Farm	upgrade of overhead electricity lines	No	SC - No Objection
15/00187/ FUL	Linden , Scholars Lane, Loppington	Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling	No	Permission granted 9/3/15

#### 8.5. OTHER MATTERS

TPO Shropshire Council (Loppington Village South) TPO 2014

TPO Shropshire Council (Loppington Village North) TPO 2014

TPO Shropshire Council (Loppington Village West) TPO 2014

In respect of the above TPOs the officer amended them as follows:-

Included is an oak tree opposite 55 Noneley Gardens and removed the reference to the tree being in the garden

Linden, Scholars Lane; Larch and Silver Birch tree to the rear side of the property are excluded due to poor condition and proximity to the bungalow and potential for damage

**RESOLVED:** Subject to the above amendments the Parish Council has no objection to the orders being confirmed as drafted.

## 9 HIGHWAYS

9.1 The update on works on the Loppington/Burlton Road were noted

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

9.3 . New Matters

The Parish Council noted the matters in respect of highways works raised during the public open session.

## **10. INSPECTIONS OF COUNCIL PROPERTY OR PROPERTY MAINTAINED BY PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr. Mrs. T. Barton reported: -

1. War Memorial and fencing are satisfactory
2. Burlton bus shelter needs repainting
- 3 Burlton Notice Board satisfactory

Cllr Butters reported:-

4. Pump and fencing are satisfactory
5. Recent work had been carried out with Shropshire Wildlife Trust and a volunteer party. New fencing is required
6. Notice boards Loppington are satisfactory

## **11.. REPORTS OF MEETINGS**

11.1 No one was available to attend the SALC Conference & AGM 9<sup>th</sup> February, however SALC have reported marginal increase in the affiliation fees for the coming year.

11.2 The LJC meeting was scheduled for this evening. They have informed us they will be making a decision on Local Youth Commissioning. There will be a small pot of money available & LJC will be contacting Youth Groups direct after 24th.

## **12. CONSULTATIONS**

None

## **13. INFORMATION MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

13.1. Crime statistics..

Two Anti Social behaviour matters were reported in Salters Lane and Noneley Road. There were no incidents reported in January

13.2 The following documents were e-mailed to members for information :-

13.2.1 SALC Information bulletins for January and February

13.2.2 Information regarding Shropshire Council Early Help and Troubled Families programmes

13.3 There will be a Road Closure from Malt Kiln Farm Jct with the B4397 to Wood Farm - Date and duration: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 for 2 days for the purpose of Providing 12 x new BT Poles. The details are posted on the website.

## **14. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015

( *LJM March 2015* )