

MINUTES of the MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 14th JULY 2015 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T Barton, J Beard, P Butters, S Hardin (Chairman), B. Parker, R. Stokes and Mrs S Witherspoon
Also present Shropshire Councillor B Williams
Mrs L McCormack – Clerk

1. APOLOGIES and APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:

Apologies from Cllr. Geary were received and accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAY MEETING

4.1 Appointment of Representative – Emergency Planning Committee

The Clerk noted that we receive invitations to attend Shropshire Council Emergency Planning but we do not have a nominated representative. Members agreed that a representative attends on a rota basis.

4.2 Dog Waste Bins

Cllr. Witherspoon reported that the waste bin in Noneley Road was no longer in situ. The two areas which require attention are the area around the Old Vicarage and a second strip behind the Church and suggested that these areas are the most appropriate places for new/replacement bins. Cllr. Williams will pursue this with SC Environment team.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

5.1 Brandwood Road

A resident raised the matter of passing places near Brandwood Farm. Cllr. Williams explained that highways had considered the best course of action which would be widening and strengthening the road at certain points which would allow sufficient room for two vehicles to pass. The question was asked regarding curbing. Cllr. Williams indicated there is likely to be curbing at points as this will strengthen and support the road edges. The question was also asked whether there would be spare money in the budget for warning signs. Cllr. Williams stated there is a separate budget for signage. The Chairman suggested that any problems or issues with traffic movement on this road should be documented so that we have an evidence base which will be of assistance to LPC and highways. Work is delayed as this road is currently being used more due to the closure of B4397. Work is scheduled to start in early Autumn. Clerk will request a meeting with highways to address any road works issues.

5.2 B4397

A resident noted that a minor incident occurred when a cyclist had come off his bicycle suffering minor injury when cycling along the closed section of road. LPC acknowledged the incident and concluded that the cycling along this section of road

currently is at the cyclists own risk.

5.3 Meres and Mosses

Luke Neal attended the meeting as guest speaker to update the Committee regarding the important wetland areas in the Parish. Meres and Mosses have a government funded 5 year project for Nature Improvement in the area. Loppington is designated as part of this project which will run until 2017. The project allows local councils and groups to apply for community nature improvement grants. For various reasons the proposals for the Tan Pit and Brown Heath Moss had not been progressed until now. Work cannot progress without an individual in the parish who is prepared to work with Meres and Mosses on these sites.

5.3.1 Tan Pit

Luke acknowledged that there was a very positive response to the recent working party with several volunteers who had helped with clearance work. Further work needed to create the wildlife area will be tree removal, dredging, diverting road drains, and suggested planting with spring bulbs and summer wildflowers. Once the work is completed the area will require regular maintenance. Cllr. Parker volunteered to lead on this project and will work with Meres and Mosses applying for grant funding and help with working parties.

5.3.2 Brown Heath Moss

Brown Heath is an important wetland area with SSSI designation. Meres and Mosses would like to improve access to the site with a circular walk. This will require some negotiation with residents in the area and clearance work to re-instate existing paths. There are also leaflets showing circular walks around Loppington/Brown Heath which can be updated. Cllr Barton volunteered to lead on this project and will work with Meres and Mosses. The first step will be for the Shropshire walking co-ordinator to possibly arrange some exploratory walks around the area.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

6.1 Members received and accepted the June bank reconciliation.

6.2 The Chairman signed the account book as reconciled

6.3 Payments were approved : Village Hall Hire £16.00 and Phil Manford's account for grass verge cutting £407.40

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Applications for consideration:

App. No.	Property	Proposal	LPC	
15/02316/ FUL	Charity Farm, Burlton	CofU of part of lean to open barn from agricultural to recreation for use with holiday accommodation and erection of three bedroom holiday chalet	Support the application	

7.2 Applications received after 6th July

App. No.	Property	Proposal	LPC	
15/02895/ TCA	Linden, Scholars Lane, Loppington	To fell 1 Sycamore tree within the Loppington conservation area	Support the application	

7.3 Commented upon by delegation & awaiting decision

App. No.	Property	Proposal	LPC	
15/01754/ FUL	Happy Days Nursery, Burlton	Change of use Day Nursery to 1No bungalow	No objection subject to vehicle parking /turning space within the site	

7.4 Determined since May meeting

App. No.	Property	Proposal	LPC	Decision
15/01754/ FUL	Charleston Way, Loppington	Non material amendments to plots 24,25 & 26	n/a	Permission granted 08/06/2015

7.5 Tree Preservation Orders

Loppington Village TPO's north and west are confirmed. Loppington south TPO has lapsed due to issues which have not yet been resolved.

8 HIGHWAYS

8.1 B4397

LPC noted that hedges have been cut back but residents still raise concern about this corner. LPC noted the new curbing is particularly high and might cause rather than resolve problems at this point.

8.2 Grass cutting

Grass verge cutting has been completed

8.3 Requests under SC Road Safety Policy

No new matters have been received

8.4 New matters received after 6th July – NONE

9 INSPECTIONS OF COUNCIL PROPERTY OR PROPERTY MAINTAINED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

9.1 War Memorial and fencing. – no issues

9.2 Burlton bus shelter. – no issues

9.3 Burlton Notice Board - no issues

9.4 Pump and fencing. no issues.

9.5 Tan Pit and fencing. – no issues

9.6 Notice boards Loppington - no issues

10 REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED (if Any)

10.1 Emergency Planning Meeting 3rd June – no one available to attend

10.2 SALC NS area committee 8th June

Clerk attended the SALC NSAC which has been the first one for about 12 months. Guest speakers were Ian Kilby, Planning Services Manager and Cllr Malcolm Pryce. They explained the current planning services process with regard to delegated decisions and committee structure and reported that, following the review by the task and finish group, there will be very little change to the current system. The three committee structure for North, South and Central will remain.

11 CONSULTATIONS

None

12 INFORMATION MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Crime statistics :

April - ASB – Salters Lane / 1 theft Pickhill / 2 assaults Pickhill

May – Loppington x2 drugs related offences

12.2 SALC Bulletins e-mailed

12.3 Petitions

Save the Village petition – noted

12.4 Freedom of Information Request

Clerk reported that LPC had received a request from UCL Policy Unit asking for membership of and Council structure. The FOI request and the Clerk's reply were circulated to members.

12.5 Connecting Shropshire

Fibre Broadband is due to go live in Wem/Loppington area in July. Not all properties will be able to receive faster broadband however Connecting Shropshire has received a further 5.6 million grant to roll out superfast broadband to more properties across Shropshire.

13 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Meeting of Loppington Parish Council is 8th September 2015

SALC NS Area Committee Monday, 7th September 2015 Edinburgh House

*Meeting closed 9:03 pm
(LJM 16/07/2015)*