

**MINUTES of the MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T Barton, J Beard, S Geary; B. Parker, and Mrs S Witherspoon

Also present Shropshire Cllr B Williams

Mrs L McCormack – Clerk

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

1.1 Apologies from Cllrs. P Butters (Vice Chair), S Hardin (Chairman) and R. Stokes 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. 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 Parker 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)

**3. 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 Witherspoon and seconded by Cllr Beard for Vice Chair.

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

**4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Acting Chairman

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARCH MEETING**

None other than road works on B4397.

Mr Bungay from Mouchel attended the meeting to explain the programme of works scheduled for 2015. He explained the situation with regard to badgers. Significant works will be required as there are setts either side of the road so provision needs to be made for badger runs below the road. There is also a culvert which has collapsed so there will be significant excavation at that point to replace the culvert. The road will be re-surfaced from the signage exiting Loppington Village to Wood Lane. There will not be centre white lines as, legally, roads less than 5.5 metres do not have centre road markings, and this road is not wide enough in places. McPhillips from Telford are the subcontractors. Work begins on 22nd June and is due to finish on 9th August. Information regarding the timings and diversions will be put on LPC website and in the Village News.

**7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

X2 members of the public present who had the opportunity to ask questions of Mr Bungay. Mr Bungay will make a note to have a representative attend the July meeting so that the

Parish can be updated on progress. He explained that during the working day there would also be someone on site if residents had any issues.

A resident raised the issue of access/egress from his property at Barnes Corner. It is particularly dangerous, the hedges are quite high and he can't see large oncoming vehicles. Cllr Williams explained that Shropshire Council has spoken to the landowner with a view to making this road safer. The landowner is in favour of this but the tenant of the land is less inclined to cooperate. Clerk explained that this could be considered by the Parish Council under the road safety policy. Cllr Williams will speak to Highways.

## **8. 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:-

- 8.1 Association of Local Councils AGM/conference – Cllr S. Hardin
- 8.2 NS SALC – Cllrs. Mrs T. Barton and P. Butters
- 8.3 Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee – Cllr P. Butters & Cllr. J Beard
- 8.4 Wem & Shawbury LJC – Cllr. J Beard
- 8.5 Other – Shawbury Helicopter Liaison Group Cllr. S Geary; Patient Representative Group Clive Cllr J Beard

## **9. ANNUAL REVIEWS**

In the light of recent changes the Clerk had re-drafted and circulated revised Standing Orders. Clerk had removed references to orders for Wales and highlighted differences and changes in the new model standing orders. The new model standing orders did not include the ability to appoint advisory committees, members agreed that the provision in relation to this from the old orders should be included, and 21 (b) on Press/Media relations is excluded. All in favour. RESOLVED: Subject to the above amendments the Standing Orders are adopted as circulated by the Clerk.

## **10. ANNUAL RETURNS**

- 10.1 The end of year bank reconciliation was received
  - 10.2 End of year statement of accounts was received
  - 10.3 End of year governance statements/annual return was received
  - 10.4 Derek Spragg has agreed to do the internal audit for this year
- RESOLVED: End of year reconciliations were accepted and Annual returns approved for audit

## **11. FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

- 11.1 Members received and accepted the April bank reconciliation.
- 11.2 Acting Chairman signed the account book as reconciled
- 11.3 Clerk explained the cost of insurance and 3 year deal offered by the Insurance Company means that the Council's Insurance is slightly cheaper annually for the next 3 years. RESOLVED: Members approved the 3 year deal.
- 11.4 Payments were approved : SALC training £20.00; Insurance £383.89 : SALC membership; £282.02; LCR subscriptions £17.00; Village Hall Hire £16.00

## **12. PLANNING MATTERS**

- 12.1 Applications for consideration: NONE

12.2 Applications received after 5th May – NONE

12.3 Commented upon by delegation & awaiting decision NONE

12.4 Determined since March meeting

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	Granted
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	Granted
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	Granted
15/00838/ COU	The Shrubbery, Loppington	Change of use of Nos. 1 & 2 from accommodation for disabled persons to domestic residential use	No	Granted
15/00344/ FUL	Malkiln Farm, Burlton	Change of use of outbuilding domestic annex (office/storage)	No	Granted
15/00345/ LBC	Malkiln Farm, Burlton	Change of use of outbuilding domestic annex (office/storage) affecting a Grade II Listed Building	No	Granted
15/00287/ LBC	Spenford House, Loppington	Listed Building Consent to carry out repairs to the south east gable, remove existing brickwork external wall reinstate the timber frame at ground floor level	Support	Granted
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	Granted
14/05139/ PMBPA	Agricultural Building NW Of Burlton Grange, Burlton,	Prior Approval under Part3, Class (MB) of the T & C P (General Permitted Development) (Amendment & Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014 - Change of Use from agricultural to residential	No identified need for housing in open countryside	Not proceeding

12.5 Bentleys Farm

Shropshire Cllr. Brian Williams explained that the road from the Bentleys Farm development to the junction with the A528 is inadequate and it was deemed to be in the public interest for highways to carry out works, therefore highways had negotiated a sum of £20,000.00 to be used for this purpose. All LPC members reiterated their concerns that there had been no notice from Shropshire Council that negotiations were underway as part of this application. Cllr. Barton and Cllr Beard requested it be minuted that they are unhappy with the way in which this application had been dealt with by Shropshire Council.

12.6 Members asked if there is any progress with regard to the solar farm. Clerk will follow up.

12.7 Trees

Following the unauthorized removal of the yew tree at Hall Cottage the landowner has agreed to replace with one yew and one fruit tree

13. HIGHWAYS

13.1 Update B4397 (see matters arising and public session above)

13.2 Members agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Mountford and arrange for the verges to be cut at the end of May

13.3 Requests under SC Road Safety Policy

One matter was raised during the public participation session. Members were in agreement regarding the safety aspect of this road. Clerk to write to the landowner and progress the matter with highways.

13.4 New matters received after 5th May – NONE

#### 14. INSPECTIONS OF COUNCIL PROPERTY OR PROPERTY MAINTAINED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

14.1. War Memorial and fencing. - OK

14.2. Burlton bus shelter. – OK

14.3 Burlton Notice Board.- - the key can be a bit awkward. Cllr Barton will arrange for someone to oil the lock.

14.4. Pump and fencing. Cllr Butters to report at next meeting.

14.5. Tan Pit and fencing. – Cllr Butters to report at next meeting

14.6. Notice boards Loppington - Cllr Butters to report at next meeting

#### 15. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED (if Any)

Cllr. Beard was unable to attend the LJC as it clashed with Loppington PC meeting in March. No other meetings attended. Clerk explained that SALC currently had no secretary to organize the North Shropshire Area Committee which is why there had not been one for some time. The Clerk is also informed that a task and finish group had been set up to look at area meetings generally.

#### 16. CONSULTATIONS

None

#### 17. INFORMATION MATTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### 17.1 Crime statistics :

February– Hatchetts Close, Burlton – forgery/perjury/misc no suspect identified

March – Hatchetts Close, Burlton - x1 violent & sexual offences - under investigation; x1

Theft no suspect identified. Pickhill– x1 violent & sexual offence under investigation

##### 17.2 SALC Bulletins e-mailed

17.3 There have been reports of dog fouling in the area. Members asked that LPC put an article in the Village News.

#### 18 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Meeting of Loppington Parish Council is 14th July 2015

Emergency Planning Seminar Wednesday, 3rd June 2015

*Meeting closed 9:24 pm  
(LJM 16/05/2015)*