

LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – Annual Report April 2018 – March 2019

1. Financial

The Council received a satisfactory Auditors report for the financial year 2017/2018. The results of the audit can be viewed online. Documents for 2018/19 will be posted on the noticeboards and website and available to view once the audit has been completed.

2. Highways

Our parish plan identified speeding as an issue particularly in Burlton. Shropshire Council identified appropriate speed limits and Cllr. Parker is pursuing installation of a vehicle activated sign.

3. Planning

Shropshire Council is obliged to consult the Parish Council regarding planning applications in Loppington. The Parish Council responded to 10 applications during 2018.

The third round of the consultation of Shropshire Council partial review of local plan closed in February this year, so the review is continuing & we await the outcome of that although this is unlikely to affect Loppington as open countryside to the degree that it will affect the hubs and clusters.

4. Community Infrastructure Levy

A small amount of neighbourhood fund £477.46 is due to be paid in April to be used towards infrastructure projects.

A number of issues are identified with the administration of the Infrastructure Levy, it is a complicated process and the notification requirements, monitoring and project sign off are all under review by a working group (Internal Infrastructure Group) made up of Shropshire Council officers and SALC.

5. SPEN

A major issue in the parish is the construction of the Scottish Power lines. The application has now been submitted to the planning inspectorate for examination. There is a preliminary hearing on 20th March at the Old Rectory in Wem; documents can be viewed on the planning portal

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/reinforcement-to-north-shropshire-electricity-distribution-network/>

the link is on the news page of LPC website.

6. Parish Amenities

The Council wishes to express its appreciation and thanks all those volunteers and organisations who have helped maintain Council property including the War Memorial, Pump, Tan Pit, Burlton Bus Shelter and Notice boards, and kept public areas clean and tidy by repainting, planting, grass cutting, weeding and general maintenance. Work is continuing on the Tan Pit area.

The Council continues to contribute towards the upkeep of St. Michael's Churchyard and support for AED volunteers.

7. Community Benefit Fund

With the solar farm at Charity Farm now up and running the Council benefits considerably from a grant fund to be administered by the Parish Council for approved projects. The Council is currently drafting up grant application policies and forms which will be published on our website when available. The Parish Plan is the starting point for identifying community projects and therefore the Council welcomes input from residents.

Some small projects have already benefitted such as repair of the church clock.

8. Public Relations

The Council continues to support the Village News and holds public participation sessions during its Parish Council meetings.

9. Meetings and Consultations

Members of the Parish Council have continued to represent the Parish on Shropshire Association of Local Councils and Shropshire Area Committee of the Association. Members represent the Parish on Shropshire Council Wem and Shawbury Local Area Committee and others as necessary. The Parish Council thanks Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams for his continued help and support as our elected representative on Shropshire Council.

10. Crime and Safety

The Council thanks David Edge who has continued the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the Parish. Reported crime in the area is low. Crime map and reported crime can be viewed on the West Mercia police website.

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