

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH

held on

TUESDAY, 12th MARCH 2019 at 7:30 pm, LOPPINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs. P Butters, Mrs. D Hume-Miller, S Parker, R Stokes, Mrs. S Witherspoon and Clerk of Loppington Parish Council; Cllr. B Williams - Shropshire Councillor; 9 members of the public including representatives of parish groups.

The Chairman of Loppington Parish Council, Cllr P Butters, took the chair. Minutes were taken by the Clerk to the Parish Council.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all attendees. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. T Barton and Cllr. S Geary
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2018 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Butters
3. Presentation on Vehicle Activated Signs from Jill Taylor of Morelock Signs.

Morelock Signs demonstrated the function and operation of a two colour radar speed sign. The sign can be programmed with appropriate text and speed warnings including smiley faces. It can also be programmed and set for times of the day/speed etc. with an android 'phone app.

The sign has data logging which can be set with or without the text and speed warnings. It can be battery or solar powered or connected to a suitable electricity supply. Batteries power the signs for around 3-4 weeks before the need for re-charging. Battery life is approximately two years and each cost £48. Solar power lasts for 2-3 years with no need to re-charge at a cost of £399.00.

The signs are moveable & have a two-year warranty. Cost is £2495.00 to include software training. Maintenance is minimal. The Parish Council to consider siting, highway permissions, installation and liability issues.

4. Reports were received from:

4.1. Loppington Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee

The Village Hall has had a very successful year due to efforts of the Committee including a very successful music night which helped to towards financing of the hall.

The Hall may need a new boiler in the near future.

4.3. Loppington Youth Club

Members reported that due to the work of volunteers the Youth Club is thriving at the moment.

4.4. Loppington Parents and Toddlers Group

Along with the youth club this group is also prospering.

4.5. Loppington PCC

In a PCC of 5 churches Loppington is fortunate to have a weekly service lead by lay preachers. The services are attended by around 10-15 worshippers and more with children at the family services. Helen Lopez continues to provide pastoral care.

There is a need to raise more funds and the church has an active fund raising committee. Friends of Loppington Church appeal has met with some success. Work is currently being carried out to the roof, and a sound system and hearing loop has been installed along with a new wheelchair access. The hatchments are being renovated by Annabel Monahan.

The church has a wildlife area and has been successful in achieving awards.

Applications for the electoral roll closes on 15th March 2019.

The Church publishes Pews News and articles for the Village Crier. PCC thanks all residents for their continued support.

Website : <http://www.stmichaelsloppington.co.uk/>

4.6. Loppington AED Group

The AED group have been thankfully quiet over the last year. The cascade phone line is supported by parish council. There are upcoming training sessions and the volunteer group hope to encourage new volunteers.

5. Loppington Parish Council report - as attached

6. Issues raised by the meeting:

- 6.1 During the year residents signed a petition with regard to road safety in Burlton. At last year's meeting there was a suggestion to install white lines; Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams explained that the road through Burlton did not meet highway criteria for such an installation so this would not be supported by the Highway Authority.
- 6.2 A resident requested that Safer Roads Partnership attend in Burlton as the traffic speeds are an ongoing concern. Speed control vans must be sited on adopted highway and there are limited spaces where this can be done; outside the Old Post Office is a possibility.
- 6.3 A new resident in Burlton with highways expertise offered, and gratefully accepted by PC members, to work with the Parish Council and highways on road safety issues in the Parish.
- 6.4 A resident raised the matter of painting bus shelter in Burlton, this will be done in the spring.
- 6.5 There is a damaged post on the railings around the pond in Burlton.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:10 pm

Date: ...10th March 2020.....

Signed.....(by the Chairman)

Chairman of the Parish Meeting