

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton, Mrs. D Hume-Miller (vice-chair), and Mrs. G. Wilkins  
Clerk - Mrs L McCormack  
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Cllr. Hume-Miller took the chair in the absence of the Chairman.

**54/22 Apologies for absence**

- a. Apologies from Cllr. Mrs. T. Sharpe were received and accepted
- b. Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams

**55/22 Resignation**

Cllr. P. Butters (current Chair) tendered his resignation on 24th June and the notification of the casual vacancy has subsequently been advertised. Members expressed their appreciation of all hard work that he has done over the years and requested the Clerk write a thank you letter to Cllr. Butters.

**56/22 Election of Chairman**

Cllr. Hume-Miller was proposed and seconded.  
RESOLVED: There being no other nominations Cllr. Hume-Miller was elected unanimously as Chair for coming year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**57/22 Election of Vice Chair**

Cllr. Mrs. T. Barton was proposed and seconded.  
RESOLVED: There being no other nominations Cllr. Barton was elected unanimously as Vice Chair for the coming year

**58/22 Public Participation**

A member of Loppington Village Hall Committee (LVHC) attended to outline the LVHC intention to carry out extensive renovation to the Village Hall particularly with regard to its carbon footprint. They are currently seeking advice and assistance with regard to the cost and feasibility of their proposals.

A resident notified the committee that Mike Pearson who was a former chair of the Parish Council had passed away.

Residents also asked:

- When are verges going to be cut
- What is the purpose of the notices posted by SP Energy Networks on the Burlton Road near the English Frankton turning?
- Whether the caravan which had appeared on land near Commonwood had planning permission
- Highlighted the issue with overgrown hedge and footpath near Factory Farm

**59/22 Declarations of Interest**

- a) None
- b) Applications for Dispensation  
None

**60/22 Expressions of Interest & Co-Option to Parish Council**

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies to which they may co-opt. Two applications for co-option were received and circulated to members from Mr. J. Street & Mr. R. Bearne.

RESOLVED: Proposed and seconded an agreed unanimously to co-opt both persons.

**61/22 Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman

**62/22 Financial matters:**

- a) The Bank reconciliation and financial report was received and accepted
- b) Chairman signed the accounts as reconciled
- c) Authorised signatories  
Following the resignation of the Chairman the Parish Council requires a further authorised signatory for payments. Cllr. Barton was proposed and seconded and agreed to act as signatory  
RESOLVED: Members agreed that Cllr. Barton is authorised as an authorised signatory. Clerk will forward the bank mandate for signing.
- d) Payments were approved:

P. Butters Tan Pit Sundries	£26.57
Gallaghers Insurance	£601.30
Bridgefield CS - Tan Pit grasscutting	£204.00
Ogilvie Engineering - WW1 bench	£1,540.80
Princes - chairmans plaque	£33.00
Shropshire Council Election Fees	£100.00
Clerks Expenses	£94.23
	<b>£2,599.90</b>

- e) Clerks Expenses for postage & sundries – approved as above.
- f) Annual Returns  
The certificate of exemption was submitted to the external auditor following the May meeting. The documents are published online, the start date for electors' rights commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
- (g) Tan Pit Ecology Report-  
Members agreed to defer this to spring next year to accommodate the annual survey window for newts. Clerk will instruct Arborvitae accordingly.

**63/22 Planning Matters**a) Applications for consideration

Reference: 22/01983/FUL (validated: 19/05/2022)  
Address: Church Farm, Nook Lane, Loppington, SY4 5SG  
Proposal: Erection of rear single storey oak framed extension and remedial repairs (re-submission)

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RAWQ7KTDFL000>

RESOLVED: Members agreed to support the application with no objection

Reference: 22/01984/LBC (validated: 19/05/2022)  
Address: Church Farm , Nook Lane, Loppington, SY4 5SG  
Proposal: Erection of rear single storey oak framed extension and remedial repairs affecting a Grade II Listed Building (re-submission)

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RAWQ92TDFL100>

RESOLVED: Members agreed to support the application with no objection

Reference: 22/02893/FUL (validated 22/6/22)  
Address: Brook House Burlton Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5SX  
Proposal: Erection of annex building following demolition of existing outbuilding  
View online at: <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RDU55TDGWP00>  
RESOLVED: Members agreed to support the application with no objection

b) Applications received after 4<sup>th</sup> July  
None

c) Commented upon and awaiting decision  
None outstanding

d) Determined since May meeting

Reference: 22/01505/FUL (validated 29/3/22)  
Address: Charity Farm, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SX  
Proposal: Erection of an extension and lean to on current grain store, to house a grain dryer and provide additional grain storage.  
Decision: Permission Granted

Reference: 22/01880/LBC (validated: 09/05/2022)  
Address: Primrose House, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SX  
Proposal: Removal of the modern plaster board internal partition within the kitchen (retrospective) affecting a Grade II Listed Building  
Decision: Permission Granted

Reference: 22/01885/LBC (validated: 09/05/2022)  
Address: Primrose House, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SX  
Proposal: Tanking of the cellar (retrospective) affecting a Grade II Listed Building  
Decision: Permission Granted

Reference: 22/02019/VAR (validated: 16/05/2022)  
Address: Solar Farm East Of B4397, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
Proposal: Variation of condition 13 (time limit restriction) attached to planning permission 16/01363/VAR to extend the time limit restriction of the operational life of the solar farm from 30 years to 40 years  
Decision: Permission Granted

Reference: 22/02035/FUL (validated: 16/05/2022)  
Address: The Varnall, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SZ  
Proposal: Erection of a first floor extension  
Decision: Permission Refused  
Reference: 22/02254/FUL (validated: 13/05/2022)  
Address: The Firs, Loppington, Wem, Shropshire, SY4 5SR  
Proposal: Erection of garage/workshop building with external staircase to first floor  
Decision: Withdrawn

Members asked whether the funding for the solar farm is likely to be increased in the light of permission to extend the life of the solar farm. Clerk to contact the developers.

*Loppington Parish Council operates a scheme of delegation on planning matters and links to planning applications in the Parish are published on receipt on [loppingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/environment/planning](http://loppingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/environment/planning)*

#### **64/22 Highways**

Requests under SC Road Safety Policy - None

#### **65/22 Extension to Village Hall Lease – for information**

The Parish Clerk has been alerted to the Village Hall Committee (LVHC) desire to carry out repairs to the building which they are investigating currently, including improving the standard of the building in relation to carbon footprint. LVHC also wish to extend the lease on the village hall and recreation ground if it is going to make any substantial capital investment. The current lease expires in 2035.

Loppington Village Hall is unincorporated and therefore cannot hold property in its own name. Instead it must be held on behalf of the charity by nominated individuals or a corporate body as holding custodians; currently Loppington Parish Council is the holding custodian with the authority to surrender the existing lease.

The Parish Council has not yet received any detailed plan of LVHC aspirations or a formal request to deal with the leasehold. When LVHC has articulated its plans the Parish Council will be in a position to consider how best to assist. The cost of drawing up a new lease is circa £1200 and a deed of surrender is circa £750.

#### **Inspections of Council Property or property maintained by the Parish Council**

- a) War Memorial and fencing - OK
- b) Burlton bus shelter – deferred
- c) Burlton Notice Board – the lock is still broken
- d) Pump and fencing. – needs painting
- e) Tan Pit and fencing – OK
- f) Notice boards, Loppington - OK

#### **66/22 Current Consultations – for information**

Changes to Shropshire Council library services

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shropshire-library-strategy-2022-to-2027/>

Open until 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Shropshire Great Outdoors Annual Public Survey

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shropshire-s-great-outdoors-annual-public-survey-2022/> - Open until 5<sup>th</sup> August

Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Town and Parish Council Survey  
Circulated via e-mail – Open until 8<sup>th</sup> August  
Clerk to complete the survey with the Council's agreed responses.

Shropshire Economic Growth Strategy  
<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shropshire-s-draft-economic-growth-strategy-2022-2027-consultation-june-2022/>  
Open until 15<sup>th</sup> August

**67/22 Information Matters and Correspondence**

- a. SALC News Bulletins circulated via e-mail 17.6.22
- b. SP Energy Networks reported that the installation of the new powerline, Oswestry to Whitchurch and the substations continues to schedule with all works due for completion by end of the summer.
- c. Other matters for the next agenda (if any)  
Cllr Wilkins had received a complaint regarding staples in posts. It is the responsibility of the landowners, there is little that the Parish Council can do.

**68/22 Next LPC meeting and dates for the diary**

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council – Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 @ 7:30 pm  
Loppington Village Hall

For members - SALC Area Committee – Monday, 18 July 2022 - Roden Suite,  
Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem, SY4 5DB. @ 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 09: 00 pm

Signed .....(by the Chairman) .....  
(Chairman)

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022