

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY 2023 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton, Mrs. D Hume-Miller (Chair), Mrs. T. Sharpe and Mrs. G. Wilkins
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Clerk - Mrs L McCormack
Public – One

1/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllrs. R. Bearne and J. Street were received and accepted.

2/23 Public Participation

The white lines at the end of Green Graves Lane are faded
Commonwood Road is very muddy from farm vehicle traffic

3/23 Declarations of Interest

- a) None
- b) Applications for Dispensation - None

4/23 Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman

5/23 Financial matters:

- a) The Bank reconciliation and financial report was received and accepted
- b) Chairman signed the accounts as reconciled
- c) Clerk had received confirmation from the bank confirming that the list of signatories has now been updated.

d) Payments approved

Christmas Trees	£300.00
Tree Lights	£245.59
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	£545.59

e) Graveyard Maintenance

S214(6) Local Government Act 1972

The Parish Council has traditionally contributed towards maintenance of the only graveyard available to residents in the parish situ in the centre of the village

RESOLVED: After discussion members agreed to continue contributions in the sum of £180.00

f) Review of Clerks Salary

Members received the NALC National Pay Award for Clerks

RESOLVED:

- (i) Members approved the back pay on clerks' salary from 1st April 2022 at SCP14, and
- (ii) Members approved the clerks' salary from 1st April 2023 at SCP15

g) Budget:

Members received the tax base figures from Shropshire Council which confirmed that to maintain a 0% increase in council tax the precept figure is £3,887 compared to £3,879 in 2022 and £3,900 in 2021, therefore there has been a decrease in actual payments over the previous two years whilst costs are increasing.

The national pay award increases salaries by 8%. This years' insurance & meeting room hire increased by circa 20%. SALC affiliation fees have also increased.

Maintenance on Council Property was over £230 this year and in excess of £550 last year compared to £144 in 20/21 and £20 in 19/20, this is because previously Councillors volunteered their time to maintain Council property. This is a significant increase in spending when compared to the precept.

Overall running costs this year anticipated to be £5,343 and last year were £4,782

RESOLVED: Members agreed that the precept should increase by not more than 10% this year which is max. £4,267

6/23 Planning Matters

a) Applications for consideration

Reference: 22/05429/FUL (validated: 02/12/2022)

Address: Coppice Farm, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SU

Proposal: Construction of agricultural storage building

Comment: Members agreed to support the application with no further comment or objection

View online at:

<https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RLCQ7YTDKFF00>

Reference: 22/05156/FUL (validated: 30/11/2022)

Address: Land North Of Heath Villas, Brown Heath, Ellesmere, SY12 0LA

Proposal: Erection of 4 stables, tack room/feed store and hay store, construction of manège, formation of car parking area and alterations to existing field access

Comment: Members agreed to support the application with no further comment or objection

View online at:

<https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RLCQ7YTDKFF00>

b) Applications received after 30th December - None

c) Commented upon and awaiting decision – None pending

d) Determined since November meeting

Reference: 23/03923/FUL

Address: Maltkiln Farm, Burlton. SY4 5SU

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension (following demolition of existing lean-tos), front porch and rear entrance plus internal alterations to the house and the formation of a garage/store within an existing outbuilding

Decision: Application withdrawn

Reference: 23/03922/LBC
Address: Maltkiln Farm, Burlton. SY4 5SU
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension (following demolition of existing lean-tos), front porch and rear entrance plus internal alterations to the house and the formation of a garage/store within an existing outbuilding
Decision: Application withdrawn

Reference: 23/04465/FUL (validated: 03/10/2022)
Address: The Villa, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SE
Proposal: Erection of a new two storey side extension following demolition of the existing single storey side extension
Decision: Application withdrawn

Reference: 23/04862/FUL (validated: 26/10/2023)
Address: Heath Villa, Brown Heath, Ellesmere, SY12 0LA
Proposal: Erection of polytunnel for general purpose agricultural storage/lambing
Decision: Permission granted

e) Public Inquiry

Appeal against Shropshire Council refusal to grant outline permission for care accommodation, nursing and dementia unit and associated amenities. Ellesmere Road, Shrewsbury

Link circulated 14/12/22 for information

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/public-inquiry-land-off-ellesmere-road-hencoteshrewsbury/>

Consultation open until 8th February

f) Planning/Parish Plan updates:

Shropshire RCC no longer offer advice and guidance on parish plans. Clerk to research help and draft a news item to encourage volunteer help. £750 has been included in the budget for this project.

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

7/23 Highways

- a. State of Brown Heath and Woodgate footpath
The clerk had received a complaint regarding the state of the footpath which has now been reported to Shropshire Council outdoor recreation team. There is no longer an active P3 group in Loppington. Clerk to draft up a news item with a view to recruiting volunteers.
- b. Requests under SC Road Safety Policy - None

8/23 Inspections of Council Property or property maintained by the Parish Council

- a) War Memorial and fencing - OK
- b) Burlton bus shelter – requires spring maintenance
- c) Burlton Notice Board – OK
- d) Pump and fencing. – OK
- e) Tan Pit and fencing – Arbortvitae will be carrying out an initial survey of the pond during week beginning 23rd January with a view to a full wildlife survey in the spring, £500 included in the budget for this.
- f) Notice board, Loppington – OK

9/23 Information Matters and Correspondence

- a. Meetings attended – none
- b. SALC Winter bulletin circulated 14/12/22 – for information
- c. Wem Warm Spaces circulated 28/11/22 information posted on LPC Website
- d. Other matters for the next ordinary meeting:
Date and agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.

10/23 Current Consultations

- a. Boundary Commission Initial Consultation on Review of Shropshire Council Electoral Divisions
<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/west-midlands/shropshire/shropshire-unitary-authority-ua>
Open until 30th January

- b. Shropshire Council Council's priorities and planned spend for 2023/24
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/budget-consultation-2023/24>
Open until 30th January

Youth Support Services – seeking views of young people
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/youth-support-services-survey-2022/>
Open until 18th January

School Admission Arrangements
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/school-admission-arrangements-202425/>
Open until 20th January

Community Equipment Survey
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/community-equipment-survey/>
Open until 23rd January

Unsafe walking routes Assessment policy (home to school transport)
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/extremely-hazardous-routes-policy-revision/>
Open until 10th February

Short break services for children and young people with a disability or additional needs and their families.
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/short-break-services-recommissioning/>
Open until 14th February

Shropshire Council's draft Sustainable Affordable Warmth Strategy
Open until 5th March

For details of current consultations visit <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/>

11/23 Next LPC meeting and dates for the diary

Annual Parish Meeting 2023– TBC
Ordinary Meeting of LPC – Tuesday, 14th March 2023 @ 7:30 pm
Venue for both meetings Loppington Village Hall

SALC Area Committee – Monday, 23rd January 2023 – Time/Venue TBC

Meeting closed at 08: 43 pm

Signed(by the Chairman)
(Chairman)

Date: ...14th March 2023.....