

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday, 9th MAY 2023 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton, Cllrs. R. Bearne, Mrs. D Hume-Miller (Chair), J. Street, and Mrs. G. Wilkins
Clerk - Mrs L McCormack
Public – Four

32/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr. Mrs. T. Sharpe were received and accepted

33/23 Election of Chairman

Cllr. Mrs. D. 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.

34/23 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

35/23 Public Participation

The applicant for grants to repair the clock attended and explained the current situation. The applicant is currently seeking expert advice from an horologist on what further action needs to be taken to secure the working of the clock into the future. Currently it is not known exactly what work is required or the cost of it.

A member of the public asked when the verges will be cut in Noneley Road.

36/23 Declarations of Interest

- a) Cllr. Barton declared an interest in 40/23 b as church warden
- b) Cllr. J. Street declared an interest in 42.23 b, 23/01809/FUL as a near neighbour.
- c) Applications for Dispensation
None

37/23 Expressions of Interest & Co-Option to Parish Council

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies to which they may co-opt. One application for co-option was received and circulated to members from Mr. S. Connon

RESOLVED: Proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr. Stuart Connon to Loppington Parish Council

Mr. Connon was present and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

38/23 Appointment of Representatives to the following:

- a. Shropshire Association of Local Councils – Cllr. R. Bearne
- b. Village Hall Committee – Cllr. R. Bearne
- c. Helicopter Noise Liaison Group – Cllr. Mrs. T. Barton
- d. Emergency Planning – as necessary - Cllr. Mrs. T. Barton

39/23 Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March and 19th April 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman

40/23 Financial matters:

- a) Bank reconciliation/financial report was received and accepted
- b) Chairman signed the accounts as reconciled
- c) Review of insurance: Gallaghers £590, BHIB £603 & Zurich £277
Members queried why the difference in price between Zurich and the other two.
Clerk to make further enquiries to establish quotes on a like for like basis and select the most economical and appropriate quote.

- d) Payments were approved:

SALC	£150.00
Bridgefield County Services	£144.00
LVH (APM Meet & Greet)	£89.00
SALC Affiliation Fees	£346.64
Coronation Grant for Marquee- Dickin Arms	£600.00
	£1,329.64

- e) Annual Returns
 - (i) Members considered the criteria for exemption
RESOLVED: unanimously that the Parish Council met the exemption criteria and the certificate be signed by the Clerk and Chairman accordingly
 - (ii) The Internal Audit Report was received and noted.
 - (iii) Members considered the Annual Governance Statement
RESOLVED: members agreed completion of the responses and that the Annual Governance Statement be signed by the Chairman & Clerk
 - (iv) Members considered the Accounting Statement signed by the Clerk
RESOLVED: unanimously that the Accounting Statements be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
 - (v) The approved Annual Returns were signed accordingly
 - (vi) The Certificate of Exemption will be submitted to the external auditor and the documents published on the website, and provision made for electors' rights commencing 5th June 2023

41/23 Grant Applications**a) Loppington Village Hall**

Cllr. Wilkins did not take part in the discussion and voting thereon as she is related to the treasurer.

After discussion members agreed to defer this application pending further enquiry as the figures in the application showed that there is currently insufficient funds to cover the total project and had concerns that major works, particularly with the roof, might escalate without some further assurance in the form of expert advice.

b) Church Clock

Cllr. Barton, as church warden, did not take part in discussion or voting thereon.

Members are minded to support such an application, however after discussion and hearing further from the applicant agreed to defer the application to the next meeting pending advice from the horologist and subject to receipt of quotes.

42/23 Planning Matters

a) Applications for consideration

Reference: 23/01427/FUL (validated: 14/04/2023)

Address: The Plane Field, Noneley, Wem, Shropshire

Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the Erection of Agricultural Building (Retrospective)

View online at:

<http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RSCIAOTDFWU00>

Comment: After discussion it was proposed and seconded and agreed to object to this application on the grounds of disproportionate size of the building and visual intrusion

Due to other commitments Cllr. Barton left the meeting.

b) Applications received after 27th April

Reference: 23/01917/TCA

Address: Shrublands, Loppington, Shrewsbury, SY4 5NG.

Proposal: to fell to ground level 2no. Leylandii within Loppington Conservation Area

View online: <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RU4MDDTD00E00>

Comment: The Parish Council has no objection to this application

Reference: 23/01763/VAR (validated: 24/04/2023)

Address: Bentley Growers Ltd, Brandwood, Myddle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 3RF

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) in relation to planning permission reference 19/04288/FUL

View online <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RTKY1RTDGGT00>

Comment: Members wished to look at the plans and planning history again and clerk to draft comments for members agreement under the scheme of delegation

Cllrs. Street and Cannon as near neighbours to The Firs did not take part in the discussion and voting thereon

Reference: 23/01809/FUL

Address: The Firs, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SR.

Proposal: Erection of garage/workshop building with loft storage

<https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RTPRXLTD0BN00>

Comment: The Parish Council has no objection to this application

c) Commented upon and awaiting decision

Reference: 23/01237/FUL (validated: 21/03/2023)
Address: Maltkiln Farm, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SU
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension (following demolition of existing lean-tos), reinstatement of front canopy and rear entrance semi-open porch plus internal alterations to the house and the formation of a garage/store within an existing outbuilding (revised scheme)

Reference: 23/01238/LBC (validated: 21/03/2023)
Address: Maltkiln Farm, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SU
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension (following demolition of existing lean-tos), reinstatement of front canopy and rear entrance semi-open porch plus internal alterations to the house and the formation of a garage/store within an existing outbuilding affecting a Grade II Listed Building (revised scheme)

d) Determined since April meeting – None

e) Place Plan Review

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/place-plans/reviewing-the-place-plans/>
Information circulated to members 27th April 2023. After discussion members agreed to add the Village Hall improvements to the plan.

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

43/23 Highways

Requests under SC Road Safety Policy - None

44/23 Inspections of Council Property or property maintained by the Parish Council

- a) War Memorial and fencing - OK
- b) Burlton bus shelter – Defer
- c) Burlton Notice Board – Defer
- d) Pump and fencing. – Fencing needs painting & may need repair/replacement
- e) Tan Pit and fencing – OK
- f) Notice boards, Loppington – OK

45/23 Current Consultations – for information

NALC draft guidance document on Solar Farms circulated 28th April

46/23 Information Matters and Correspondence

- a. SALC Bulletins circulated via e-mail 1/4/23 & 12/4/23
- b. West Mercia Police – We Don't Buy Crime Campaign and rollout of Smartwater initiative, information circulated 29th March 2023
- c. Community Emergency Planning
Information circulated 17/03/23, local authorities in collaboration with emergency services and Communities Prepared are running summer workshops to develop an approach to community emergency planning.

- d. NALC response to DLUHC consultation on the new Infrastructure Levy
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/technical-consultation-on-theinfrastructurelevy/technical-consultation-on-the-infrastructure-levy>
- e. Other matters for the next agenda (if any)

47/23 Service of Agenda's

The majority of members present preferred electronic service.

48/23 Next LPC meeting and dates for the diary

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council – Tuesday, 11th July 2023 @ 7:30 pm
Loppington Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20:57 pm

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

Date: 11th July 2023