

LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Report April 2023 – March 2024

1. Parish Councillors

The Parish Council meets bi-monthly, in January, March, May, July, September and November on the second Tuesday of the month and in 2023 welcomed new members Cllrs. Stuart Connon and Nick Taylor.

2. Financial

The Council received a satisfactory Auditors report for the financial year 2022/2023. The results of the audit can be viewed online.

<http://loppingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/finance-2022-2023/>

Our thanks go to David Edge for the internal audit work.

3. Highways & Traffic Concerns

Shropshire Council is now linked to fix my street and anyone can report highway concerns at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/report-a-highways-fault-or-concern/>. Anyone who does not have access to online services residents may contact the clerk or any councillor who will report your concerns for you.

4. Planning

The Parish Council responded to 22 applications during 2023.

5. Parish Amenities

The Council of course much appreciates 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.

Maintenance work at the Tan Pit is ongoing under the guidance of the Chair with the help of volunteers to maintain the pit as an important wildlife area.

6. Public Relations

The Council continues to support the Village News and disseminate information via this publication and its own website.

The Chair and Clerk were fortunate enough to be invited to the King's Coronation Garden Party in May.

The Parish Council thanks Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams for his continued help and support as our elected representative on Shropshire Council.

7. Community Fund

a. St Michaels & All Angels Church Clock

The Parish Council are pleased to have supported the restoration of the tower clock ably organised and managed by Neil Comerford.

b. The Village Hall

The Hall embarked on an ambitious project of restoration and improving the carbon footprint of the building. The Hall is doing a fantastic job of restoration and the Parish Council are pleased to have supported a part of the project from what remained of the neighbourhood fund and community fund, namely re-roofing.

c. Defibrillator

The Parish Council recently match funded a new defibrillator in Loppington Village, this is now installed next to the front door at the Dickin Arms. A number of residents attended CPR training in March.

d. Community Festivals

The Parish Council supported the Coronation Events in May last year in both Burlton and Loppington Villages.

8. Crime and Safety

Throughout April, West Mercia are supporting the National Police Chief's Council's Fatal Four operation, which focuses on the four significant contributing factors in road traffic accidents, speeding, not using seatbelts, distractions such as use of mobile 'phones and drink/drug related driving. Speed patrols have been carried out in Loppington Parish, of the vehicles checked none were found to be exceeding the speed limit.