

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH

held on

WEDNESDAY, 19th APRIL 2023 at 7:30 pm

LOPPINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton, R. Bearne, Mrs. D Hume-Miller (Chair), Mrs. T. Sharpe, Mrs. G. Wilkins and J. Street; Clerk to Loppington Parish Council and Cllr. B Williams - Shropshire Councillor, Other Electors – 18

The Chairman of Loppington Parish Council, Cllr Mrs. D. Hume-Miller, took the chair. Minutes were taken by the Clerk to the Parish Council.

- APM1/23 The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all attendees
- APM2/23 Apologies – None
- APM3/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Hume-Miller
- APM4/23 Reports were received from:
- a) Loppington Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee
 - b) AED volunteers
The defibrillator is active and ready to use even though there is no longer a team of responders to support it. The entry code to the box is printed in village magazine. The defibrillator is registered on the National Database, is checked weekly, and available to anyone who might ring 999 or the ambulance service.
- APM5/23 Loppington Parish Council report - as attached. The report may be viewed here: <http://loppingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/our-parish/annual-parish-meetings/>
- APM6/23 Electoral Update
- a) Divisional Boundary Review
Electoral divisions for Shropshire are currently under review. The Boundary Commission for England has decided there should be 74 Shropshire Councillors and are currently reviewing the results of the initial public consultation. The timetable for completion of the review is:

25 April - 3 July 2023	2 nd public consultation
26 September 2023	BC publish recommendations
November 2023	BC ask Parliament to approve recommendations
May 2025	New arrangements apply to local elections

Cllr. Brian Williams gave an overview of the current proposed changes to the Meres Division none of which directly affect Loppington Parish

For more information visit: <https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2022/11/have-your-say-on-a-new-political-map-for-shropshire-council/>

b) Voter ID

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

For more information visit:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/elections-and-electoral-registration/voting-and-elections/voter-id-in-polling-stations/>

APM7/23

Local Policing Charter/Neighbourhood Matters

Following consultation with local communities, the Local Policing Charter which was first launched in March 2021, covers six key areas for improved service delivery: visibility & accessibility, responding to communities, prevention, vulnerability, relationships and partnerships.

This was relaunched in 2022, and local policing services aim to work with local councils via the Charter by asking them to identify concerns in their area. The Chair urged members of the public to report incidents in the parish directly to the Police, without local input the police will be unable to respond.

For more information, visit West Mercia website [here](#). Follow the link from this page view the Charter.

Residents can find their local safer neighbourhood team and stay in touch by signing up to the messaging service [here](#).

APM8/23

Parish Paths Partnership – appeal for volunteers

Loppington PC has been made aware of the state of footpaths and walks around the Parish. Because volunteers have moved on Loppington no longer has an active P3 group. P3 is organised by Shropshire Council and works with local groups and volunteers to keep public paths in good order, replace stiles and gates and promoting walks. Anyone wishing to get involved should contact Shropshire Council, details can be found [here](#). Shropshire Council carry out risk assessments, provide training and equipment, and insurance cover for volunteers.

To view the walks and paths around Loppington which are in need of maintenance, they can be found on our webpage <http://loppingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/our-parish/outdoor-recreation/>.

APM9/23

Parish Plan Review

The Chair of Loppington Parish Council explained the purpose of the Parish Plan. This document has not been updated for some considerable time, partly due to the impact of the pandemic restrictions on meetings, and is due for review. Loppington PC will be looking to volunteers to help progress the review.

A copy of the current Parish Plan can be found here:

<http://loppingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/environment-2/planning/>

APM10/23 Issues raised by the meeting:

a) Road Closures

Cllr Williams gave a report on major road closures in the Parish, the A528 from Burlton to Harmer Hill will be closed and diversions in place 2nd to 25th May inclusive during the hours of 9:30 to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays.

For more information and links to maps of the diversion:

<http://loppingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/uncategorized/3065/>

b) Highways Infrastructure

A resident enquired about signs which had been placed in Noneley Road last year indicating that this road would be re-surfaced, and nothing had been done since.

Cllr. Street gave an update that the road had been closed for repair of water pipes and that the signs related to re-instatement of the surface

Shropshire Cllr. Williams informed the meeting that he was not aware of any proposals to re-surface Noneley Road in this years capital works programme.

c) Telecommunications mast

A resident enquired about the progress of the installation of this mast. The Chair explained that the telecommunications company had consulted the Parish Council prior to submission of a planning application. Following a meeting with Shropshire Councillor and the Parish Council regarding suitability of alternative sites the Parish Council understand that the company had decided against taking this forward.

The Chairman invited all present to join the 'meet-n-greet' and closed the meeting at 7:55 pm

Date: ...9th April 2024

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

Chairman of the Parish Meeting