

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday, 24th OCTOBER 2023 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton, R. Bearne, S. Connon, Mrs. D Hume-Miller, Mrs. T. Sharpe and J. Street, N. Taylor and Mrs. G. Wilkins all present
Clerk - Mrs L McCormack
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Public – None

82/23 Apologies for absence - None

83/23 Public Participation - None

84/23 Declarations of Interest

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

85/23 Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on 12th September 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman

86/23 Financial matters:

- a) The Bank reconciliation/financial report was received and accepted
- b) The Chairman signed the accounts as reconciled
- c) Budget
Clerk informed members that request for the precept will be sent out by Shropshire Council in December. Members to consider expenditure for 2024 to be finalised at January meeting.
- d) Payments were approved: SALC training £30.00
Ref: Financial Statement, payments expected possibly before the next meeting, PCC clock £7,640 and Village Hall grant £15,000.

Work is proceeding in the church tower to stabilize the wall; the clock mechanisms are to be fully assessed and boxing to be built to enclose and protect the clock.

Work on the Village Hall roof is proceeding and will take a few weeks to complete.

NB Clerk advised that, after signing the Deed of Variation, the solicitors had apparently sent the wrong version of the document containing errors. Clerk to follow up and ensure that the correct version is also properly executed.

- e) Adoption of Defibrillator
After discussion members agreed:
 - to adopt the current defibrillator.
 - Given that the current defibrillator is a discontinued model, to apply for funding for a replacement from Department of Health. The criteria for applications is to provide a secure defibrillator location accessible to the public 24 hours per day, provide an electrical power source to ensure the defibrillator cabinet light and heater operate to keep the device at the right temperature and provide match funding for the application (c. £750) - DHSC will select 100 applications that will be fully funded based on the areas most in need

- Clerk advised that the neighbouring Parish in Cockshutt is to organize defibrillator training in the new year. The offer of free training is extended to Loppington residents.

f) Christmas Trees

The Council budgeted £500 for trees for the Christmas festival event. After discussion members agreed the purchase of trees, Cllr. Barton has placed the order. Cost to be advised.

87/23 Planning Matters

a) Applications received after 16th October for consideration

Reference: 23/04507/FUL
Address: Primrose House, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SX.
Proposal: Erection of a veranda in rear courtyard.
View online: <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S2MVG4TDKS900>

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b) Determined since September meeting

Reference: 23/03618/LBC (validated: 30/08/2023)
Address: Spensford House, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5NG
Proposal: Removal of C20th partitions formation of new partitions to create bathroom and en suite. Removal of C20th staircase and opening up of 2 no original door openings.
Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 23/04132/AGR (Validated: 20/09/2023)
Address: Weavers Loft Common Wood Wem Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 5SJ
Proposal: Proposed extension to existing agricultural outbuilding development (NS/09/00372/AGR) by increasing the width of the building from 6m to 10m and the ridge height from 3m to 4.5m. The additional height and area are required to accommodate multiple 2m tall wine fermentation/storage tanks.
Status: Planning Permission Required

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

88/23 Highways

- a. Requests under SC Road Safety Policy - None

- b. Cllr Barton advised after drain clearance & jetting that the footpath between the bus stop and Forest Lodge needs cleaning.
- c. Cllr. Barton advised that the footpath next to the pond has now been repaired.

89/23 Inspections of Council Property or property maintained by the Parish Council

- a) War Memorial and fencing
Shropshire Council has jetted the drains and completed weed clearance next to the memorial. After recent rain storms this appears to have resolved the issue of flooding for now and in time for the remembrance service.

After discussion members agreed to accept the offer of free desktop assessment by the War Memorial Conservation based in Cardiff. Follow up with a physical structural inspection if needed and obtain quotes for refurbishment based on the inspection reports. Clerk to instruct WMC.

- b) Burlton bus shelter – needs painting
- c) Burlton Notice Board - OK
- d) Pump and fencing - OK
- e) Tan Pit and fencing - The Chairman will organise a weed clearance working party for the first weekend in December.
Members asked about repairs to the damaged bollards and also discussed the possibility of reflectors for the fence and signage. Clerk to follow up.
- f) Notice boards, Loppington - OK

90/23 Current Consultations – for information

- a. For information, the Boundary Commission Final Report on review of boundaries in Shropshire can be viewed here:
https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-10/shropshire_fr_report.pdf

Towns and Villages “We Don’t Buy Crime” Smartwater project – information circulated 25/9/23

b. Shropshire Council Consultations:

Notice of Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station Review 2023
Details emailed 29/09/2023 –

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/review-of-polling-district-places-and-stations-2023/>

Open until 30th October. Notices are displayed on the website and noticeboards

91/23 Information Matters and Correspondence – to note

- a. SALC Bulletins circulated via e-mail 18/09/2023 & 16/10/23
- b. Members acknowledged the notification from Freedom Fibre re AC locations in Burlton, no comments or questions were raised.
- c. Cllr. Cannon reported on meetings he attended:
Severn Valley Water Management Scheme organised by Oswestry Area Committee (SALC)/EA:
Low population density in the Upper Severn Valley means that it is very difficult to qualify for Treasury funding for flood defences. The EA is therefore looking at

a whole portfolio of soft engineering and environmentally sympathetic flood defence measures, funded using a different approach involving insurers, land owners, charities as well as government.

- d. Big Green Day organised by WLPC attended by Shropshire Wildlife Trust and other environmental and renewable energy charities, and
- e. Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (RSVP) Conference Friday 13th October at Montford Village Hall sponsored by Severn Trent Water and supported by Shropshire Council.

RSVP hosted the event and also attended the Big Green Day. The day involved presentations sharing a focus on nature conservation, hedgerow management, benefits of meadows, wildlife, water management improvements as well as restoring Shropshire's road side verges. Bomere Heath & District Parish Council shared a copy of their action plan for climate change with delegates.

- f. Other matters for the next agenda – None specifically
- g. Clerk to invite Janet Cobb from RSVP to speak at Loppington Annual Parish Meeting in April
- h. Cllr. Wilkins raised an issue with noise from motorcycle riders completing circuits around Shropshire and through Burlton/Loppington villages and enquired regarding the use of ANPR cameras.

92/23 Next LPC meeting and dates for the diary

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council – Tuesday, 9th January 2024 @ 7:30 pm
Loppington Village Hall

SALC AGM Friday, 3rd November 2023 6:00 pm via Zoom

Emergency Planning Seminars – November – dates and details circulated 13/10/23

Other: Middle Marches Community Land Trust:
Town and Parish Councils Nature Recovery Conference
Friday, 17th November 2023 9:45 am to 4:00 pm @ Fitz Village Hall, SY4 3AS

Meeting closed at 20:55 pm

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

Date: 13th December 2023