

**MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. R. Bearne, S. Connon, Mrs. D Hume-Miller, N. Taylor and Mrs. G. Wilkins

Clerk - Mrs L McCormack

Public – Three

**24/24 Apologies for absence –**

- a. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton, Mrs. T. Sharpe and Cllr. J. Street
- b. Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor B. Williams

**25/24 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.

**26/24 Election of Vice Chairman for the coming year**

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

**27/24 Public Participation**

The issue of potholes near Coppice Farm and Woodgate was raised

**28/24 Declarations of Interest**

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - None
- b) Other Registrable Interests – None
- c) Other Personal Interests –None
- d) Applications for Dispensation – None

**29/24 Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman

**30/24 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. S. Connon
- d. Emergency Planning – Cllr. S. Connon

**31/24 Financial matters:**

- a) The Bank reconciliation/financial report was received and accepted
- b) The Chairman signed the accounts as reconciled
- c) Banking Arrangements  
Nat West's new offer of a Bankline Service for Communities meets the needs of the Parish Council. Clerk and signatories to pursue an application when the service is available.
- d) Insurance Review  
The Council currently has a 3 year long term undertaking with the insurance provider Clear Council's (formerly BHIB). Next review 2026.

- e) Donation to RSVP  
Members discussed the presentation by RSVP, the presenters expenses of to be £31.50 paid and agreed a donation to the group would be appropriate  
RESOLVED: It was proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously to donate £50 to RSVP
- f) Payments were approved:

SALC affiliation fees	£348.52
Morelock Signs - repair to VAS	£180.00
Insurance	£579.45
Village News subs	£170.00
RSVP	£81.50
Tan Pit Reflectors	£11.48
	£1,370.95

### 32/24 Annual Returns

- (i) As the Council's expenditure exceeded £25,000 for the year 2023-24 the annual returns do not meet the criteria for exemption and are subject to basic review by the external auditor.
- (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 documents will be submitted to the external auditor and published on the Council's website, and provision made for electors' rights commencing Monday, 3rd June 2024.

### 33/24 Grant Application – St. Michael's Church

A member of the PCC attended the meeting to explain the background to the application and answer any questions from members.

The Church Building is a much treasured landmark in the village and a particularly fine example of a church building with Grade I listed designation and is a significant historic connection to the community and families within it.

The building is inspected every 5 years; the appointed architect expects that the stone work will deteriorate further in future and recommended the worst of the deterioration be repaired now. The intention is to launch an appeal for further funding from the community.

The work is anticipated to be started in June, but needs to be done in warmer weather which is better suited to the use of traditional materials for a Grade I listed building.

Members inquired re the Parish Farm Fund, which is an independent trust asset with objectives to benefit the community and cannot be realised to assist with repairs to the Church Building.

The PCC has applied for two grants, one of which is now approved for £5,000 and another, if approved, will realise a maximum of £5,000.

Members had concerns regarding the significant amount applied for which would deplete the Community Benefit Fund to almost nil and wished to set aside some money for other projects. Members asked that feedback be given to the PCC with a request that they consider how much they (the PCC) are prepared to commit from their own funds to allow the Parish Council to consider a justifiable grant.

### 34/24 Planning Matters

#### a) Applications for consideration –

Reference: 24/01448/FUL (validated: 10/04/2024)  
Address: Primrose House, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SX  
Proposal: Erection of a veranda in rear courtyard  
View online at:  
<http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SBOSSYTDH1200>  
Comment: The Parish Council has no objection to this application

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Comment: The Parish Council has no objection to this application

Reference: 24/01547/FUL (validated: 26/04/2024)  
Address: Bentley Growers Ltd, Brandwood, Myddle, SY4 3RF  
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and garage.  
View online at:  
<http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SC5GV3TDH7900>  
Comment: After discussion members objected to the application on the grounds that there is no justification included in the application which would support development in the open countryside

#### b) Applications received after 3<sup>rd</sup> May –

Reference: 24/01700/LBC  
Address: Spensford House, Loppington, SY4 5NG.  
Proposal: Remove Modern Plasterboard Partition to Hall  
View online at:  
<https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SCPZLETDHGH00>  
Comment: Members objected to the application as the plans do not correctly identify the development proposed and the application does not include sufficient information on which to base a decision.

e) Determined since March meeting – None

With the exception of a. and b. above, there are no outstanding planning decisions in Loppington Parish

*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](http://loppingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/environment/planning)*

**35/24 Highways**

- a. Requests under SC Road Safety Policy - None

**36/24 Inspections of Council Property or property maintained by the Parish Council**

- a) War Memorial and fencing  
Clerk to pursue the offer of free desktop assessment by the War Memorial Conservation based in Cardiff.
- b) Burlton bus shelter – n/a
- c) Burlton Notice Board – n/a
- d) Pump and fencing - to be repainted in the spring
- e) Tan Pit and fencing - Bollards adjacent to the Tan Pit have been repaired. Cllr. Taylor has sourced a contractor who will be able to assist with silt clearance during the winter months.
- f) Notice board in Loppington is in need of repair to replace the backboard and the bolt missing from the left hand door. Cllr. Bearne offered to attend to the repairs.

**37/24 Current Consultations – for information**

**a) Public Consultation**

Hospitals Transformation Programme Roadshow dates:

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May – Age UK Office Shrewsbury 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Wellington Market, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June –Community Centre, Church Stretton, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**b) Shropshire Council Consultations:**

Consultation on Draft Local Plan documents, information circulated 25/04/24

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/draft-shropshire-local-plan/>

Open until 11th June

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/garden-waste-and-household-recycling-centresconsultation/> Open until 20th May

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/draft-independent-living-and-specialistaccommodation-strategy/> Open until 31st May

Future of school library service

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/school-library-service/> - Open until 7th June

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/empty-homes-consultation/> - Open until 26th May

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shropshire-s-draft-preventing-homelessness-andrough-sleeping-strategy-2024-to-2029/> Open until 21st June  
Short Breaks services for children and young people up to 18 years with disabilities or additional needs living in Shropshire.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/short-breaks/> open until 12th June

**38/24 Information Matters and Correspondence – noted**

- a. SALC bulletins circulated 20/3/24 & 25/4/24 – to note
- b. Project GigaBit newsletter circulated 16/3/24 & 10/4/24  
Freedom Fibre has launched the Freedom Fund, a £25,000 community fund for good and green projects across North Shropshire. Open for applications 5th April 2024 to 28th June 2024  
  
Freedom Fibre has contacted the Parish Council with regard to installation of poles in the Parish. Clerk will put the information on the website and in the village news.
- c. Atlas Tower Group – information circulated 5/4/24 – Atlas work with mobile network operators to identify sites and secure landowner permissions to install masts.
- d. Information on Hospital Transformation Programme circulated 17/4/24
- e. Other matters for the next agenda
- f. Other matters for the next agenda – None-raised

**39/24 Next LPC meeting and dates for the diary**

Wem and surrounding area place-based health and wellbeing survey feedback  
10.30-12.30 pm Tuesday, 21st May 2024 at Wem Library, 3 High St, Wem. SY4 5AA

Draft Local Plan Consultation briefing session for Parish and Town Councils  
Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May @ 2:00 pm or 6:00 pm via Teams

SALC area meeting – Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ 7:00 pm – Wem Town Hall

Next LPC meeting –Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 7:30 in Loppington Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20: 20 pm

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

Date: .....9<sup>th</sup> July 2024.....