

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH

held on

TUESDAY, 9th APRIL 2024 at 7:00 pm

LOPPINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton, R. Bearne, S. Connon, Mrs. D Hume-Miller, Mrs. T. Sharpe, J. Street, N. Taylor and Clerk to Loppington Parish Council
Other Electors – 10

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

- APM1/24 The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all attendees
- APM2/24 Apologies – Cllr. Mrs G. Wilkins
- APM3/24 Minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Hume-Miller
- APM4/24 Written Reports were received from:
- a) Loppington Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee
The Village Hall Committee is in the process of updating and repairing the Hall, including re-roofing, roof insulation, replacement lighting at a cost of £32,650. Further work is required to repair the porch and boundary wall. LVHC has further grant applications pending before proceeding with stage II of the project which will be to dry line the walls.
 - b) St Michaels & All Angels Church
Regular attendances are circa 12-15 with Christmas, Easter, and Harvest Festival services well supported by the Loppington Community. The Church is open daily. Fund raising is a priority, as an annual Community Share of nearly £16,000 must be paid as well as the general running costs such as oil, electricity, insurance, water and the maintenance of the building.
 - c) West Mercia, Wem Safer Neighbourhoods Team
SNT has conducted speed checks and patrols in the parish during March with no traffic offences noted. E.g. on the B4937 with 37 cars checked in 1 hour, no incidents of vehicles exceeding the speed limits. The mobile police vehicle will be in Loppington in May.
 - d) A short Presentation by the Church Tower Captain regarding restoration of the Tower Clock was very well received. The tower clock has been repaired at a cost of £7,450 supported by the Parish Community Benefit Fund. The Church plan to hold an open tower weekend on 13th & 14th July. A video will be made for anyone who is unable to access the tower.

- APM5/24 Loppington Parish Council report - as attached.
The report may be viewed here:
<http://loppingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/our-parish/annual-parish-meetings/>
- a) The audit report from 2022-23 confirmed the Council's financial and governance position is good.
- b) The Chair reminded electors of the change in election rules requiring voter ID starting with the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in May.

APM6/24 Issues raised by the meeting:

Drainage is an issue with all the recent flooding, Lyneal Road was cleared unfortunately the weather conditions caused flooding to return within a couple of days.

APM7/24 Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (RSVP)

Presentation by RSVP on the importance of wildflower meadows and the impact of the loss of them on the environment. Verge management as wildflower spaces can create wildlife corridors and help to restore the natural balance. RSVP is working with Shropshire Council to create a sustainable and economically viable verge management policy.

The Chairman introduced RSVP and invited all present to join the 'meet-n-greet' after the presentation and closed the formal part of the meeting at 7:20 pm

Date:13th May 2025.....

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

Chairman of the Parish Meeting
Cllr. D. Hume-Miller