

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 14th JANUARY 2025 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. S. Connon, Mrs. D. Hume-Miller, J. Street, N. Taylor & Mrs. G. Wilkins

Public: Four

Clerk - Mrs L McCormack

1/25 Apologies for absence –

- a) Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton & R Bearne
- b) Apologies from Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams

2/25 Public Participation –

Concerns were expressed:

- B4397 Loppington to Burlton Road is breaking up particularly outside Coppice Farm.
- Regarding the new telecommunications poles in village, most of which are on narrow verges and bends.
- The area near Lyneal Lodge is flooded and not draining, it appears to be road drain issues.
- Salters Lane at the junction with Commonwood is very muddy
- Commonwood near Ruewood Farm is flooded & has been previously reported.

3/25 Declarations of Interest

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

4/25 Approval of Minutes

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

5/25 Financial Matters

- a) The Bank reconciliation/financial report was received and accepted
- b) The Chairman signed the accounts as reconciled
- c) Payments were approved,

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| RBL | £20.00 |
| Staff Backpay | £147.72 |
| Xmas Trees | £550.00 |
| | £697.72 |

- d) Budget & Precept

After discussion and consideration of the draft budget circulated, members agreed that the precept did not sufficiently cover annual running costs and hadn't done so in the previous two years and beyond.

RESOLVED: Proposed and seconded, agreed unanimously to increase the precept from 2024/25 by 25% equating to a small uplift of 4.44 p.a. per household.

- e) Review of Clerks salary
Members received the NJC Pay Award for Clerks from NALC.
RESOLVED:
 - (i) Members approved the back pay on clerks' salary from 1st April 2024 at SCP16, and
 - (ii) Members approved the clerks' salary from 1st April 2025 at SCP17
- f) Appointment of Internal Auditor
RESOLVED: Members agreed the appointment of D. Edge to carry out the internal audit report.
- g) Bank Account update
Clerk to progress opening of the new Nat West Community Bank account.
- h) Website update.
Clerk to pursue change of provider, to Parish Online at a suitable time during 2025.

6/25 Planning Matters

a) **Applications for consideration** -

Reference: 24/04793/PMBPA

Proposal: Prior approval for the proposed change of use of one agricultural building (winery) to one dwelling house (Class C3) and associated operational development under The Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, Schedule 2 Part 3 Class Q parts (a) and (b)

Address: Proposed Residential Barn Conversion North Of Weavers Loft, Common Wood, Wem

Comment: No objection

View online at: <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SOR8XOTDMEX00>

Reference: 24/04636/PMBPA (validated: 09/12/2024)

Address: Proposed Residential Barn Conversion SE Of Charity Farm, Burlton

Proposal: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to form two residential units

Comment: No objection

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SO2UI1TD06Z00>

a) **Applications received after 6th January:** None

b) **Commented on and awaiting decision**

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

c) Determined since November meeting (for information only)

Reference: 24/03541/FUL (validated: 18/09/2024)

Address: Rose Cottage, Brown Heath, Ellesmere, Shrewsbury, SY12 0LA

Proposal: Erection of garage and annexe (retrospective)

Decision: Permission Granted

Reference: 24/04637/TCA

Address: The Bungalow, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5ST

Proposal: Reduce by 30% 1no Apricot within Loppington Conservation Area

Decision: Granted

(circulated: 6/12/2024)

d) Parish Plan

Clerk in the process of sourcing assistance with questionnaire/survey for review of Parish Plan.

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

7/25 Highways

B4397 Loppington to Burlton Road is deteriorating along its length despite recent resurfacing.

A chevron directional sign has been damaged, near to Coppice Farm turning to Wood Lane

8/25 Inspections of Council Property or property maintained by the Parish Council

a. War Memorial and fencing: OK

b. Burlton bus shelter.

c. Burlton Notice Board: Perspex sheets need replacing

d. Pump and fencing: OK

e. Tan Pit, Cllr. Taylor has organized a volunteer group to clear the tan pit in January.

f. Notice board in Loppington to be repaired

g. Vas Signs – Approach from Cockshutt sign not working. Sign works intermittently.

9/25 Consultations:

a. West Mercia Safer Communities Plan circulated 5/12/24
LPC priorities to remain as last report

b. Shropshire Council Consultations:

Budget consultation circulated on 12th December

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/budget-consultation-202526/>

Open until 26th January 2025

School Admission arrangements 2026/27

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/admission-arrangements-for-202627/>

Open until 22nd January 2025

For information on all Shropshire Council consultations visit

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

10/25 Information Matters and Correspondence

- a. Annual Parish Meeting to be held at 7:00 pm before May meeting and invite PCSO/SNT
- b. SNT newsletter circulated 2.12.24
- c. VE day 80th circulated 4.12.24
- d. Information from Nature Recovery Conference held in Nov. 2024 & workshops to be held in 2025 circulated 18.12.24
- e. Other matters for the next agenda
Clerk had received a communication regarding the age and maintenance of the defibrillator in the Village Hall. Setting aside any replacement costs, the decision to replace and maintain is at the discretion of the Village Hall Committee as this is only available to Village Hall users and not accessible to the public generally or to the Parish Council for maintenance.

11/25 Next LPC meeting and dates for the diary

Next LPC meeting –Tuesday, 13th March 2025 @ 7:30 pm, Loppington Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20: 35 pm

Signed(by the Chairman)
(Chairman)

Date:11th March 2025.....