

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 8th JULY 2025 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton, Mrs. D. Hume-Miller, J. Street & N. Taylor, Mrs G. Wilkins
Shropshire Councillor: Sarah Marston
Clerk: Mrs L McCormack
Public: Five

42/25 Declarations of Acceptance

Completed by Cllrs. Barton and Wilkins

43/25 Apologies for absence - None

44/25 Public participation

A resident alerted the Parish Council that the verges in Noneley Road have not yet been cut although the verges in Burlton have been.

The railings at the war memorial need attention, and old paint probably needs to be stripped before repainting. RBL enquired whether a wreath is required for Remembrance weekend.

45/25 Shropshire Aero Club Report

Representatives of Shropshire Aero Club reported on events for the year. Membership of the Club numbers 700 with 120 people currently learning to fly. The café is busy and an asset to the Club.

Representatives are aware the Club activities do on occasions cause disturbance to some residents. The Parish Council are not aware of any complaints currently.

This coming weekend the Club is hosting a members event (including firework display on Friday 11th July at 9:30pm) likely to generate noise. The Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch agreed to circulate information via contacts and social media.

46/25 Remembrance Events

For the benefit of representatives, the Chair brought forward item 10 on the agenda: A resident attended to explain the current arrangements for the annual Remembrance in November and request the Parish Council, in order to ensure continuity of participation in this national event in the Parish going forward, assume responsibility for it.

47/25 Shropshire Councillor Report - as attached

48/25 Declarations of Interest

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None
- b) Other Registrable Interests – None
- c) Other Personal Interests which may lead to bias –
Cllr Street declared a non-registrable interest in item 51/25 as a relative attends the youth club. Members considered the Code of Conduct, item 51/25 did not directly affect the personal interests of Cllr Street.
- d) Applications for Dispensation – None

49/25 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the annual meeting held on 13th May 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman

50/25 Financial Matters

- a) The Bank reconciliation/financial report was received and accepted
- b) The Chairman signed the accounts as reconciled
- c) Payments were approved:
Tern Valley Tinkers - Burlton VE day party £350 and Village News subscription £170
- d) Internal Audit Update & appointment of auditor
Clerk has provisionally sought quotes for internal audit, the available auditor has quoted £165
- e) Website update – Clerk to progress the transfer of the website following the end of the statutory period for public rights relating to end of year finance and governance.

51/25 Grant Application – Loppington Youth Club

Cllr. Street having declared an interest remained in the meeting and voting thereon.

After discussion by members it was proposed and seconded to award £600 to Loppington Youth Club for the purchase of cooking equipment for educational purposes.
RESOLVED: Agreed unanimously to award the grant as proposed

52/25 Review of Council Documents

Ref Minute No. 35/25, Members having considered the changes to the following documents:

The Procurement Act 2023 and Procurement Regulations 2024 came into force on 24th February 2025.

- a. New Financial Regulations from NALC as amended and considered the financial thresholds contained therein
- b. Standing Orders - Members considered the amendments to the standing orders

RESOLVED: It was proposed and seconded, all agreed, to adopt the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders as amended.

53/25 Parish Plan update

Clerk had circulated information with regard to review of the Parish Plan. The quote for advice and assistance is £3,600.

RESOLVED: members agreed to set aside a sum for progressing a review.
Clerk to arrange a meeting with Clare Featherstone

54/25 Planning Matters

- a) **Applications for consideration** – None currently

- a) **Applications received after 30th June:** None

- b) **Commented on and awaiting decision**

Reference: 25/01291/FUL (validated: 31/03/2025)
Address: Spenford House, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5NG
Proposal: Proposed annexe to replace former garage and car port to provide ancillary domestic accommodation
Revised drawings 20/05/25

Reference: 25/01292/LBC (validated: 31/03/2025)
Address: Spensford House, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5NG
Proposal: Proposed annexe to replace former garage and car port to provide ancillary accommodation
Revised drawings 15/05/25

Members raised concerns regarding the degree of hardsurfacing and run off to the tan pit.

c) Determined since May meeting (for information only)

Reference: 25/01094/LBC (validated: 28/04/2025)
Address: Laburnum Cottage, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5NG
Proposal: Replacement windows
Decision: Withdrawn

Reference: 25/01030/FUL (validated: 02/04/2025)
Address: Church Villa, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SR
Proposal: Erection of a double timber carport
Decision: Granted

Reference: 25/00637/FUL
Address: Spensford House, Loppington
Proposal: Proposed rear extension to replace existing 1990 conservatory, cedar cladding, new window openings & internal alternations
Decision: Granted

Reference: 25/00638/LBC
Address: Spensford House, Loppington
Proposal: Proposed rear extension to replace existing 1990 conservatory, cedar cladding, new window openings & internal alternations
Decision: Granted

Reference: 25/01334/CPL
Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed siting of a caravan for ancillary accommodation purposes
Location: Common Wood Farm, Common Wood, Wem
Decision: Approved

55/25 Highways

Clerk has raised the matter of speed limits in Burlton with the Local Highways Authority & awaiting a reply. Shropshire Councillor confirms that the LHA is to carry out a countywide review of speed limits, which may include consideration of 20 mph in some areas.

56/25 Inspections of Council property or property maintained by the Parish Council

- a. War Memorial and fencing: fencing to striped and repainted
- b. Burlton bus shelter. needs repainting
- c. Burlton Notice Board: needs new glass
- d. Pump and fencing: fencing needs repainting
- e. Tan Pit, clearance work took place in January. Goldfish are reducing in number.
- f. Notice board in Loppington to be repaired
- g. Vas Signs – Clerk has contacted the supplier in respect of the sign on the Cockshutt road and the damaged sign in Loppington.

57/25 Consultations:

Post-election survey – open until 14/07/2025 – circulated to members 27/06/25
Completed by members individually

Parish and Town Councils – call for information – open until 18/08/2025
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/call-for-information-town-and-parish-councils/>

By invitation only - circulated 23/06/25

Youth Offer Questionnaire – open until 18/07/25 – Circulated to members 30/06/25
Clerk to respond

Review of health needs – pharmacies open until 26/08/2025
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-2025/>
Cllr. Barton to respond

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shropshire-s-great-outdoors-annual-public-survey-2025/>

For information on all Shropshire Council consultations visit
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/>

58/25 Information Matters and Correspondence

- a. Community Policing – Clerk has requested speed checks in Burlton
- b. SALC NS area committee meeting minutes (circulated 29/06/2025)
- c. Other matters for the next agenda
Remembrance event – Clerk to receive members questions, check insurance details & research way forward with civic events.

59/25 Dates for your diary -

Next LPC meeting –Tuesday, 9th September 2025 @ 7:30 in Loppington Village Hall

By invitation - Shropshire Together Conference at Shrewsbury Town Football Club on 25th July from 9am to 3.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21:05 pm

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

Date: ...9th September 2025.....