

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 13th JANUARY 2026 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs., Mrs. D. Hume-Miller, Ms. T. Parker, Ms. R. Stokes, J. Taylor,
N.Taylor, Mrs. G. Wilkins

Clerk: Mrs L McCormack

Public: none

01/26 Apologies for absence

- a) Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Ms. T. Barton & Cllr. J. Street
- b) Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston

02/26 A Declaration of Acceptance was completed by Cllr. Jamie Taylor

03/26 Public participation – None

04/26 Shropshire Councillor Report – Circulated 12th January 2026

05/26 Declarations of Interest

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None
- b) Other Registrable Interests – None
- c) Other Personal Interests which may lead to bias – None
- d) Applications for Dispensation – None

06/26 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the annual meeting held on 11th November 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman

07/26 Financial Matters

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

Enterprise (PCC)	£488.00
HMRC	£0.00
Shropshire Council	£125.00
LVHC - Hall Hire	£120.00
Audit	
	£733.00

Cllr. J. Taylor to forward receipt for audit to the Clerk

- d) Review of Clerks Salary
Having reached the upper threshold of the salary scale, clerks salary to remain at SCP17 in line with NJC national pay structure from 1st April 2026
- e) Budget Discussions
Members noted the anticipated costs of Council administration for 2025/26 being circa £7,377. General reserves are likely to be <£6,533

NB general reserve should be more than 3 months, the smaller the council closer to 12 months running costs. £6,500 equates to 0% increase on Council Tax. £7,040 is 10% increase on income.

Members noted increased and additional costs for 2026/27

RESOLVED: it was proposed and seconded, all in agreement, to increase the precept by 20% on 2025/26

- f) Audit Preparation/website
Clerk to draft new/review existing documents with regard to Assertion 10 for approval at March meeting. New councillor emails will be provided along with the new website.
- g) Automatic enrolment/staff pensions Anniversary 1st March 2026 re-enrolment deadline 31st July 2026 – for information
Clerk explained the requirement for automatic enrolment with the pensions regulator

08/26 Grant Applications

The application from the Village Hall Committee is on hold

Review of Policy Documents

- a. Complaints Policy & vexatious complaints
Circulated in September and deferred from November meeting.
RESOLVED:
It was proposed and seconded, all in agreement, to adopt the policies as drafted.
- b. Ref: Minute No. 52/25 July:
New Financial Regulations as amended and adopted in July, no further work required.
Members noted the financial thresholds as from January 2026.

Standing Orders as amended and adopted in July – no further work required
- c. Community Development Plan Working Party Terms of Reference
RESOLVED: to adopt the terms of reference as drafted.
Clerk to draft an article for the Village News

a) Applications for consideration –

Reference: 25/04573/FUL (validated: 15/12/2025)
Address: Agricultural Building Conversion To Stables, To The North Of, Brown Heath
Proposal: Change of use of existing building and land from agriculture to equestrian and the installation of a manege.
Comment: Members agreed to support the application with no further comment

View online at:

<http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=sum mary&keyVal=T6NP0QTDMKD00>

- b) Applications received after 5th January: None
- c) Commented on and awaiting decision – none currently
- d) Determined since November meeting (for information only) – none currently

Loppington Parish Council operates a scheme of delegation on planning matters.

09/26 Highways – if any – None

10/26 Inspections of Council property or property maintained by the Parish Council

- a. War Memorial and fencing – completed
- b. Burlton bus shelter will need painting in spring
- c. Burlton Notice Board – ongoing, Perspex to be replaced
- d. Pump and fencing- OK may need new weed control membrane
- e. Tan Pit, dredging is planned for next month
- f. Notice board in Loppington – ongoing, back board needs replacing
- g. Vas Signs – Clerk to source a new supplier with regard to repairs
- h. Defibrillators - checks up to date

11/26 Consultations:

NPPF: In December, MCHLG published a consultation on a revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other changes to the planning system. The closing date for responses is 10th March.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-planning-policy-framework-proposed-reforms-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

Shropshire Council Budget Consultation

<https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/budget-consultation/>

Open until 16th January 2026

Draft Destination Management Plan

<https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/help-shape-the-future-of-tourism-in-shropshire/>

Open until 2nd February 2026

For information on all Shropshire Council consultations visit

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

Including school admission arrangements & supplementary planning documents

12/26 Information Matters and Correspondence

- a. SALC area committee on 12th January 2026 – minutes to be circulated
Clerk attended, there was a presentation on Streetworks from SC – details to be circulated.
- c. Other matters for the next agenda

13/26 Dates for your diary -

Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday, 12th May 2026 @ 18:00

Cllr. Parker to place an article in the Village News. Clerk will publish the agenda in the April/May Village News.

Next LPC meeting –Tuesday, 10th March 2026 @ 7:30 in Loppington Village Hall

Broadband / Mobile phone signal update:

Thursday 15th January and Thursday 22nd January 2026. Details circulated 4/1/26

SALC area committee – Monday, 16th March 2026 at Wem Town Council offices

Meeting closed at 8: 25 pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Date: