

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 12th MAY 2026 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton, Mrs. D. Hume-Miller, Ms. R. Stokes, J. Street, J. Taylor and N. Taylor,
Shropshire Councillor: Sarah Marston
Clerk: Mrs L McCormack
Public: One

27/26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs. G. Wilkins and Ms. T. Parker.

28/26 Election of Chairman for the coming year and declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr. Nick Taylor was proposed and seconded.
There being no other nominations Cllr. Taylor was elected unanimously as Chair for coming year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

29/26 Election of Vice Chairman for the coming year

Cllr. Mrs. Tracey Barton was proposed and seconded.
There being no other nominations Cllr. Barton was elected unanimously as Vice Chair

30/26 Public participation – None

31/26 Shropshire Councillor Report – Circulated 11/05/2026

Cllr Marston confirmed she was aware of the matter of speed limits in Burlton. Shropshire Council are considering a scheme whereby communities may request via their Parish Council's a change to speed limits in villages and provided the Parish Council has sufficient funds to contribute.

32/26 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

33/26 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the annual meeting held on 10th March 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman

34/26 Appointment of Representatives to the following:

- a. Shropshire Association of Local Councils – Cllr. J. Street
- b. Village Hall Committee – Cllr. Ms. T. Parker
- c. Helicopter Noise Liaison Group – Cllr. Mrs. T. Barton
- d. Emergency Planning – deferred

35/26 Financial Matters

- a) The Bank reconciliation/financial report was received and accepted
- b) The Chairman signed the accounts as reconciled.
- c) Banking Arrangements

The Parish Council is now in a position to authorise online payments

Initialled :

- d) Cloud Storage
RESOLVED: Proposed and seconded, agreed unanimously to purchase cloud storage at £42 p.a.
- e) Payments were approved:

Parish Online	£428.40
SALC Affiliation Fees	£409.69
SALC Training	£45.00
RLT Auditing	£163.41
Insurance	£714.01
Village News subs	£170.00
Graveyard maintenance 2025/26	£180.00
	£2,110.51

- f) Appointment of auditor 2026-27
Members received the quote £175 for 2026/27 audit.
RESOLVED: proposed and seconded, agreed unanimously to appoint RLT Auditing for the next year's internal audit.

36/26 Approval of Annual Returns & Internal Audit Report

- a) Members considered the criteria for exemption
RESOLVED: unanimously that the Parish Council met the exemption criteria and certificate be signed by the Clerk and Chairman accordingly
- b) The Internal Audit Report was received and noted.
- c) 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
- d) Members considered the Accounting Statement signed by the Clerk
RESOLVED: unanimously that the Accounting Statements be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
- e) The approved Annual Returns were signed accordingly
- g) The Certificate of Exemption will be submitted to the external auditor and the documents published on the website. Provision will be made for electors' rights commencing 8th June 2025

37/27 Development Plan update

Cllr. Street will lead the working party on the Development Plan project. Introductory meeting to be arranged with volunteers.

- a) **Applications for consideration** – None
- b) **Applications received after 2nd May:** None
- c) **Commented on and awaiting decision** – none currently
- d) **Determined since March meeting** – no outstanding applications

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

38/26 Loppington Youth Club

Following the closure of the Youth Club a request has been received to hold remaining funds on a restricted basis & ring fenced for future youth provision. £600 in grant funding has been returned to the Community Benefit Fund.

The Parish Council may accept & hold gifts or assets (S39 LGA 1972) for the benefit of the Parish.

RESOLVED: Members agree in principle that the Parish Council will accept the remaining funds subject to the Council's use of the funds for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish towards youth provision at its discretion.

Clerk to contact the Club to establish details of the remaining funds and the Club's formal resolution to transfer its assets.

39/26 Highways

Large pothole near Chapel Cottage, Cllr. Marston will raise this as a priority

40/26 Inspections of Council property or property maintained by the Parish Council

- a. War Memorial fencing
Painting work is completed. Clerk will contact neighbouring authority regarding repair of the structure.
- b. Burlton bus shelter
Volunteers have offered to repaint the bus shelter.
- c. Burlton Notice Board
Volunteers have offered to replace the Perspex in the short term. Members to consider replacement of noticeboard.
- d. Pump and fencing-
Area needs weeding. Fencing is OK for now but may need replacing in the future.
- e. Tan Pit, winter dredging work is completed
- f. Notice board in Loppington –
Members to consider quotes for replacement noticeboards.
- g. Vas Signs – Clerk to source a new supplier with regard to repairs
- h. Defibrillators - checks up to date

41/26 Consultations:

a. Shropshire Council Consultations

Development of accommodation-based and community-based care
Responses from adults, young people, families & carers. Open until 17th May
<https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/accommodation-based-and-community-basedsupport-framework-adults-and-children-s/>

Review of Taxi Licencing Policy – open until 28th June
<https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/review-of-the-hackney-carriage-and-privatehire-licensing-policy-2027-to-2031/>

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

b. Other Consultations:

OPCC consultation – government proposals to merge of police forces open until 15th June 2026
<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/91056156/Police-force-mergers-2026>

42/26 Information Matters and Correspondence

- a. Data Protection Training
Available dates circulated to members
- b. St. Michaels Flower Festival –
Two members will take part in the flower festival with a suggested maximum budget of £200 for purchase of materials
- c. Other matters for the next agenda
Bank signatories

43/26 Dates for your diary -

Next LPC meeting on Tuesday, 14th July 2026 @ 7:30 in Loppington Village Hall

SALC area committee – 8th June 2026 @ 7:00 pm in Wem Town Council meeting room

Meeting closed at 8: 25 p.m.

Signed
(Chairman)

Date:

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