

**MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING of LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on
TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7.30pm in Loppington Village Hall**

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

58/26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs. T. Barton, Mrs. G. Wilkins & J. Taylor

59/26 Public participation

- A resident proposed that a bus service be reinstated in the village of Loppington.
- It was noted that a Wem Bus Call service is currently available.
- Cllr Marston provided an update, explaining that many local bus services are supported by Shropshire Council because they are not commercially viable. Improving local bus provision is included on the list of matters being considered by the Council.
- The Ellesmere–Wem bus service has now resumed, having restarted last week.
- A new Local Transport Plan will shortly be issued for public consultation.
- It was noted that Government funding for rural bus services has been reduced.
- Concern was raised that the nearest bus stop on Ellesmere Road is some distance from the village.
- Include an article in the newsletter regarding the Wem Bus service.
- A resident raised concerns about the 60 mph speed limit on Noneley Road and asked whether there was any possibility of reducing the limit.
- The possibility of introducing Quiet Lanes was mentioned. It was noted that this could potentially form part of future devolution arrangements.

60/26 Development Plan update

The Steering Group has now met on three occasions. Members of the group presented and explained the input and output plan and have recommended a revised timetable for the survey/questionnaire.

The group has considered proposals for the distribution of the questionnaire, including:

- distributing questionnaires in paper format;
- providing an online version;
- holding drop-in sessions at a range of locations and events to support participation and completion;
- considering a prize draw incentive to encourage responses.

The Steering Group also requested that an introductory letter from the Parish Council be prepared to accompany the questionnaire, explaining the purpose of the survey and encouraging people to take part.

Cllr. Nick Taylor has now joined the Steering Group.

Questions to the Parish Council:

- Are there any particular areas that the Parish Council would like to be covered?

- Suggested pausing grants for a period whilst the Community Led Plan is under review.
- Is there any merit in asking for the funding to be extended?
The Clerk explained that this has been done in the past. However, the future of the solar farm & funding cannot be guaranteed, as it is not possible to foresee what may happen over the next 10 years

61/26 Shropshire Councillor Report

A Best Value Notice has been issued to Shropshire Council (SC) in relation to its financial position. SC is being monitored to ensure that decisions are being made appropriately and transparently.

As part of the financial measures being considered, SC is likely to need to sell assets that are no longer required.

The current position is, however, around £2 million less borrowing this year than was previously anticipated.

62/26 Declarations of Interest

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None
- Other Registrable Interests –
Cllr. Ms. T. Parker declared an interest in item 65/26 as trustee and committee member of Loppington Village Hall & Recreation area
- Other Personal Interests which may lead to bias – None
- Applications for Dispensation – None

63/26 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the annual meeting held on 14th July 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman

64/26 Financial Matters

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

CLPSG - stationery	£31.94
Clerk - backpay	£51.85
Shropshire Council - Property list	£21.50
	£105.29

- Clerk suggested budgeting a small amount for CLP sundries & expenses
RESOLVED: All agreed on a budget of £250 for the clerk to administer CLP sundries as necessary
- Update Bank Signatories
Changes to the mandate to add new signatories to the bank account are currently in
- Cllr. Taylor had done some research regarding new noticeboards, most companies were very similar in price.

- g) RESOLVED: All in agreement to accept the quote and place an order for a new board in Loppington from the Parish Noticeboard Company in Cheshire, black with gold lettering. £1,936
- h) The NJC pay settlement for 2026–27 has been received. The Clerk's salary is to be amended and backdated in accordance with the settlement agreement.

65/26 Grant Application – Loppington Village Hall (LVHC)– Play area

Cllr. Ms.T. Parker having declared an interest in this application left the room and did not take part in the discussion and voting thereon

The application and associated health and safety considerations were discussed, including the considerable amount of work involved and LVHC's efforts to reduce costs by undertaking the debris removal themselves.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and seconded, all in agreement that the amount of Community Benefit is circa 75% of costs, members agreed £2,925 for play bark and £4,900 for labour. Total £7,825

66/26 Planning

a) **Applications for consideration –**

Reference: 26/02659/FUL (validated: 15/07/2026)
Address: Burlton Hall, Burlton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SX
Proposal: Erection of single storey pool house following removal of 2No outbuildings
Comment: Support

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=TI6FEPTDJW200>

Reference: 26/03129/FUL (validated: 21/08/2026)
Address: Proposed Agricultural Building At Burlton Grange, Burlton
Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building
Comment: Support

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=TK2Y3TTDKON00>

- b) **Applications received after 28th August:** None
- c) **Commented on and awaiting decision** – None Currently
- d) **Determined since July meeting**

Reference: 26/01748/FUL (validated: 11/05/2026)
Address: New House Farm, Loppington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5SR
Proposal: Construction of replacement dwelling and detached garage following demolition of existing house and outbuildings
Decision: Withdrawn

Ref. No: 26/02075/FUL (validated 15/06/26)
Address: Melrose House, Charleston Way, Loppington
Proposal: Removal of the existing oil-fired boiler and external oil tank, and installation of an air source heat pump
Decision: Permission Granted (5/8/26)

Ref. No: 26/02076/LBC (validated 15/06/26)
Address: Melrose House, Charleston Way, Loppington
Proposal: Removal of the existing oil-fired boiler and external oil tank, and installation of an air source heat pump
Decision: Permission Granted (5/8/26)

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

67/26 Highways

- a. Potholes are still waiting to be repaired near Noneley Grange.
- b. The electrical wire on Burlton Road is hanging dangerously low.

68/26 Inspections of Council property or property maintained by the Parish Council

- a. War Memorial fencing - Painting work is completed.
- b. Burlton bus shelter – deferred
- c. Burlton Notice Board - OK.
- d. Pump and fencing - The membrane is deteriorating. The fencing is currently in satisfactory condition but may require replacement in the future.
- e. Tan Pit - OK
- f. Notice board in Loppington – Members to consider quotes for replacement noticeboards and resolved to replace this (ref: min. no. 64/26).
- g. Vas Signs – Clerk to source a new supplier with regard to repairs
- h. Defibrillators - checks up to date

69/26 Consultations:

a. Shropshire Council Consultations

<https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-great-outdoors-annual-survey-2026/>

For information on all Shropshire Council consultations visit

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

b. Other Consultations:

Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Survey

<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/91120453/Town-and-Parish-Council-Survey-2026>

70/26 Information Matters and Correspondence

- a. Remembrance Service – Sunday, 8th November 2026 - Chair to lay remembrance wreath
- b. News items from SALC including, NPPF, Civility & Respect Agenda, NJC pay award, AGM, PCC letter to Town and Parish Councils circulated for information

- c. Breakthrough Communications are running Data Protection for Councillors courses on 5th October, 30th November or 15th December. All online at 6:30 pm
- d. Other matters for the next agenda

71/26 Dates for your diary -

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

SALC area committee – Monday, 14th September 2026 @ 7:00 pm in Wem Town Council meeting room

SALC AGM: Tuesday, 3rd November from 4:00 pm at The Croud Meadow

LNRS conference - on Friday, 20th November 2026 @ 10:00 am – 4:00pm in Telford

Meeting closed at 8: 57 p.m.

Signed
(Chairman)

Date:

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