

LOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Report April 2025 – March 2026

1. Parish Council

The Parish Council meets bi-monthly, in January, March, May, July, September and November on the second Tuesday of the month. Following the elections last year, the Parish Council currently has a full complement of councillors.

2. Financial

The Council received a satisfactory Auditors report for the financial year 2024/2025, and 2025/26. The results of the audit can be viewed online.

End year 2025-26 the Council has £43,106 of which CBF is £35,763

Expenditure excluding community projects was £7,099 (includes £406 for Xmas trees) Excl VAT

VAT reclaim will be £262.99

3. Planning

The Parish Council responded to 7 applications during 2025. In addition, there was one application for Certificate of Lawful Use and 13 applications for discharge of conditions which do not require a response from the Parish Council.

4. Parish Plan

The Council would like to carry out a comprehensive review of its Parish Plan. You are invited to share ideas, help identify community needs and priorities and support the development of a long-term vision for our Parish.

Residents, workers or representatives of community organisations in the Parish, all ages and backgrounds welcome

5. Parish Amenities

The Council of course much appreciates and thanks all those volunteers and organisations who have helped maintain Council property including the War Memorial, Pump, Tan Pit, Burlton Bus Shelter, VAS and Notice boards.

Shropshire Council is responding to its biodiversity duties including Local Nature Recovery. We are all asked to play a small part; as such the Parish Council maintains the village pond as an important wildlife area. Maintenance work at the Tan Pit is ongoing under the guidance of Cllr. Hume-Miller and Cllr Taylor with the help of volunteers to maintain the pond in line with the ecology advice. The volunteers clear the invasive weed during the dormant season in November to January and monitor the water quality.

6. Public Relations

The Council continues to support the Village News and disseminate information via this publication and its own website.

We were deeply saddened by the passing of former Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams. Brian gave many years of dedicated service to our community, and his commitment and contribution to the Village will be remembered with gratitude.

The Parish Council welcomes the new Shropshire Councillor for The Meres, Sarah Marston and looks forward to working with her in the future.

The Parish Council also has taken responsibility for the Remembrance Day Service with a view to securing this important event into the future. The Parish Council are grateful for the support of the volunteers & Church without which this service would be impossible.

7. Community Benefit Fund

Whilst the Parish Council is currently receiving generous contributions to the Community Benefit Fund for the purposes of Community Projects, this is finite and we can never guarantee how much and when. For the remaining period of 10 years we would like to use the funds wisely for the overall benefit of the Parish and welcome any suggestions for Community Projects.

During 2025 the Fund supported the Burlton VE day party and Loppington Youth Club with grant towards their projects.

8. Highways and Traffic

Shropshire Council is now linked to fix my street and anyone can report highway concerns at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/report-a-highways-fault-or-concern/> . Anyone who does not have access to online services residents may contact the clerk or any councillor who will report your concerns for you.

9. Crime and Safety

Loppington is a low crime area. The mobile police vehicle visits regularly and speed patrols have been carried out in Loppington Parish, of the vehicles checked none were found to be exceeding the speed limit.

Crime Stats West Mercia police report 18 offences in 2025 ranging from 7 theft related cases to 3 antisocial behaviour and 8 others including public order, criminal damage and violence.

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