



Annual Parish Council Report 2015/16

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Welcome

The Parish Council has an up-to-date web site, and issues newsletters to keep residents informed, but it is still recommended good practice for each household to receive a copy of the Chairman's annual report. Going forward, the Parish Council will be producing two newsletters and an annual report. This document is a summary of the verbal report given at the annual meeting on 25th May. The main activities for the year being reported (1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016) were as follows:

Parish Plan – the Parish Plan is now complete and the Parish Council has started the process of working through the actions identified in the Plan. The initial topics being looked at are highways, environmental issues and broadband.

Planning Applications – the last few years has seen an increased number of planning applications for residential development, with some applications being permitted outside of the development boundary, due to Shropshire Council not having a site allocation development plan (SAMDEV) in place. The SAMDEV plan was adopted by Shropshire Council in December 2015. This has confirmed the planning policy for Shropshire and the number of new planning applications for residential development has decreased significantly. Some of the applications permitted are for outline planning permission. The Parish Council therefore anticipates further applications on detailed issues, such as design. The Parish Plan will be a very useful guide in ensuring that new development is sympathetic to the character of the community.

Quarry Extension - Parishioners may be aware of the planning application to extend Wood Lane Quarry, application reference 14/04589/MAW. The planning application is very significant for the parish and the Parish Council objected to the application because there was not adequate evidence that the application would not cause adverse impact to the integrity of the Cole Mere or White Mere RAMSAR site in line with Core Strategy Policy MD12 and SAMDEV Policy MD5a. The application has now been granted. During the course of the application it was scaled back significantly so that only Phase 1a has been granted permission; the applicant's eco-hydrological reports indicated that this Phase could be implemented with negligible impacts. The applicants therefore reduced the area to be quarried and strict conditions regarding monitoring of impact have been put in place.

We would like to thank Dr Joan Daniels for all her time and expertise in preparing expert reports and advice on this application for the Parish Council. Whilst the granting of permission is not the outcome the Parish Council hoped for, we are sure that Dr Daniels' input has helped to achieve a scaled back application and require safeguards to be put in place to protect the RAMSAR site.

Councillors' roles – in addition to attending the twelve Council meetings during the year, and ad hoc meetings (this year to do with planning applications), Councillors also have other responsibilities as the Council is represented on other organising bodies, as follows – Local Joint Committee; Parish Hall Management committee; Shropshire Association of Local Councils; Emergency Planning Committee; Wood Lane Quarry Liaison group.

Newhampton Federation—the Parish Council was pleased to support the federation of Welshampton CE Primary School and Newtown CE Primary School. More info is in the main newsletter.

Personnel matters – I have been Chairman since September 2015 and have enjoyed the challenge of my first 10 months in office. I am grateful for the support of my fellow councillors, in particular Vice Chair, Chris Symes, himself a past Chairman of many years' experience.

The Council has recently co-opted Mike Dinsdale. On behalf of the Council, I would like to welcome Mike on board.

In the autumn, Rebecca Turner joined us as the new Clerk to the Council, following the departure of Carole Warner. On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank Carole for her service and welcome Rebecca to the Parish Council team.

Andrew Haydon, Chairman of the Parish Council

Contact Information

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council
c/o The Old Police House
Nesscliffe
SY4 1DB

For further information please contact the Clerk:
Rebecca Turner on 01743 741611
Email: clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk
www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk

Annual Financial Report 2015/16

Payments	Budget 2015/16	Actual 2015/16	Budget 2016/17
General Admin			
Clerk Salary	£5,100.00	£4,517.02	£4,547.59
Admin Expenses/Audit	£1,375.00	£657.63	£1,180.25
Newsletter	£1,500.00	£1,724.00	£1,500.00
Training	£310.00	£60.00	£260.00
Insurance	£625.00	£629.44	£648.32
Meeting Room Hire	£0.00	£280.00	£150.00
Subscriptions	£385.00	£321.35	£415.00
Parish Maintenance			
Street Lighting	£1,800.00	£1,269.07	£1,882.83
Grounds Maintenance	£1,650.00	£1,307.50	£1,650.00
Stocks Lane Car Park	£500.00	£50.00	£500.00
Sports Court	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
Balmer Phone Box	£250.00	£120.07	£0.00
Other			
Churchyards	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00
Parish Plan	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,700.00
S137		£200.00	£200.00
Contingency	£500.00	£181.78	£500.00
Total Excl. VAT	£16,595.00	£11,317.86	£16,733.99
VAT	£560.00	£260.87	£300.00
Total Incl. VAT	£17,155.00	£11,578.73	£17,033.99

Receipts	Budget 2015/16	Actual 2015/16	Budget 2016/17
Precept	£16,000.00	£16,000.00	£15,675.00
Interest	£5.00	£6.99	£5.00
VAT Refund	£600.00	£614.41	£560.00
Other	£0.00	£130.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£16,605.00	£16,751.40	£16,240.00
Transfer from Reserves	£4,112.50		-£793.99
Total	£20,717.50	£16,751.40	£17,033.99

Current Balances

Reconciled Bank Balances 2015/16

Current Account	£1,644.53
Deposit Account	£12,961.79
Net Assets	£14,606.32

Represented by Reserves

Balance as at 1 April 2015	£9,433.65
Plus excess receipts over payments	£5,172.67
Balance as at 31 March 2016	£14,606.32

Reserves Breakdown as at 31/03/2016

Earmarked Reserves

Clerk's Salary	£582.98
P3/Walking Leaflets	£100.00
Sports Court	£250.00
Street Lights	£1,266.50
Elections	£1,200.00
Parish Plan Refresh	£900.00
Grounds Maintenance - Hall	£435.00
Stocks Lane Car Park	£450.00
Balmer Phone Box	£129.93
Churchyards	£700.00
Hire of Hall	£160.00
Contingency Reserves	£8,431.91
Total	£14,606.32