



Annual Report May 2013

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

It is recommended good practice for Parish Councils to publish an annual report and this Parish does so in May each year, after the Chairman has presented the report to the Annual Parish Meeting. However, as the Parish Council distributes three editions of the newsletter "Keeping You Informed" each year, and minutes of all meetings are available on the Parish Council web site, it means that this report is a brief review of the Parish Council's activity and finances, rather than being an outlet for any startling new revelations.

Last year's report identified the following issues as requiring action in 2012/13 –

- The Parish Plan
- Response to the SAMDev consultation (building development)
- Application to extend the quarrying operation at Wood Lane
- Broadband service improvement through the Shropshire Broadband initiative

.....and progress is as follows -

There is a full round-up of the current Parish Plan on the website, and it particularly shows progress this year on speeding, paths, tourism and the sports court. The response to Shropshire Council's consultation on building development (SAMDev) was submitted early in the year, and then as a result of information the Council received regarding a number of landowners' submissions to Shropshire Council, a public meeting was called. The opinion of this meeting, by a large majority, was that there should be no change to the Parish Council's response (available on the web site). Because of the economic downturn, the demand for building materials has reduced and therefore there has not yet been

any application for an extension to the Wood Lane quarrying activity. Shropshire Council and BT have announced their programme for broadband improvements across the county and we now wait to hear when this Parish can expect to see a faster service.

The Parish Council processed a number of planning applications during the year and also, as a result of information provided by residents, was able to instigate enforcement orders from Shropshire Council when unapproved developments were started. As usual, the Council were asked to respond to a number of policy consultations, such as from Shropshire Council on council tax, speeding, and development, and from the new Police Commissioner on policing priorities.

As far as the financials are concerned, there are no surprises, with the income and expenditure account for the year (shown overleaf) being in line with the budget. For next year, the Parish Council decided to increase the precept so that funds would be available in the event of an election but compared with other Parish Councils in Shropshire, the precept is still a relatively minor part of the Council Tax which we all pay.

On personnel issues, Councillor Ian Yates resigned during the year to emigrate to the USA to progress his career. And Councillor Richard Hall decided not to stand for re-election at the end of the year. Parish Councillors are unpaid community-minded people who volunteer to represent residents, and so on behalf of the residents of Welshampton & Lyneal Parish, the Council thanks Ian, and Richard in particular, as he has served on the Parish Council for

15 years, for their contribution to the community. The Parish Council's only employee is the Clerk, and the Council thanks Carole Warner on behalf of the community, for her continued contribution. This Parish Council has a reputation for "punching above its weight" and much of this is because of Carole.

In conclusion, the Parish Council believes that this year has seen good progress on a number of issues affecting the community and enters the next year confident that it will be able to continue to have an influence in helping to achieve the aspirations of the residents of the Parish.

Chris Symes
Chair of the Parish Council

The Parish Council is a non-political Council made up of nine residents.

Welshampton Ward

Ruth Evans
Peter Gee
Caroline Hamilton
Sarah Jefferies
Vacancy
Vacancy

Lyneal Ward

Lawrence Houghton
Chris Symes (Chair)
Martin Withington

Councillors can be contacted by letter, phone or email through the Clerk.

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Welshampton Parish Hall and start at 7pm. The press and general public are welcome to attend. Members of the public are invited to address the Council before meetings.

Financial Report 2012 / 2013

Payments	Budget 2012/13	Actual 2012/13	Budget 2013/14
General Administration			
Clerk Salary / Allowance	£4,400.00	£3,978.83	£4,725.00
Admin Expenses/Audit/Insurance	£850.00	£1,156.68	£925.00
Newsletter/Notice Boards	£1,025.00	£1,304.00	£1,450.00
Training	£110.00	£0.00	£390.00
Establishment			
Insurance	£575.00	£575.53	£600.00
Meeting Room Hire	£230.00	£0.00	£160.00
Subscriptions	£340.00	£325.97	£372.16
Parish Maintenance			
Street Lighting	£1,300.00	£1,480.86	£1,250.00
Grounds Maintenance	£1,200.00	£1,155.00	£920.00
Elections			
Election Costs - Shropshire Council	£0.00	£0.00	£1,400.00
Other			
Section 137	£1,050.00	£100.00	£500.00
Churchyards	£350.00	£350.00	£350.00
P3 Expenditure	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00
Contingency	£550.00	£0.00	£550.00
Total excl VAT	£12,180.00	£10,426.87	£13,592.16
VAT	£330.00	£393.32	£380.00
Total incl VAT	£12,510.00	£10,820.19	£13,972.16

Receipts	Budget 2012/13	Actual 2012/13	Budget 2013/14
Precept	£10,038.00	£10,038.00	£12,080.00
Interest	£3.50	£4.09	£3.50
VAT Refund	£215.00	£275.58	£361.61
Council Tax Support Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£695.00
Other	£192.50	£601.02	£192.50
Sub Total	£10,449.00	£10,918.69	£13,332.61
Transfer from Reserves	£2,061.00	-£98.50	£639.55
Total	£12,510.00	£10,820.19	£13,972.16

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2013

Current Assets		
2011/2012	Bank Balances	2012/2013
1,099.68	Current Account	1,221.96
4,967.13	Deposit Account	4,943.35
6,066.81	Net Assets	6,165.31

Represented by Reserves		
5481.74	Balance as at 1 April 2012	6,066.81
585.07	Plus excess Receipts over Payments	98.50
6,066.81	Balance as at 31 March 2013	6,165.31

Reserves Breakdown

Earmarked Reserves		
P3		200.00
Clerks Salary		400.00
Sports Court		300.00
Meeting Room Hire		200.00
Speed Visor		1,300.00
Contingency Reserves		3,765.31
		6,165.31

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