



# Annual Parish Council Report 2018/19

## Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

The Parish Council has an up-to-date website 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. I gave a verbal report at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2019 and this report expands on that.

### **Our Gallant 35**

The main project of the year was to pay tribute to those of the parish who had fallen during the First World War. Saturday 10th November saw the culmination of many months of planning, researching, designing and printing for a grand exhibition 'Our Gallant 35'. During the day over 150 people visited the exhibition and many stayed to the end to see the Bonfire Committee's Tribute in Words and Song. A video of the Tribute is on the Council's website. Over the weekend there were 3 services of remembrance, again well supported by residents and visitors.

### **Community Service Award**

As part of the 'Our Gallant 35' exhibition the presentation of the inaugural 'Community Service Award' was made. Two highly thought of residents had been nominated and the Parish Council could not decide between them. It was unanimously agreed to present an additional award! The recipients were Keith Egerton and Tommy Lindsay. Keith's nomination included reference to his work for the Church, School, Parish Hall and Parish Council. Keith has helped raise thousands of pounds for those organisations and continues to help where he can. Tommy's nomination cited his commitment in maintaining the churchyard. Tommy's high standard of work has been noticed by many residents and visitors to the church.

### **Councillor Vacancy**

We are still one Councillor short of its full compliment. Being a Councillor does take some commitment but it is flexible too, other than the one meeting per month. Why not come along to a meeting and see what we achieve on your behalf.

### **Training**

As the role of Councillor changes, there is always something to learn. New Councillors especially are encouraged to attend training which is paid for by the Council. Councillors and the clerk have attended training sessions during the year.

### **Communications**

The Council is committed to keeping its parishioners informed through regular newsletters and its website. Although there is a cost, the Council believes in a rural community this is the best way of

making sure everyone gets to know what is happening in the Parish.

### **Planning Applications**

The Council prides itself on understanding all applications that come before it for comment. Remember, Shropshire Council makes the decision on applications but asks for an opinion from the Council. The Council is supportive of sustainable proposals but it can not always support applications when all matters are considered. These decisions are not taken lightly

### **Highways and Street Lights**

It is disappointing that the maintenance of the roads and lanes by Shropshire Council's new contractor has not seen the expected improvement. The Council was successful in gaining the support of the most senior officer in Highways to agree the lane to Lyneal from B5063 was in need of urgent repairs. Although stage 1 of the repairs has been completed and drainage has improved, the re-surfacing is still awaited. The Council regularly reminds Shropshire Council of the need to complete this as soon as possible. The planned upgrade to LED Street Lights was completed which will see savings in electricity and maintenance. This is required due to the existing type of light being withdrawn due to changes in legislation.

### **Colemere Boardwalk**

The Council is extremely disappointed that the boardwalk has been left to deteriorate to the extent it had to be closed. The Council is determined that Colemere is as accessible as possible to all and is another area that we follow up with Shropshire Council on a regular basis.

### **Local Council Award Scheme**

The last achievement of the year was being awarded the Quality Gold level of the Scheme. This level is awarded to Councils who have its governance, policies and procedures in place and makes a difference in its community

### **Speeding in the Parish**

This continues to an issue but there are plans in 2019/20 to address this.

### **Andrew Haydon, Chairman of the Parish Council**

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# Annual Financial Report 2018/19

Payments	Actual 2017/18	Actual 2018/19	Budget 2019/20
<b>General Admin</b>			
Employment Expenses	£6,099.83	£7,512.75	£7,500.00
Admin Expenses	£658.61	£1,134.94	£1,000.00
Audit	£179.75	£275.00	£300.00
Newsletter & Website	£1,122.12	£1,357.56	£1,450.00
Training	£175.00	£120.00	£400.00
Insurance	£685.16	£762.57	£800.00
Meeting Room Hire	£260.00	£145.00	£200.00
Subscriptions	£410.76	£444.14	£475.00
<b>Parish Maintenance</b>			
Street Lighting	£1,646.52	£1,838.21	£1,500.00
Street Lighting Conversion	£4,996.00	£4,918.00	
Grounds Maintenance	£1,590.50	£1,580.00	£2,250.00
Stocks Lane Car Park	£241.00	£0.00	
Repairs	£0.00	£27.00	
<b>Other</b>			
Elections	£0.00	£200.00	
Churchyards	£0.00	£350.00	
Parish Plan	£839.00	£2,637.29	£4,000.00
Grants	£1,000.00	£2,000.00	£3,200.00
General Power of Competence	£90.00	£430.00	£100.00
Contingency			
<b>Total Excl. VAT</b>	<b>£19,993.75</b>	<b>£25,732.46</b>	<b>£23,225.00</b>
VAT	£1,536.45	£1,817.73	£720.00
<b>Total Incl. VAT</b>	<b>£21,530.20</b>	<b>£27,550.19</b>	<b>£23,945.00</b>

Receipts	Actual 2017/18	Actual 2018/19	Budget 2019/20
Precept	£16,052.00	£19,500.00	£21,500.00
Interest	£9.33	£60.64	£20.00
VAT Refund	£377.15	£1,536.45	£1,643.01
Neighbourhood Funds	£406.84	£4,529.67	
Environmental Maintenance Grant	£701.52	£0.00	
Other	£0.00	£0.00	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£17,546.84</b>	<b>£25,626.76</b>	<b>£23,154.01</b>
Transfer from/to Reserves	£3,983.36	£1,923.43	£790.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>£21,530.20</b>	<b>£27,550.19</b>	<b>£23,945.00</b>

## Balances as at 31 March 2019

### Reconciled Bank Balances

Current Account	£926.78
Deposit Account	£10,038.25

**Net Assets** £10,965.03

## Reserves Breakdown as at 31 March 2019

### Earmarked Reserves

P3/Walking Leaflets	£200.00
Sports Court	£500.00
Elections	£200.00
Stocks Lane Car Park	£650.00
	<u>£1,550.00</u>

### Contingency Reserves

£9,415.03

**£10,965.03**

## Represented by Reserves

Balance as at 1 April 2018	£12,888.46
Less excess payments over receipts	<u>£1,923.43</u>
Balance as at 31 March 2019	<u>£10,965.03</u>

