

Annual Parish Council Report 2019/20

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.

Our Gallant 35

The Parish Council followed up the commemoration of the centenary of the ending of the First World War and exhibition 'Our Gallant 35' with the publication of a book with the same name of the exhibition. It contained the profiles of those fallen in the War and the poems and songs written especially for the occasion. Many copies were purchased: locally, nationally and from abroad.

Shropshire Association of Local Councils — Jan Snell Award

In recognition of leading the activities around the 'Our Gallant 35' the Council was runner up for the Jan Snell Award. Which is an award presented to Town and Parish Councils in Shropshire in recognition to their work in the community. The Council thanks all those residents who helped us achieve this.

Clothing and Shoe Recycling Bank

A new recycling facility was installed in the car park of the Village Hall. It raises money for the Salvation Army and the Parish. Please remember it the next time you have a sort out!

Defibrillators

Four defibrillators in Welshampton, Hampton Bank and Lyneal were installed with assistance from funding from the National Lottery. The phone kiosk along Hampton Bank was re-painted with paint donated by local supplier. That kiosk and the one in Lyneal have signage to make clear defibrillators are inside.

On Saturday 7th December over 20 residents met for Awareness Training on defibrillators. It was a very informative and enjoyable session with a great trainer.

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.

The winter was one of the wettest most could remember, with water lying in places never seen before. This was the evidence of why the Parish Council seems to "bang on" about drainage and percolation tests for new build planning applications. When it is dry it seems like we are managing but this winter proved the point.

Highways

The lane from B5063 to Lyneal still needs repair. This matter is routinely followed up with Shropshire Council.

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.

Litter picks

The Council purchased litter picking equipment: different sized pickers and hoops for bags. If you would like to borrow the equipment to litter pick your area of the parish, contact the Clerk to arrange collection.

Traffic calming

The Council is always looking for ways to reduce speeding in the parish and decided to spend funds under the Community Infrastructure Levy on white village gates. These are placed on the A495 and B5063 near the 30 mph signs at the entrances to Welshampton. The Council applied for and was successful in obtaining a £5,000 grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia for 2 Vehicle Activated Signs. The receipt of the grant and installation will take place during 2021/21.

Andrew Haydon, Chairman of the Parish Council

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Annual Financial Report 2019/20

Payments	Actual 2018/19	Actual 2019/20	Budget 2020/21
General Admin	2010/19	2019/20	2020/21
Employment Expenses	£7,512.75	£7,752.66	£8,500.00
Admin Expenses	£1,134.94	£1,460.04	£1,250.00
Audit	£275.00	£287.00	£300.00
Newsletter & Website	£1,357.56	£1,095.92	£1,450.00
Training	£120.00	£27.00	£300.00
Insurance	£762.57	£791.07	£850.00
Meeting Room Hire	£145.00	£160.00	£250.00
Subscriptions	£444.14	£438.13	£475.00
Parish Maintenance			
Street Lighting	£1,838.21	£884.09	£1,250.00
Street Lighting Conversion	£388.83		
Grounds Maintenance	£1,580.00	£1,975.00	£2,250.00
Stocks Lane Car Park			250.00
Repairs/Maintenance	£27.00		500.00
Other			
Elections	£200.00		
Churchyards	£350.00		
Parish Plan	£2,637.29	£2,589.80	£4,000.00
Grants	£2,000.00	£1,350.00	£3,500.00
Neighbourhood Funds	£4,529.67	£4,633.00	
OG35 Book		£974.63	
Defibrillator		£8,199.00	
General Power of Competence	£430.00		£100.00
Total Excl. VAT	£25,732.46	£25,732.46	£24,200.00
VAT	£1,817.73	£1,754.38	£800.00
Total Incl. VAT	£27,550.19	£34,371.72	£25,000.00

Receipts	Actual 2018/19	Actual 2019/20	Budget 2020/21	
Precept	£19,000.00	£21,500.00	£23,500.00	
Interest	£60.64	£269.42	£150.00	
VAT Refund	£1,536.45	£1,817.73	£1,728.42	
Neighbourhood Funds	£4,529.67	£12,284.53		
Clothes Bank		£24.16		
OG35 Book		£780.00		
Lottery Grant		£8,445.00		
Sub Total	£25,626.76	£41,120.84	£25,378.42	
Transfer from/to Reserves	£1,923.43	£10,749.12	£378.42	
Total	£27,550.19	£34,371.72	£25,000.00	

Balances as at 31 March 2020 Reconciled Bank Balances		Reserves Breakdown as at 31 March 2020 Earmarked Reserves	
Current Account	£906.48	P3/Walking Leaflets	£200.00
		Sports Court	£500.00
Deposit Account	£20,807.67	Elections	£200.00
Net Assets	£21,714.15	Stocks Lane Car Park	£650.00
		Neighbourhood Funds	£7,651.53
Represented by Reserves		Community Actions	£1,500.00
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Balance as at 1 April 2019	£10,965.03		£12,551.53
Less excess payments over receipts	£10,749.12	Contingency Reserves	£9,162.62
Balance as at 31 March 2020	£21,714.15		£21,714.15