



Annual Parish Council Report May 2020 to April 2021

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 Council's Annual Report.

This year was the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic when the business of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council was not as usual! The residents of the parish are fortunate to live in a rural setting but there were cases locally that impacted on the lives of some families. The pandemic altered our whole lives with regard to social contact and affected our local businesses in a way that had previously been unimaginable. The Parish Council acted as a point of contact for people at the beginning thanks to our clerk, Carole Warner.

Although initially Parish Council meetings were suspended, The clerk had been delegated authority to keep the routine business of the Council going. After a few months, Councillors got to grips with Zoom and monthly Council meetings resumed.

Many of our other activities and projects were put on hold but the Council was able to progress a few, especially related to highways.

Having received a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner West Mercia, the Council was able to commission the installation of 2 vehicle activated signs. They have supplemented the white traffic calming gates and drivers are now more aware of the speeds they are travelling at. With reference to the white gates, the Council is hoping to install pictures of local features and nature on them this coming year.

The community came forward to run another traffic related initiative, Community Speed Watch. The Parish Council wishes to publicly thank Ian Fletcher for taking on the coordination of the Welshampton Team. If you can spare 1 to 2 hours at the most, maybe once or twice a month, you could help keep our section of the A495 safe. Why not go along and see what happens?

The Council has had the principle of a pedestrian crossing in the middle of Welshampton by Shropshire Council approved but this project stalled during the Covid months due to Shropshire Council. The Parish Council is actively pursuing this with them.

The Parish Council appreciates that not all drivers understand travelling along our rural lanes is not the same as in an urban setting. You never know what

might be behind the next bend; a tractor, a horse and rider or a person enjoying a walk in the countryside. It is a difficult issue to resolve as the Police will not necessarily support speed restrictions in areas where they are unable to regularly enforce them. Additional signage is not supported by some residences so that is not the automatic answer. If you see any solutions in other parts of the county or further afield please share them with us.

Planning applications within the parish continued to be received through the year and the Parish Council made full and comprehensive responses when considered necessary.

In December 2020, the Council sought residents interest in the national Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme and Shropshire Council Top-Up Scheme. Nearly 150 residents came forward and the Council placed expressions of interest with Openreach and Airband. The Council has been very disappointed in the slow response from these organisations, mainly due to the popularity of the scheme. The Council is also reviewing the 'small print' which is now available. The Council is still progressing the project albeit elements are outside its control.

The municipal year was slightly extended this year with elections taking place for town, parish and unitary councils. The Parish Council continues with 8 councillors. This is a vacancy, so contact the clerk if you are interested. Shropshire Council continues with the Conservatives being the majority party but with a new leader and cabinet.

So, as I stated earlier, not the normal year for the Council but we are looking forward to making new plans for 2021-2022.

Michael Dinsdale,
Chairperson of the Parish Council

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Annual Financial Report 2020/21

Payments	Actual 2019/20	Actual 2020/22	Budget & C/Fwd Res 2021/22
General Admin			
Employment Expenses	£7,752.66	£8,670.32	£8,500.00
Admin Expenses	£1,460.04	£954.81	£1,250.00
Audit	£287.00	£296.25	£300.00
Newsletter & Website	£1,095.92	£1,586.86	£1,350.00
Training	£27.00	£30.00	£300.00
Insurance	£791.07	£853.88	£875.00
Meeting Room Hire	£160.00		£120.00
Subscriptions	£438.13	£501.40	£525.00
Parish Maintenance			
Street Lighting	£884.09	£704.80	£1,250.00
Grounds Maintenance	£1,975.00	£1,962.00	£2,615.00
Stocks Lane Car Park		£31.04	£1,168.96
Repairs/Maintenance		£50.00	£500.00
Other			
Elections			
Churchyards			
Parish Plan	£2,589.80	£225.00	£6,905.00
Grants	£1,350.00	£600.00	£8,750.00
Neighbourhood Funds	£4,633.00	£4,177.02	£3,474.51
Vehicle Activated Signs	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	
OG35 Book	£974.63		
Defibrillator	£8,199.00	£570.00	£570.00
General Power of Competence		£37.00	£100.00
Total Excl. VAT	£32,617.34	£26,250.38	£39,483.47
VAT	£1,754.38	£2,423.90	£800.00
Total Incl. VAT	£34,371.72	£28,674.28	£40,283.47

Receipts	Actual 2019/20	Actual 2020/21	Budget 2020/21
Precept	£21,500.00	£23,500.00	£23,627.00
Interest	£269.42	£202.62	£180.00
VAT Refund	£1,817.73	£1,754.38	£2,686.46
Neighbourhood Funds	£12,284.53		
Clothes Bank	£24.16	£34.01	£5.00
OG35 Book	£780.00		
Lottery /PCC West Mercia Grant	£8,445.00	£5,000.00	
Sub Total	£45,120.84	£30,491.01	£26,498.46
Transfer from/to Reserves	£10,749.12	£1,816.73	£13,785.01
Total	£34,371.72	£28,674.28	£40,283.47

Balances as at 31 March 2021

Reconciled Bank Balances

Current Account	£2,520.59
Deposit Account	£21,010.29
Net Assets	£23,530.88

Represented by Reserves

Balance as at 1 April 2020	£21,714.15
Less excess receipts over payments	£1,816.73
Balance as at 31 March 2020	£23,530.88

Reserves Breakdown as at 31 March 2021

Earmarked Reserves

P3/Walking Leaflets	£200.00
Sports Court	£500.00
Elections	£200.00
Stocks Lane Car Park	£868.96
Neighbourhood Funds	£3,474.51
Community Actions	£3,705.00
Community Grants	£4,750.00
	£13,698.47
Contingency Reserves	£9,832.41
	£23,530.88