



Annual Parish Council Report May 2021 to April 2022

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.

I come to the completion of my first year as chairperson of Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council. A year not without its highlights and challenges, if I may briefly summarise as follow.

The municipal year started with elections across Shropshire for Shropshire Council, local town and parish councils and the Police and Crime Commissioner. These happen every 4 years and is an opportunity to review the make-up of councils. All existing Councillors put themselves forward for another 4 years except Sarah Jeffries due to other commitments. Thank you is not enough to express the Parish Council's gratitude for Sarah's contribution to the community over many years.

As the Council began the new term, the country was in covid restrictions, but the government decided local councils could no longer meet virtually so we returned to meeting face mask to face mask at the Parish Hall. We also began to recruit for the vacancy on the Council though it would be September before we could co-opt and welcome Councillor Kathryn Holland.

Council business has been carried out in accordance with standing orders and procedures. We have made progress in many areas set out in the Council's business plan, including roads, potholes, and traffic calming measures. Included at the end of this report is a reminder about FixMyStreet, the easiest way to report highways issues. Maintenance to local infrastructure included our bus shelter, street lighting, and the school car park. The Council also lobbied Shropshire Council regarding rural broadband though we still have some way to go before the project which covers our Parish is complete.

As usual local development was considered at nearly every meeting and we have had to deal with some difficult situations. Some beyond our authority as a council, yet we have made significant efforts on the parishes behalf and trust satisfactory resolutions will be achieved in due course.

In November 2021 storm Arwen caused significant damage to trees and some property. Although the main impact was an extended power cut that affected most of the parish, residents and councillors demonstrated true community spirit and

were able to provide support for fellow parishioners. Once again I thank the volunteers on behalf of the Parish Council. Our neighbours in Ellesmere were also generous in their support for which we are grateful.

As we plan for the next year, we have several new topics to consider and have set up working groups to investigate and manage them. We are reviewing our emergency plan considering the storm damage suffered. The subject of sustainability is becoming increasingly important, and we have a group working on Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity.

Throughout the last year the Council have taken many opportunities to meet with other similar organisations to develop our skills and experience, including local government, sustainability awareness and action, Police and Crime Commissioner's work and Shropshire Councils Northern Planning Committee and others.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all my colleagues on the Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council for their service during 2021/22 and a special thank you to our Parish Clerk.

Michael Dinsdale,
Chairperson
Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

FixMyStreet

Wanting a new, easy way to report highways problems? There is a new way called 'FixMyStreet'. FixMyStreet is an independent website, built by the charity mySociety. They wanted to make it easier to report problems in the community, even if you don't know who those reports should go to.

Take a look:

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

and if you see something not right, report it!

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Annual Financial Report 2021/22

Payments	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2021/22	Budget & C/Fwd Res 2022/23
General Admin			
Employment Expenses	£8,670.32	£8,151.98	£8,500.00
Admin Expenses	£954.81	£1,226.47	£1,250.00
Audit	£296.25	£296.25	£300.00
Newsletter & Website	£1,586.86	£737.45	£1,600.00
Training	£30.00	£270.00	£300.00
Insurance	£853.88	£955.12	£1,000.00
Meeting Room Hire		£145.00	£360.00
Subscriptions	£501.40	£512.83	£550.00
Parish Maintenance			
Street Lighting	£704.80	£1,049.44	£9,225.00
Grounds Maintenance	£1,962.00	£2,375.00	£2,855.00
Stocks Lane Car Park	£31.04	£431.06	£1,300.00
Repairs/Maintenance	£50.00	£680.00	£500.00
Other			
Elections			
Lyneal Signs			£1,605.00
Parish Plan	£225.00	£285.55	£6,500.00
Grants	£600.00	£1,350.00	£1,775.00
Neighbourhood Funds	£4,177.02	£1,400.00	£2,074.51
Vehicle Activated Signs	£5,000.00		
Jubilee Celebrations			£1000.00
Defibrillator	£570.00	£570.00	£570.00
General Power of Competence	£37.00	£91.23	£100.00
Total Excl. VAT	£26,250.38	£20,547.38	£41,364.51
VAT	£2,423.90	£804.61	£800.00
Total Incl. VAT	£28,674.28	£21,351.99	£42,164.51

Receipts	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2021/22	Budget 2022/23
Precept	£23,500.00	£23,627.00	£24,047.00
Interest	£202.62	£99.39	£50.00
VAT Refund	£1,754.38	£2,423.90	£800.00
Neighbourhood Funds			
Clothes Bank	£34.01	£71.07	£36.00
OG35 Book		£12.50	
Lottery /PCC West Mercia Grant	£5,000.00		
Sub Total	£30,491.01	£26,233.86	£24,933.00
Transfer from/to Reserves	-£1,816.73	-£4,881.87	£17,231.51
Total	£28,674.28	£21,351.99	£42,164.51

Balances as at 31 March 2022

Reconciled Bank Balances

Current Account	£303.07
Deposit Account	<u>£28,109.68</u>
Net Assets	<u>£28,412.75</u>

Represented by Reserves

Balance as at 1 April 2021	£23,530.88
Less excess receipts over payments	<u>£4,881.87</u>
Balance as at 31 March 2022	<u>£28,412.75</u>

Reserves Breakdown as at 31 March 2022

Earmarked Reserves

P3/Walking Leaflets	£200.00
Sports Court	£500.00
Elections	£200.00
Stocks Lane Car Park	£1,000.00
Neighbourhood Funds	£2,074.51
Community Actions	£7,605.00
Community Grants	<u>£7,000.00</u>
	£18,579.51
<i>Contingency Reserves</i>	<u>£9,833.24</u>
	<u>£28,412.75</u>