



Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Leadership in Planning for the Future of the Community

The Parish Council has a current Parish Plan having published its original plan in 2008 and formally reviewed it in 2015. A copy is available on the Parish Council's website. The Council's Business Plan builds on the Parish Plan 2015 and includes the on-going requirements for maintenance of Parish infrastructure and assets.

The Parish Council actively engaged in consultation with the community when Shropshire Council produced its SAMDev LDP. Future development was discussed at the Annual Parish Meetings in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014. Parish Meetings relating to specific planning applications were held in 2011 and 2014. Following Shropshire Council Review of the Local Plan in 2017 a Parish Meeting was held in December 2017 which included debate on the provision of a local sewer. The Parish Council has resolved to become 'Countryside' for the next Local Plan period as opposed to its current status of 'Community Cluster'. The Parish was subject to speculative planning applications during the period of a lack of a 5 Year Land Supply and the Local Plan carried limited weight. A period of stability is now sought by the Parish.

Due to the decision to become 'Countryside' the Parish Council is not seeking to produce a Neighbourhood Plan in the foreseeable future. Although, the Council acknowledges the advantages and benefits of such a Plan, it is considered more relevant when development is expected.

The Parish is within the Meres and Mosses NIA. The Parish Council attended the conference that launched a portfolio of planning advice sheets focussed on key issues for the project area; Water, Air, Biodiversity and Access. These sheets link key issues of the National Planning Policy framework (NPPF) and local planning guidelines in a way that was accessible to people working at Parish Council level, who regularly comment on local planning. The advice sheets are available on the Parish Council's website for the benefit of residents who also comment on planning applications.

<https://www.welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk/planning-in-the-parish/>

The Parish has one of the major quarry sites in the Parish, Tudor Griffiths Group at Wood Lane. With Colemere (SSSI and RAMSAR) close to the site further development of the quarry was of particular interest to the Council and residents. The Group attended a Parish Meeting to explain the proposal and the Council commissioned its own report of the environmental issues.

The Parish Council responds to all planning applications in the Parish and encourages local residents and businesses to attend Council meetings when their planning applications are to be considered. There can be issues, especially if objections have already been raised, and to hear explanations from the applicants allows the Council to consider all material considerations.

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However, the Council cannot always support the proposals put before it. If applications are referred to Shropshire Council Planning Committee, the Council always attends and explains the basis for the objection.

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