

Leebotwood & Longnor

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 11th May 2026

Starting at 7.00pm

1. Chairmans Welcome. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. Present . Councillors R Reynold, R Lawrence ,A Holt, E Williams,O Williams P Pardoe Shropshire Councillor C Naylor, and one member of the Public. Alos present L Pardoe clerk to the council. Apologies were received from Councillors N Medicott and S Willocks.
3. Acceptance of Minutes from 2025 meeting, These were agreed and signed off
4. Chairmans Report. See attached report.
5. Financial Report. See attached report
6. Report from Shropshire Councillor. There were two main points. A new CEO has been appointed with a background in Social Care . The Head of Finance has also left the Council. The Council has tried to deliver within their budget but has failed to deliver, however the Government has not sent in the Commissioners.
He has tried to facilitate closer relationships with Highways England although they have no money for a crossing in Leebotwood.
7. Report from Village Hall representatives

- a. Leebotwood

2025 finished with an extremely successful Christmas Fayre organised by parishioner Margaret Wilson. This followed on from the sold-out quiz night in October that raised funds to help fill the LPG gas tank and effectively kept the heating on for groups over the winter. With support from central government, Shropshire Council and the Marches Energy Agency, the village hall hosted two well attended warm welcome mornings for local parishioners during January and February, offering a warm venue with free hot drinks and snacks for all. The hall is being used extensively by local groups such as art, yoga, young farmers, parties, business meetings, etc. and the committee have decided to invest in the facilities, with a full redecoration program currently underway, both inside and out. Finally, after an energy efficiency survey by the Marches Energy Agency, we have identified that we can significantly improve our environmental performance with the installation of photovoltaic solar panels on the roof. We are now looking for grant

funding to help with the quoted £10,000 cost, and welcome any grant or sponsorship support.

b. Longnor.

During the last year the village socials have been very successful and these funds are used to cover the running costs of the village hall. The hall has received a grant from the Parish Council to replace the windows which were in a terrible state.

There is a new chairman of the Committee after Rose Aston stepped down after a very successful run as the Chairman. The new chairman is a relative newcomer to the village which is heartening to see. There are many new faces appearing at the socials as more new people in the village are becoming aware of them and joining in.

8. Public session. Rebecca Hill thanked the members of the Parish Council for their support in trying to get a road crossing in Leebotwood over the A49.
- 10 Date and time of next years meeting Monday 10th May 2027
- 11 There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm