

LITTLE WENLOCK'S GRAND DAY OUT

SATURDAY 13TH JULY

12 Midday to 5.00 p.m.

On the Playing Field

Village Hall if wet.

Proposed Events to include:
King of the Wrekin Tug of War

Games and Sports

Scavenger Hunt

Craft & Community Stalls

Radio Demonstration

Hog Roast

Entertainment

Plus lots more!!

LITTLE WENLOCK PARISH COUNCIL



Spring 2019

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Open Meeting/ Parish Meeting

Will be held on

Monday 15th April 2018

7.30pm

Little Wenlock Village Hall

All residents are invited to attend.

Come along to find out who is seeking election to the

Parish Council

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman
2. Chairman's Annual Report
3. Parish Accounts for 2018/2019
4. West Mercia Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (subject to availability)
5. To report on issues raised at the Parish Open Meeting on 23rd April 2018
6. Question Time: Questions from the floor to the Parish Council.
7. Elections May 2019
8. Closing remarks

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS

If you wish to enquire about anything in the Parish or raise an issue at a future meeting, please contact the clerk Jayne Madeley clerklwpc@gmail.com or 01746 785175

John Marcham (Chair)	505734	Sheila Hutchison	505181 (Vice Chair)
Ray Drakeley	503184	Juliet Esp	503800
Howard Betts	505537		

Please note the parish councillors cease being in office on 7th May 2019 when the new parish councillors will take office. The littlewenlock.org will be updated as soon as possible.

All parishioners are welcome to sit in on Parish Council meetings which take place in the Village Hall, usually at 7.30 pm on the second Monday of each month except August. There is a regular agenda item at the start of each meeting when members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda.

The date and agenda for the next meeting are always placed on the parish notice boards in the bus shelters at Little Wenlock and at New Works the week prior to the meeting. Minutes, once approved, are on the notice boards and on the community website. Parish Email—clerklwpc@gmail.com

Chair's Report

The Parish Council welcomed one new Parish Councillor during the current parish council year. Councillor Howard Betts. He was co opted to replace Jayne Davidson.

At the election in May this year two long serving members of the Parish Council will not be standing for re-election. Sheila Hutchison and Juliet Esp have both served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Parish Council. Sheila's forte has been rights of way; Juliet has fought for safer roads and better parking at the Forest Glen.

The new street lights project in Little Wenlock was completed in 2018. Not only are the lights brighter but the running cost are greatly reduced. The Parish Council was presented with a certificate from The Shropshire Association of Local Councils in recognition of the quality of the project.

Other minor projects have also taken place. Both bus shelters have been tidied up and the ivy on the one in Little Wenlock removed. The notice boards have been re-furbished and leaflet dispensers installed. The War Memorial has had another good clean. The Parish Council has replaced the rotting bench at New Works on the Trundle route with a new bench. Work that needs to be done to maintain the extensive rights of way has been brought to the attention of T&W and as a result some improvements have been made. The finger post at Little Worth had one directional finger broken and this has been repaired/replaced. As it was cast iron the repair was expensive and was done by the same firm who have been working on the restoration of the Iron Bridge.

This year the Parish Council has put together a "Welcome Pack" for anyone moving into the Parish. It consists of the latest parish information sheet, the Bench Walk Guide, various other walking and cycling guides, guides to Much Wenlock, Wellington, Telford Centre and Shrewsbury. There are also business cards from a few local and reliable trades people. If a house near to you is sold please let the Parish Council know when the new residents move in so that a pack can be delivered.

Some years ago Lance Smith who lived in Little Wenlock surveyed the Spread Eagle pit mounds which are by the road from Little Worth to the Coalbrookdale Road. His full survey was published in part one of "The Industrial Heritage of the Rural Parishes Around the Wrekin" by the Industrial Heritage Research Group 2008 which was coordinated by Neil Clarke. For some time it has been proposed that they be listed by English Heritage. The land owner has given their permission for this to be done with the caveat that the site is not accessible by the general public as animals are kept in the field. An application for them to be listed is being made by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council tries to spend the precept raised by the rates fairly and wisely. Obviously there are "running costs" such as The Clerk's salary, the electricity cost for street lighting, the newsletter, repairs and maintenance of the property owned by the Parish Council etc. Parish Councillors do not claim any allowances.

The "Silent Soldiers", one of which was placed in the churchyard and the other at the bus shelter in New Works, were funded by the Parish Council. The Parish Council has agreed to make a contribution of £2000 towards the battery backup scheme at the village hall should it go ahead. A grant was made towards "Crucial Crew" which gives children in Year 6 at Primary School training in safety awareness. At the Forest Glen the Parish Council has offered a substantial sum to T&W towards the installation of a 30 mph speed limit. £500 was also contributed towards the work one by Shropshire Wildlife Trust for improvements to the car park which included a new drainage system, an improvement to the entrance and a better surface.

A grant was made to the Samaritans, £400 towards the upkeep of the church yard, purchase of the village Christmas Tree and payment for repairs to the outdoor gym on the playing field and for the grass to be cut.

The Parish Council was delighted to welcome T&W Councillor Raj Mehta, Mayor of T&W, to one of our meetings along with his wife. He also attended a Lunch Club meal and opened the Christmas Fair.

Idverde will be taking over grounds maintenance and street cleaning in April. It was proposed that only streets with kerbs would be swept but after a "discussion" with LWPC and both T&W and Idverde it was agreed that where possible rural roads would also be swept. We can also hope that any overflowing litter bins will be emptied within 4 hours of notification and that fly tipping will be cleared within 2 working days. The parish will be under a dedicated neighbourhood supervisor. At the same time T&W will be making a £100,000 investment into improving public footpaths and bridleways. LWPC will be keeping a close eye on both of these developments.

The services of a dog warden ceases on 31st March. We do not know if T&W will still supply doggy poo bags. If it does not them LWPC will buy them for use in the parish.

During the last 12 months LWPC has dealt with some major planning applications. It has supported the establishment of an equestrian centre on the site of the location of the UK Coal Offices just off Dog in the Lane. A number of conditions were requested including that traffic accesses it via Dog in the Lane, that no further development takes place on the site and that at some future date if they are no longer in use the buildings be demolished. LWPC supported the application for a new dairy unit at Lydebrook Farm. It did however recommend that access to the new site be from Dog in the Lane and also expressed concern about pollution to the Lydebrook from slurry. LWPC did not oppose Veolia's request to extend the use of the bulking-up facility at their site at Dog in the Lane but did make it clear that it should cease when the new application expires.

Finally I would like to thank T&W Councillor Jacqui Seymour for attending our meetings and keeping us up to dated on proposed developments and issues and also for representing LWPC at T&W Council. Our Clerk, Jayne Madeley, works untiringly on our behalf. Without her expert advice and guidance we would not achieve all that we have. Jayne always seems to know someone who can fix things for us! Thanks Jayne.

John F. Marcham Chairman Little Wenlock Parish Council.

Village Hall and Playing Fields report and information.

2018 Achievements

Events organised by the committee have included a 'Burn's Night Celebration', a quiz night, selling teas at a local garden opened for the National Garden Scheme and a theatre production (in conjunction with Arts Alive). The production 'George Egg D.I.Y Chef' was very popular. Additionally, a Christmas Fair was held and Flicks in The Sticks shown seven times during the year. Audience numbers for Flicks ranged between 44 and 18. 'Finding Your Feet' was the most popular film.

The Village Hall Facebook Page is a useful tool for advertising events.

Having Solar Panels on the roof continues to be a financial benefit, this year EDF has paid £2,043 for the energy. A sub committee led by Howards Betts have worked hard to gain a grant to help pay for a battery system to store the power generated by the existing roof mounted solar panels. The application to Garfield Weston for a grant was unsuccessful. The Parish Council has agreed to put £2,000.00 towards the project. The sub committee intend to approach other funders.

Two donations were received, one from the estate of of the late Jim Roberts. The second was from money raised by 'The Huntsman' at a golf day. The 'Jim Roberts' donation will be used towards the battery storage system.

The Committee decided to keep the paper collection point even though the financial return is much lower this year.

White lines on the car park were re-done. Markings were put on the end of the lane leading from the playing field where the lane meets the road through the village. Also a lockable barrier was installed in the playing field lane to prevent cars going on the playing field. The barrier was provided by Mick Barber – thank you.

Tennis court fencing has been repaired. New tension wires were installed but the work has not been completed.

A big thank you to everyone who works so hard to maintain and run our much admired Village Hall and Playing Field.