

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th June 2004 in the Selattyn CE Primary School, Selattyn commencing at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Councillor D G Lloyd MBE

Present: - Councillors: - R Bowyer, Mrs S Crow, Mrs A Evans, T Kirk, D Lloyd MBE, J Manetti; D Meredith-Jones; Mrs E Morgan, NJ Stokes, J T Thorpe, and S Westwood-Bate.

Others: - None

1) Public Participation

None present.

2) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: PE Coombes (holiday), Councillor I Bennett (family celebration). Mrs J Norwood (work commitments); and RT Jones (other engagement)

3) Declaration of Interest

Councillor D G Lloyd declared an interest in all planning matters owing to his position on the Borough Council Planning Committee and reserved his right to change his opinion on any planning matter once he had heard further information.

4) To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2004

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2004 were, following amendment, approved and signed.

The Chairman took the opportunity of thanking the retiring Chairman, Councillor Stokes for his sterling chairmanship and proposed the following resolution “That we place on record the contribution of Cllr Nick Stokes, who during his two years as Chairman oversaw the appointment of the new Clerk and the Council’s progress towards achieving Quality Parish Council Status” This was unanimously agreed.

The Chairman also welcomed back to the Council meeting Councillor Mrs Crow following her recent medical operation.

5) Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) A progress report was issued and considered. Following consideration it was agreed to record the Council’s thanks to Councillor RT Jones for his work in fixing the litter bins in place.
- b) Street Lighting
 - i) A letter from V&W Ltd., concerning the siting of lighting column in Selattyn Village. It was agreed that they be requested to obtain, without delay, an estimate from ARRIVA for the installation of a light as indicated on the plans.

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- ii) A letter from V&W Ltd., concerning the siting of lighting column in Old Chirk Road, Gobowen. It was agreed to accept an estimate of £1900.65 plus VAT for the full installation of a light column.
- iii) The Chairman commented on the very successful Parish Walk, which had taken place on 28th May 2004. Members commented on the event and it was agreed to write and thank the publicans of the Cross Keys Public House for their efforts on the occasion.

6) Police Report

As PC Simon Clarke was not present this matter was deferred.

7) County Councillor's Report

As Councillor DJ Lloyd was not present this matter was deferred.

8) Borough Councillor's Report

The Chairman reported on the excellent performance of the Council's Development Services Unit which had secured additional funding that was double that of the previous year and that OBC and the four other Shropshire District Councils have been collectively awarded £171,300 funding from the government's Capacity Building Programme Grant.

9) Planning Applications

A report of the decisions of the Planning Emergency Committee held on 4th June 2004 were circulated and accepted as follows:

- a) 13236/Full Agricultural concrete panel wall incorporating feed shelters
 (in retrospect)
 Land opposite TY Coch, Pant Glass

Comments: The erection of the wall and feeder shelters are too obtrusive for the surrounding area and whilst planting has been carried out to provide screening this is no substitute for the original stonewalling. The original design of the wall included shelters and this should have been detailed in the original application for the buildings.

- b) 13239/Full Extension to dwelling
 6 Meadow Drive
 Gobowen

 No objection
- c) 13252/Full Extension to dwelling
 Thornbury, Whittington Road
 Gobowen.

 No objection

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- c) 13226/Full Conversion of redundant cattle tie to additional living space, alterations, conversion and refurbishment of existing farm house and extensions to form entrance porch, garden room, increased living accommodation and rear porch with associated works.

Underhill Farm, Racecourse Road, Oswestry

No objection

- d) 13262/Full Continued use of Barn and conversion of adjacent Barn to form one dwelling
Ebnal Hall
Rhosygdafa

Comments: No objection, however, there are concerns as to the roofline and the drawings do not assist Members with their observations.

- e) 13261/Full Extension and conversion of building into dwelling
Ty Chwarel
Pant Glass

Comments: The size of the extension is inappropriate for the building

10) Parish Matters

a) Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

Members briefly commented on the schemes, however, in the absence of a report from the Police on the neighbourhood watch function in the Parish, it was agreed that it be deferred to the next meeting

b) St. Mary's Cemetery, Selattyn

In view of the fact that the legal advice had not yet been received this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

c) Alcohol Free Zones

Members briefly discussed this matter and the Clerk explained that the Borough Council had given a commitment to hold a meeting with all interested Parishes after the summer trial period of the current areas. It was agreed to await the meeting with the Borough Council.

d) Policing in Gobowen

The Clerk and Councillor Westwood-Bate reported on developments following the appointment of a new Chief Superintendent to the Police Division and his intention to hold a meeting with Parishes concerning village policing. Members discussed this matter and agreed to request from the Police records of Police time spent in the villages of the Parish and that the Chief Superintendent meet with Chairman and Clerks of the Parish as soon as possible to discuss Village Policing

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e) Road Signage

Councillor Manetti showed Members photographs of village signs, which had been erected in an adjoining area and had been designed by school children. Members considered the matter and agreed to request junior schools in the Parish to design suitable village signs, which could be erected on the entrance roads into each village.

f) Play Facilities – Selattyn

Councillor Kirk welcomed the Council to its meeting in the Selattyn Junior School and reported on the continuing problem of the lack of play facilities for youngsters within the village. He proposed that the Council support the construction of a Village Parking Scheme whereby the Council would finance a site survey and the preparation of survey plans at a cost of approximately £226 to enable the project to proceed. Members considered this and agreed to the funding of the site survey and the preparation of the plans at estimated costs of £226.

g) Member's Reports

- i) Councillor Boyer reported the poor condition of the Parish 'MileStones' and suggested that the County Council be requested to clear and repaint them. This was agreed.
- ii) Councillor Thorpe reported that the top of the Beacon crossing light was missing. It was agreed that this be reported to the County Council. He further reported on a stray peacock, which had taken up residence on the estate. Members discussed this matter but as it had been reported to the RSPCA it was felt that little more could be done by the Council.
- iii) Councillor Kirk reported that he and his sons had repaired a viewing seat on Selattyn Hill. Members thanked them for their efforts.
- iv) Councillor Meredith-Jones reported that he had received complaints about litter around the SILO building from local food outlets and that this was causing a rodent problem. It was agreed to report this matter to the Borough Council and request it to take the necessary action in ensuring that the Neighbours Store secure all waste storage containers. Additionally, that the Council inform the Parish Council of any conditions which could enforce food outlets to clear any dumped rubbish.
- v) Councillor Manetti raised the condition of the grassed area of Rowan Place. The Clerk explained that the Borough Council was aware of the situation as the development had not yet been 'adopted' and it was working with the developers to resolve the matter.
- vi) Councillor Westwood-Bate raised the problem of hedges on the Gobowen Road, which had already been reported, the white lining vehicle which had returned and the noise problem which had reported to the old Griffith Tool Building. It was agreed that the Clerk should try and resolve these matters.

11) Health & Fitness Centre

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- a) The Clerk reported that legal advice was still awaited from NALC. It was agreed to include this matter in the agenda of the next meeting.
- b) Following consideration it was agreed to select all of the Members of the Pavilion and Playing Field as representatives of the Council on the Health & Fitness Steering Committee.

12) Financial Matters

- a) Outstanding Payments for Agreement

	£
2243 V&W Electrics Ltd. Repair to light	42.30
2149 Sodexo – Playing Field Maintenance	355.06
2244 Zurich Municipal – Training Event	70.50
2245 Shropshire County Council- Street Lighting Energy Costs (1 st Qtr.)	479.58
2246 Oswestry Borough Council- Remuneration Panel Fee	27.28
2247 Oswestry Borough Council – Trade Refuse Charge (Hengoed Cemetery)	42.77
2248 Shropshire Union Canal Society- Membership Fee	25.00
2249 BT Telephone Charges (1 st Quarter)	100.69
2250 PC Fabrications – Deposit for Work (Meadow Way)	1290.00
2251 Tim Kirk – Project Expenses – Timber seat	20.00
2252 John Manetti – Project Expenses – Drawing materials for Cemetery	50.00
2253 Mrs Erica Morgan – Travel to Emergency Planning Briefing	17.47
2254 Daren Brewer	
- Hengoed Cemetery	135.00
- Selattyn	41.66
	176.66
2150 Clerk - Mileage Claim for May2004	88.37
2151 Clerk – Miscellaneous Expenses (1 st Quarter)	166.27
2152 Mrs Hodge – June salary	115.74
2153 Clerk – June salary	504.56
2154 Inland Revenue – Payment for 1st Quarter	663.32
Total payments for June 2004	4235.57

- b. **Income since the last meeting** £

Hengoed Cemetery 264.00

Total income for May 2004 **264.00**

- c) Internal Auditor's Report 2003/4

Members considered the report and welcomed the comments of the Internal Auditor.

- d) Annual Financial Return for the year 2003/4

The Clerk as RFO detailed the Return to Members and it was then agreed that it be accepted and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

13) Correspondence

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a) Matters requiring attention

<i>Description</i>	<i>Agreed Action</i>
i) Borough of Telford & Wrekin – Annual Passenger Transport Conference	None attendance
ii) The Boundary Commission – Final Recommendations Issued	Noted
iii) SALC – Declarations of interest advice	Circulated to Members
iv) V& W Electrics – Quotation for Old Chirk Road Light (£1,900.65)	Agreed
v) GT Maintenance – Various quotations for work at Playing Field	To P& P F Cttee.
vi) Gobowen Youth Football Club – Request to use Playing Field	Agreed
<p>Members discussed a resolution passed at the Annual Parish meeting regarding the use of the Pavilion Car park and agreed that the Gobowen Football Club is allowed free use of the Car park during activities on the field provided that the gateway was safely locked.</p>	
vii) Preeshenlle Reform Church – General Appeal re: Flower Festival	Received
viii) Drug Action Team – Questionnaire	Clerk to complete
ix) Health & Safety Executive- Safety of Memorials in Cemeteries	To Cemeteries
	Cttee.

b) Matters for Information

<i>Description</i>	<i>Agreed Action</i>
i) Oswestry Borough Council –Collection of used Needles	Information
ii) Oswestry Borough Council – Licence re: Orthopaedic Hospital	Information
iii) Street naming – Trinity Works site.	Received and Noted
iv) Oswestry Borough Council - Planning Permits (3)	Received and noted
- Field No 1244, Selattyn	
- Cranfield, By-Pass Road, Gobowen	
- Lion Quays, A5 Geldrid	
v) The Countryside Commission – Provisional Map re: Rights of Way	Information
vi) Racecourse Management Cttee. – Minutes	Received
vii) Environment Agency – Focus publication	Circulated
viii) SPFAC – The Playing Field publication	Circulate to
Members	
ix) Shropshire County Council – Public Transport News	Circulate to Members
x) CPRE – Newsletters	Circulate to
Members	
xi) Halliwell Landua – Licence Application for Lion Quays	Information
xii) Marie Curie Cancer Care – Newsletter	Information

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xiii) St Dunstan's D Day Issue

Information

xiv) Shrewsbury-Chester Rail Users Association- Agenda

Information

14) Date and time of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 14th July 2004

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