

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th November 2004 in the Pavilion, St Martins Road, Gobowen commencing at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Councillor D G Lloyd MBE

Present: - Councillors: - E Bennett, R Bowyer, Mrs S Crow, Mrs P A Evans, S Jones, R T Jones, T Kirk, D Lloyd MBE, J Manetti, D Meredith-Jones, Mrs E Morgan and J T Thorpe.

Others: - PC S Clarke

1) Public Participation

25 members of the public were in attendance and their spokesman addressed the meeting with their objections to the erection of the 'Gossip Shelter' on the playing field.

Three other attendees addressed various associated issues including the continued late night and early morning disturbances; damage to property from air gun pellets and the use of monies to provide improved play equipment.

The Chairman thanked those who had attended the recent Public Meeting and also thanked the remaining parishioners for their attendance at this meeting.

2) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: N J Stokes (working) and S Westwood-Bate (representing the Council at another meeting)

3) Declaration of Interest

Councillor S Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest on items 13 (a&c), in view of the location of his residential address.

Councillor R Bowyer declared a personal interest on item 14, in view of the fact that he is a member of the British Legion.

4) To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th October 2004

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2004 were approved and signed.

5) Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) A progress report was issued and considered. It was agreed that:

- i) Appropriate wire netting be erected around the newly planted shrubs on the Meadow Way community area.
- ii) An urgent letter be sent to AREVA concerning the estimate for the proposed light in Selattyn Village.

6) Filling of Casual Vacancy

The Chairman reported that some of the applications received included confidential personal information and in view of that he asked Members to agree that the matter be dealt with in 'private' at the end of the meeting. This was agreed.

7) Police Report

PC Clarke reported on recent crime in the Parish area including damage to fencing, theft from vehicles, garden furniture theft, and an accident in Selattyn Village.

Members raised a number of matters were raised with the constable including, a call out to a property in Fernhill Lane, skateboarding nuisance in the village centre and car parking problem on Old Whittington Road. PC Clarke gave an undertaking to investigate these matters.

The Chairman thanked PC Clarke for his attendance.

8) County Councillor's Report

The Chairman reported that Councillor DJ Lloyd was absent owing to his daughters illness.

9) Borough Councillor's Report

Councillor Lloyd reported that there was nothing of note to report.

10) Planning Applications

The following application was considered in detail and the recommendations were as follows:

13481/FULL 'Springfield', Old Chirk Road, Gobowen.
Proposed Garage, Store and extension to existing driveway.

No Objection.

11) Report of the NALC Annual Conference –2004

The Chairman circulated a written report and spoke of the valuable experience of attending the Conference and of the opportunity to network with fellow Councillors and listen to keynote speeches from Front Bench Spokespersons

The Clerk spoke briefly of the information 'gleaned' from his attendance and the announcement made at the Conference regarding the Quality Parish Council Investment Fund.

12) Quality Parish Council Investment Fund

The Clerk detailed the funding arrangements and it was agreed to prepare a submission for the 'Improved Access to the Pavilion'.

13) Parish Matters

a) Boundary Wall Inspection Report

Councillor S Jones had declared a personal interest in this matter, due to the location of his residence.

A report was circulated detailing Shropshire County Council Structural Engineer's findings. This states that the wall was in 'very good condition' and that there was no objection to the Council's proposal to erect a boundary fence in the adjoining verge way. He gave further written advice as to the removal of shrubs and conifer trees. The report was received and noted.

b) Disability Discrimination Act 1995 – Access Audit

The Clerk advised that the report from the consultants had been received earlier that day and it was agreed that it should be referred to the Executive Committee for a full report at the next meeting. It was agreed that Councillor S Jones be in attendance to give advice on this matter.

c) Gossip Shelter Proposal

The Chairman reported on the Public Consultation Meeting. Members considered the proposal at length and it was agreed that:

- i) The matter should be deferred to a future meeting.
- ii) The possibility of a different site be investigated.
- iii) The youths of the village should be consulted on the Shelter.
- iv) The Council demonstrate that it understands local concerns regarding anti social behaviour and implement measures to help eliminate the present problems.

The members of the public present left the meeting

d) Joint Training Event for Members.

The Clerk reported on the final arrangements for the training event on 22nd November 2004 and eight Members indicated their willingness to attend.

e) Web Site Information.

The Clerk requested Members to return to him their completed information sheets for inclusion in the web site.

f) Members' Reports

- i) Councillor Manetti reported an incident involving an ARRIVA bus driver using the unofficial

bus stop outside the Post Office. It was agreed to raise this matter with the County Transport Department.

- ii) Councillor Meredith-Jones raised the development of the Old Whittington Road junction and the problems associated with access to one property. It was agreed to refer this matter to the County Council Transport Department.
- iii) Councillor Bennett raised again the situation of a planning application which apparently had not been referred to the Parish Council for consultation. It was agreed to urgently raise this matter with the Planning Department.
- iv) Councillor S Jones raised the continued problem of parking on Fernhill Lane. Members discussed the situation and agreed at this stage that there was little further the Council could do to alleviate the problem other than ask the Police to be aware of parking at and around the road junction on the lane.
- v) Councillor Kirk reported to the meeting on the fund raising efforts for the Selattyn Cemetery, the car park project and referred to the ‘ falling roles’ situation at the local school.
- vi) Councillor Mrs Crow raised the issue of reporting criminal incidents. It was agreed to place an article in the ‘Roundabout’ and the ‘Village Green’ requesting parishioners to pass on their crime reference numbers to the Council for reference and follow up.
- vii) Councillor Mrs S Crow raised the incidence of the flooding of the level crossing recently. Members briefly discussed this and agreed to raise the matter with the appropriate authorities.
- viii) Councillor Bowyer informed the meeting of the Swimming Club facilities at the Rhyn Park School.

14) Financial Matters

a) Outstanding payments for agreement

			£	£ VAT
2149	British Legion	Poppy Donation	50.00	Nil
2150V& W	Electrics Ltd	Lighting Repairs & Contract	676.89	100.82
2151V & W	Electrics Ltd	Fox’s Field Lighting Switch	300.08	44.80
2152	Sodexo Ltd	Playing Field Maintenance	355.06	52.88
2153	SCC	Joint Energy Charge	479.57	Nil
2154	SRUA	Membership Subscription	10.00	Nil
2155	Shropshire Turf	Turf for Hengoed Cemetery	93.60	3.60
2156	Meridian Consult	DDA Access Audit	293.75	43.75
2157	G T Maintenance	Erect Cemetery Noticeboard	75.00	Nil
2158	Daren Brewer			
		- Hengoed Cemetery	135.00	
		- Selattyn	41.66	
		- Meadow Way	300.00	
		- Pruning of Trees	25.00	Nil
2290	Clerk	- Mileage Claim for October 2004	81.50.	Nil
2159	Mrs Hodge	- November Salary	118.59	Nil
2160	Clerk	- November Salary	529.51	Nil
DD	Natwest	- Secure Storage rent	15.00	2.24

Total payments for July 2004**£3,580.21****b) Income since the last meeting****£**

SILO – refreshments

7.61

Total income since last meeting**7.61****c) Appointment of Internal Auditor**

Members considered the re-appointment of the Internal Auditor and agreed to offer the re-appointment to Mr Bernard Townson on terms to be agreed at the next meeting.

15) Correspondence

At this stage Councillor R Jones moved the suspension of Standing Orders so that the meeting could reconsider the Council's decision concerning the erection of a Boundary Fence. This was seconded and following a show of hands the move to suspend Standing Orders was defeated.

a) Matters Requiring attention

<i>Description</i>	<i>Agreed Action</i>
i) ODPM - New Ethical Framework Regulation	Received and noted
ii) Shrewsbury & Atcham BC- Acknowledgement of Council's response	Received and noted
iii) Oswestry Borough Council – Consultation on Oswestry Crime Audit.	Members attend
iv) Oswestry Borough Council -Cabinet Meeting of 7 th September 2004	Received and noted
v) Oswestry Borough Council – Standards Committee vacancy	Received and noted
vi) Meridian Consult – DDA Access Audit	Defer to Executive Cttee.
vii) VW Electrics – New control gear for Fox's Field lights	Agreed estimate
viii) Sodexo- Quote for removal of Conifers and Hedging	Defer to future meeting
ix) SALC – Annual General Meeting	Received and noted
x) DEFRA – Parish Plan Networking Evening – 24 th November	3 Members to attend
xi) Valuation Office Agency – New valuation of Pavilion	Received and noted
xii) NALC – New Employment procedures – Discipline & Grievance	Included in next agenda
xiii) Oswestry Crime Reduction Partnership – Annual Forum	Agreed 3 Members attend
xiv) PBA - Local Transport Services Survey	Clerk to complete
xv) JM Richards – Gossip Shelter objection	Agenda item 13(c) refers
xvi) Mr S P Edge – Complaint regarding son's grave	Chairman to respond

b) Matters for Information

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i) Planning Permits (2) Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen and TY Coch, Pant Glas **	Received and noted
ii) Planning Refusal The Last Inn, Hengoed	
iii) Parish Pump	Circulated to all Members
iv) Racecourse Management Cttee. –Minutes	Received and noted
v) Severn Dee News – Rail Users’ Newsletter	Circulate to Members
vi) Shropshire County Council – Public Transport News	Circulate to Members
vii) Shropshire Union Canal Society Newsletter	Circulate to Members
viii) The Playing Fields Association Newsletter	Circulate to Members
ix) CPRE – Newsletter	Circulate to Members
x) Oswestry QUBE – Annual Report (DVD)	Circulate to Members

16) Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: “That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1992, the Public and Press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 5 of part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act”

a) Filling of Casual Vacancy

The Clerk reported that two applications had been received before the closing date and one after the closing date. Members considered this and following a vote, by show of hands, agreed that the late application should not be considered.

Members considered the two remaining applications and after further consideration agreed to invite the applicants to the next meeting of Council so that they can be interviewed prior to any decision being made by Council.

In view of the decision it was agreed that the next meeting commence in ‘private’ session at 6.30pm before the scheduled meeting time.

17) Date and time of the next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **Wednesday 8th December 2004.**