

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th October 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 A Evans, S Jones, T Kirk, D Lloyd MBE, D Meredith-Jones, S Jones, R T Jones, J T Thorpe and S Westwood-Bate.

Others: - PC S Clarke

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and, in particular, welcomed Councillor Manetti back after his recent heart operation.

1) Public Participation

Two members of the public were in attendance, neither wished to raise any matters.

2) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: N J Stokes (working) and Mrs E Morgan (family illness)

3) Declaration of Interest

Councillor Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest on items 12(a) and 16, in view of the location of his residential address.

4) Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

- a) **Chairman** – Following nomination it was unanimously agreed that Councillor David Lloyd be elected Chairman.
- b) **Vice Chairman** – Following nomination it was agreed that Councillor Simon Westwood-Bate be elected Vice Chairman.
- c) **Executive Position** – Following nomination it was agreed that Councillor John Thorpe be elected to the Executive Committee.

The Chairman thanked Members for their vote and expressed that the recent consultative exercise had proved very useful but there was a need for the Council to consult more on matters. He reported that it had been announced that Shropshire had become a 'Pathfinder' area in terms of local service delivery and he urged Members to move the Council forward as a team.

5) To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2004

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2004 were approved and signed.

6) Matters Arising from the Minutes

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- a) A progress report was issued and considered.
- b) Councillor Mrs Crow reported that the Bonfire Night event would not take place.
- c) Councillor Mrs Evans reported that the dumped traffic signs on the Weston Rhyn road from the A5 were still evident. It was agreed that the County Highways Department would be requested to remove them.

7) Police Report

PC Clarke reported on recent crime in the parish area including a theft from a motor vehicle; a burglary, criminal damage; attempted theft from a vehicle; attempted brake in; theft of fuel; and four crimes at the Orthopaedic Hospital.

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting at the Borough Council concerning drinking in the Borough and he recommended that the Council continue to request that certain areas within the Parish be designated Alcohol Free Zones. This was agreed.

8) County Councillor's Report

The Chairman reported that Councillor DJ Lloyd, who was making a good recovery from recent surgery, was absent due to his attendance at a conference in the south of the country.

9) Borough Councillor's Report

Councillor Lloyd advised that at the present time there was little to report from the council.

At this point the meeting was adjourned for refreshments and an opportunity for Members to view the Planning Applications in detail

10) Planning Applications

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

- a) 13399/OUT Residential development of over-spill car park
Last Inn, Hengoed

Objection on the grounds that the site was outside the agreed development area and that the loss of the car park would bring added problems when events were taking place at the inn.

- b) 13408/FULL Erection of modular High Dependency Unit and Theatre
Orthopaedic Hospital

No objection

- c) 13455/FULL 1 Whitewell Lane Cottages
Whitewell Lane, Racecourse Road

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No Objection

- d) Amended Plan for Griffiths Tool Hire Site

No Objection

- e) Castle Buildings

The Clerk reported that the developers had made enquiries with the Borough Council regarding changing their plans to build three storey houses instead of two storeys as agreed. It was agreed that this should be kept under review.

11) Parish Matters

- a) Safety Fencing of Playing Field Boundary

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

The Chairman reported on the consultation meeting with the local residents and he read out a letter of continued objection from the Secretary of the Residents Association of Fernhill Lane requesting that the Council reconsider its decision. However, following further lengthy discussion and debate it was agreed that the matter should stand.

The members of the public left the meeting.

- b) Disability Discrimination Act 1995 – Access Audit

The Clerk reported that with some difficulty he had been able to receive estimates for an Access Audit of the Pavilion. There were two estimates with a further expected on 9th October. In view of the urgency of the matter it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be given delegated powers to consider the estimates and engage an Auditor to carry out the survey as soon as possible.

- c) Report on Casual Vacancy – The Clerk reported that an election had not been called and that the Returning Officer had given her approval for the Parish Council to co-opt a new member to the Council. A public notice had been displayed and the applications would be considered at the next meeting.
- d) St. Mary's Cemetery, Selattyn – Councillor Kirk reported that he had received quotes for the immediate works estimated at £4,000 and he was currently seeking funding from various sources. He agreed to report further at some stage in the future when the complete funding requirements were known.

The Chairman thanked him for his report.

- e) SALC AGM – Members considered attendance at the meeting and agreed that Councillors should attend at a cost of £8/Councillor. It was agreed that Councillors Lloyd, Mrs Crow, Thorpe, Westwood-Bate and Meredith-Jones should attend.

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- f) Selattyn Car Park Proposals and Leasing Arrangements – Councillor Kirk reported that he had met the Land Agents with a view to a Village Project Group developing the car park. He emphasised that the acceptance in principle by the Council to such a project would bear no financial commitment. Members considered a draft letter of lease details and it was agreed in principle that the Council would support such a development and it was agreed that a suitable letter of support be drafted in reply to the Land Agents.
- g) Members' Reports
- i) Councillor Manetti reported a street light in Meadow Way. It was agreed that this be reported to the County Council. He further enquired as to the progress on the planting in Meadow Way. The Clerk reported that, weather permitting, this would be carried out week beginning 18th October and a letter was being delivered to local residents.
 - ii) Councillor Meredith-Jones raised the problem of service vehicles on the congested Old Whittington Road. The Clerk reported that this matter was under review by a County Council Working Group.
 - iii) Councillor Steve Jones raised the problem of swearing by footballers on the playing field. It was agreed to write a strong letter of complaint to the Shropshire Football Association with copies to the teams using the field.
 - iv) Councillor Kirk reported that in view of the Council's earlier decision regarding support for the car park project he would now commence consultations with the residents of Selattyn. He also reported the problem of overgrown foliage surrounding a street light outside the school. It was agreed that the Clerk take steps to have the foliage cut back.
 - v) Councillor Westwood-Bate again reported the continued noise problem from the Griffith Tool building. The Clerk reported that the Borough Council was dealing with the matter.
 - vi) Councillor Thorpe raised the problem of failed lights in Hammond/West Place. The Clerk reported that the matter was under attention by MANWEB and local residents had received a circular from the Parish Council explaining matters.
 - vii) Councillor Bennett reported recent works by B.T., which had blocked a culvert in the village. It was agreed to report the matter to the County Highways Division. He also reported the excessive amount of mud on the local roads from farming operations. It was agreed to report this matter to the County Highways Division.
 - viii) Councillor Bennett reported that the cemetery gates had been locked over a weekend period. The Chairman explained that a stonemason had unintentionally locked the gates and the matter had now been corrected.
 - ix) Councillor Bowyer referred members to a County Council pamphlet detailing works which parish Councils could carry out on local roads. This was noted.
 - x) Councillor Mrs Crow reported a number of day burning lights on the main trunk road. It was agreed that this be reported to the Highways Agency. She also reported the 30MPH

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sign at the entrance to School Lane, which had a defective cover. It was agreed that this be reported to the County Council.

- xi) The Chairman commented on the excessive roadside parking at the Orthopaedic Hospital, which was probably due to the recent decision to charge for parking in one of the hospital car parks.
- xii) The Clerk reported that he was arranging a joint parish-training event together with Whittington, St. Martins and Weston Rhyn on the Disability Discrimination Act. The event would be free to Members with each Council sharing the total cost, which was expected to be in the region of £30. A number of members indicated they would wish to attend.
- xiii) The Clerk reported on the arrangements for the Public Consultation Meeting regarding the 'Gossip Shelter' and the arrangements for the visit to shelters in the Wrexham area. A number of Members indicated their wish to attend. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Members on the final arrangements.

12) Licensing Act 2003 – Response to Consultation Document

The Clerk presented to the meeting a response to the document and it was agreed that this should be submitted on behalf of the Council.

13) Financial Matters

a) Outstanding payments for agreement

		£	VAT £
2149	British Gas Pavilion Gas	81.81	
2150	V& W Electrics Ltd Lighting Repairs	252.04	37.54
2151	Sodexho Ltd Playing Field Maintenance	355.06	52.88
2152	CPRE Membership Subscription	25.00	Nil
2153	SALC Training Seminar (1)	45.00	Nil
2154	Oswestry Borough Council – Election Expenses	215.45	32.09
2155	Winross Hacker Young – Audit Fee	411.25	61.25
2156	Daren Brewer		
	- Hengoed Cemetery	135.00	
	- Selattyn	41.66	
	-Pavilion Car Park	25.00	201.66 Nil
2290	Councillor Lloyd - Conference Travel & Subsistence	169.59	Nil
2291	Clerk - Mileage Claim for September 2004	86.00	Nil
2157	Mrs Hodge – October Salary	118.59	Nil
2158	Clerk – October Salary	529.51	Nil
2159	Clerk - Miscellaneous Office Expenses	221.41	21.14
2160	Inland Revenue – PAYE	1003.96	Nil
2292	Qube - Membership	5.00	Nil
2293	Pentre Nurseries- Meadow Way Planting	439.20	
2294	Gobowen Youth Football Club – Hire of Machine	70.00	

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Total payments for July 2004 **£ 4,230.53**

b) Income since the last meeting	£
Hengoed Cemetery	705.00
Pavilion Lettings	374.00
Oswestry Borough Council – Precept	22,000.00
 Total income since last meeting	 23,079.00

c) Half Yearly Financial Report

Members considered the reports and these were agreed.

d) District Audit Report - The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had passed the Final Accounts for the last financial year without qualification.

e) Additional Financial Matters

- i) Membership of QUBE – Following consideration it was agreed that the Parish Council should formerly become corporate members of Qube at a cost of £5/annum
- ii) Meadow Way Play Area – In line with previous decision of the Council, it was agreed to the purchase of trees and shrubs for the area, from Pentre Nurseries at St Martins, at a cost of £439.20

14) Correspondence

a) Matters Requiring attention

<i>Description</i>	<i>Agreed Action</i>
i) Winross Hacker Young- Audit Report	Refer to item14(d)
ii) Standards Board – Norwood Investigation	Noted
iii) Shropshire County Council – Shropshire Charter	Member’s consideration
iv) Oswestry Borough Council-Parish Election Cost breakdown	Noted
v) Oswestry Borough Council – Building Notice confirmation	Noted
vi) V&W Electrics Ltd. – Damage to light in Cornwall Avenue	Agree repairs as necessary

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| vii) | Zurich Municipal- Insurance settlement | Noted |
| viii) | Gobowen YF Club – Request for donation towards cost of work on field(£70) | Agreed |
| ix) | Mr M Potter &Ms Glynne-Jones – Planning Objection | Refer to item 11 |
| x) | Selattyn Show Committee – Thank you letter and report of show | Received and noted |
| xi) | D Evison, Playing Fields Association- Comments and suggestions | Refer to Playing Field Committee |

b) Matters for Information

<i>Description</i>	<i>Agreed Action</i>
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| i) | Oswestry Borough Council - Planning Permits (2)
- Minfford, Hengoed -3 Nant Lane Cottages, Selattyn | Received and noted |
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It was noted that the Council had not apparently been informed of this application and it was agreed that the Clerk look into the matter and report back to the next meeting.

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| ii) | Racecourse Management Cttee. –Minutes | Received |
| iii) | Shropshire County Council – Highways Maintenance | Circulate to Members |
| iv) | West Mercia Police – Annual Report | Circulate to Members |
| v) | St. Dunstan’s – Insight Newsletter | Circulate to Members |

15) 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) Playing Field Fencing Contract – Quotations

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

The Clerk presented quotations, which had been received, for the erection of the 162 meters of fencing for the Playing Field Boundary. These were

PC Fabrication, Duddleston Heath	-	£9,900 Supply and erect
Border Fabrications , Oswestry	-	£9,365 Plus VAT Supply only
Jacksons, Chester	-	£7,275 Plus VAT Supply only
M&B fencing, Glyn Ceiriog	-	£5,600

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Metalwood, Llaarhaeadr

- £5400 Inc VAT **Supply only**

(All are subject to review depending upon increases in steel prices and all will require 50% deposit with the order)

Following consideration it was agreed, by ten votes to one, that the quotation from PC Fabrication in the sum of £9,900 be accepted depending upon the outcome of the County Council's Structural Engineer's report.

16) Date and time of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **Wednesday 10th November 2004** in the Pavilion, Gobowen,.

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