

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th January 2005 in Scout Hall, Station Road, Gobowen commencing at 7pm

In the Chair – Councillor D G Lloyd MBE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new year and informed them of the continued illness of Borough Councillor Trevor Davies. He also informed members, that whilst everyone's sympathies must be with the peoples of the countries devastated by the tsunamis, the Council did not half powers to make contributions to the disaster fund.

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

1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N J Stokes (working), Meredith-Jones (Working) and Mrs S Healey (Illness)

2) Declaration of Interest

None

3) Public Participation

None were present

4) To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th December 2005

Following amendment to include Councillor Westwood-Bate in the attendance listing and to express Councillor S Jones disappointment with the process of the decision to erect the boundary fence the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2004 were approved and signed.

5) Matters Arising from the Minutes

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

- (i) The second estimate from ARIVA in the sum of £2,468 plus VAT for the provision of an un-metered supply at a location in Selattyn Village. Members considered this matter and in agreed that the quotation be accepted and that the Clerk ensure that the lamp standard was to the County standard.

6) Presentation by Inspector J Stafford and Mr Kirk of Leerose Integrated Systems Ltd.

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Jim Stafford form West Mercia Police and Mr Adrian Kirk from Leerose Limited to present details of a new integrated camera system for use by councils in combating un-social behaviour in village locations.

Mr Kirk presented details of the new system and showed examples of how it could be used in communities by both the police and local councils. A number of questions were raised from Members including the range of the camera; camera types, storage of images, maintenance arrangements, fixed cameras, servicing costs from the control centre, capacity to view the information, night and day results, installation, broadband capabilities, remote cameras, micro-wave links, camera costs and funding possibilities.

Mr Kirk undertook to send to the Council proposal details.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Stafford and Mr Kirk for their presentation.

7) Police Report

PC Clarke reported on recent crime in the Parish area including thefts of drink from the Golf Course, vehicle number plate in Chirk Road, damage to vehicle in Chirk Road, motor vehicle in St. David's Close, motor vehicle in Hengoed, a distraction theft in Selattyn area and a Christmas tree from the Orthopaedic Hospital.

The constable also reported to Members the free home safety advice and appliances . It was agreed to include the application form for the service in the next issue of the Clippings and to distribute these at the local churches.

The Chairman thanked PC Clarke for his attendance.

8) County Councillor's Report

Councillor D J Lloyd was unable to attend due to his attendance at a meeting elsewhere.

9) Borough Council Report

Councillor Lloyd and RT Jones reported on developments of the Alcohol Free Areas and the Station Buildings and undertook to present details of the Budget Process at the next meeting.

Councillor Bennett enquired whether the Borough Council had considered the 24 hour drinking proposals. The Chairman informed the meeting that although the Council had passed new procedures for dealing with licencing, which will come into operation shortly, no decision had been made about allowing 24 hour drinking.

10) Planning Applications

a) Report of the Planning Emergency Committee Meeting held on 4th January 2005

Present: Councillors, I Bennett (Chairman); R Bowyer; R T Jones; Mrs E Morgan; J Thorpe and S Westwood-Bate

Declarations of Interest

Councillor S Westwood-Bate declared a prejudicial interest in item (b) in view of the location of his residence.

Applications Considered

The following applications were considered in detail and the following was agreed:

- a. 13556 &7/Full Alterations to listed property
Ebnaal Hall, Rhosygadfa

No Objections

Councillor S Westwood-Bate, having declared a prejudicial interest, left the meeting and did not return.

- b. 13551/Full Erection of two three storey properties
Land at the rear of Castle Buildings

Objection of the grounds that the proposed development is not in keeping with the surrounding dwellings in that it is of a 'three' storey construction and that although the third storey is in fact the roof space the overall height of the dwelling will be prominent against the existing old dwellings in the near vicinity

- c) 13586/Full Erection of three shops and two flats
The Cross, Gobowen

No Objection

11) Parish Matters

a) Quality Parishes Investment Fund

The Clerk informed Members that the completed application in the sum of £19,017 was deposited on time with NALC and would be considered at their meeting on 12th January 2005.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee be given delegated powers:

- to award the contracts for the work in line with the grant application should the full award be made, and
- award the contracts for the work on a priority basis should only a part award be made.

b) Members Reports

- (i) Councillor Kirk again reported the lack of the Selattyn sign on the Weston Rhyn road. It was agreed to raise this matter further with the County Council.
- (ii) Councillor Kirk reported on the recent developments with the private cemetery in Selattyn where the original owners had now undertaken to provide funds to carry out much needed work.
- (iii) Councillor Thorpe reported the incidence of the refuse collection team leaving rubbish following collections. It was agreed that the Borough Councillor would raise this matter with the responsible officers.
- (iv) Councillor Westwood-Bate reported the destruction of the hedge row alongside the railway line. Following discussion it was agreed to write to Network rail about the issue and in particular the removal of vegetation outside the railway boundary.
- (v) Councillor Mrs Crow reported the amount of rubbish left behind the garage site on Fernhill Lane. It was agreed to raise this matter with the Borough Council.
- (vi) Councillor Bennett reported the partial collapse of the stone walling alongside the footpath outside the Selattyn School. It was agreed to raise this matter with the County Highways Department.
- (vii) Councillor Bennett also reported the standing water on the newly constructed footpath in the village. It was agreed to raise this matter with the County Highways Department.

12) Financial Matters

a) Outstanding payments for agreement

			£	£ VAT
2149	British Gas	Pavilion Gas	23.63	1.13
2150	V& W Electrics Ltd	Lighting Repairs & Contract	494.53	73.66
2151	V& W Electrics Ltd	Installation of Pavilion lights	301.21	44.86
2152	Sodexho Ltd	Playing Field Maintenance	355.06	52.88
2153	SLCC	Membership renewal	91.00	Nil
2154	Daren Brewer			
		- Hengoed Cemetery	135.00	
		- Selattyn	41.66	Nil
			176.66	
2290	Clerk	- Mileage Claim for December 2004	52.00	Nil
2155	Mrs Hodge	- January Salary	118.59	Nil
2156	Clerk	- January Salary	529.29	Nil
2291	Inland Revenue	-Tax & NI payments		
		Tax	478.72	
		NI	344.88	Nil
			823.60	
2292	ARIVA	Selattyn Light Supply	2468.00	431.90

2157

Total payments for January 2005

£5,433.51

b) Income since the last meeting

£ NIL

13) Correspondence

a) Matters Requiring attention

<i>Description Action</i>	<i>Recommended</i>
i) Shropshire County Council Parish Liaison Officer	Received and noted
ii) Shropshire County Council – Speed Limits in Oswestry district	Received and noted
iii) Shropshire County Council – Switch on Shropshire	Received and noted
iv) Shropshire Football Association- Bad Language consideration	Member's
v) Oswestry Borough Council – Diversion of footpath	Received and noted
vi) Oswestry Borough Council – Section 106 agreement consideration	Member's
vii) Oswestry Borough Council – Community Partnership Annual Review	Member's consideration
viii) Oswestry Borough Council- Mayors Charities- Civic Dinner consideration	Member's
ix) West Mercia Police – Various matters	Presentation to Council
x) SALC – Training – Freedom of Information	Clerk and Cllr. Westwood-Bate to attend
xi) SLCC – New Terms of Conditions for Clerks for report	Refer to Executive
xii) SALC – District Committee – Agenda for meeting 19/01/05	Delegates to attend
xiii) Fernhill Avenue Residents Association	
– Request for information	Clerk responding
– Erection of Boundary fence and Gossip Shelter	

The Chairman read out the reply that had been sent to the Group for Members information.

	– Further information concerning insurers		Clerk responding
xxiii.	Preeshenlle United Reform Church – Summer Fete Field	11 th June 2005	Approve use of
xxiv.	Severn Hospice – Request for donation		Defer to March Meeting

Matters for Information

	<i>Description</i>	<i>Recommended Action</i>
i)	Oswestry Borough Council - Planning Permits (4) - Land adjoining Cornwall and Almond Avenue - Hammond’s Yard, The Cross, Gobowen - Perryvale, Chirk Road, Gobowen - 1 Church Cottages, Hengoed	Received and noted
ii)	Racecourse Management Cttee. –Minutes	Received
iii)	CPRE – Newsletter Members	Circulate to

13) 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”

e) Claim against the Council

The Clerk gave details of a claim that had been lodged with Bolton County Court against the Council following an accident on the Playing Field in September 1998. He informed members that the claim had been despatched to the Council’s insurers for the necessary action.

f) The Adjudication Panel fro England – Finding

The Clerk reported the formal outcome of the Adjudication Panel following an investigation by the Standards Board on the complaint raised against ex- Councillor Mark Norwood. He explained that the matter had been publicised in the local press.

g) Staff Appraisal

The Chairman reported on the annual appraisal of the Clerk and in thanking him spoke of his achievement in meeting all of the targets that had been set both to the Council's benefit as well as his own. The targets had now been set for the ensuing year and these were:

14) **Date and time of the next meeting**

Following discussion concerning the presence of the Clerk and Councillor Westwood-Bate at a special training meeting on 7th February it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on February 16th 2005.