

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th March 2005 in the Scout Hall, Station Road, Gobowen commencing at 7.00 pm

In the Chair – Councillor D G Lloyd MBE

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

Also present: PC S Clarke

1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs S Healey (illness), J Manetti (family engagement) and RT Jones (missionary)

Councillor Westwood-Bate reported that, due to temporary work arrangements, it would be unlikely that he would be able to attend any meetings over the next three months.

In line with the LGA of 1972 it was agreed that Councillor Westwood-Bate be allowed absence from meetings during that time.

2) Declarations of Interest

The following Councillors declared personal interests as indicated; DG Lloyd interest in item 13(a) due to his association with the All Saints Church, Mrs A Evans in item 13(a) due to association with the All Saints Church, S Jones in items 13(a) due to association with CAB and Gobowen Scouts and I Bennett in item 10(b) due to his friendship with the applicant.

3) Public Participation

None present

4) Recycling Expansion – Presentation by Lynne Strachen

Ms Strachan of the Borough Council presented details of changes and improvements which were being introduced to extend the recycling scheme across the area. A number of questions were raised by Members including fly-tipping, composting, water butts, electrical goods and bulky items

The Chairman thanked the officer for her presentation.

5) To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2005 were amended by the insertion of a word and approved and signed.

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6) Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

7) Police Report

PC S Clarke reported on the recent crime figures for the area including two burglaries in Selattyn, a burnt out vehicle in woodland, a theft in Hammonds Place and theft of garden ornaments and a box trailer in Gobowen. He also reported on the misuse of mini-motos in Gobowen which were being monitored by duty officers.

A number of questions were raised by Members including the monitoring of motor thieves in the Selattyn area.

8) County Councillor's Report

Councillor DJ Lloyd was absent due to his attendance at another meeting and a report was read out from him concerning the Shropshire Travel to Schools Plan. It was agreed to include this item in the agenda of the next meeting.

9) Borough Council Report

The Chairman reported on the Shropshire Partnership, the Council Tax Table for the Borough area, the nominations for mayor for 2005/6 and the decision of the cabinet to issue notice to withdraw from LGA membership. It was agreed that the Chairman issue a press statement regarding the Council's budget position and the setting of the precept for 2005/6.

10) Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications and it was agreed that:

- a) 13666/Full Two Storey extension to dwelling

No observations

- b) 13683/Full Alterations to entrance to field

No observations

- c) 13689/Full Single storey extension to dwelling

matter Concern was expressed over the roof design and it was agreed to clarify the with the Council, preferring a pitched roof.

- d) 13692/Full Alterations and extension to dwelling

No observations

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11) Parish Matters

a) **Gobowen Station Buildings**

In view of the cancellation of the site visit it was agreed to postpone the item until after the re-arranged meeting.

b) **Members' reports**

- i) Councillor Mrs Crow raised the problem of overgrown hedges and in particular a property on Old Chirk Road. It was agreed that the matter be reported to the County Highways Department and that an item appear in the next issue of the 'Clippings'.
- ii) Councillor Mrs Crow advised members that St. Martins Parish would be discussing the Youth Advisory Service with representatives of Rhyn Park School at its meeting on 14th April and Members of the Council were invited to be present.
- iii) Councillor Westwood-Bate reported that the traffic bollard on the round-about was insecure. It was agreed to report the matter to the County Highways Department.
- iv) Councillor Westwood-Bate reported the continued 'scavenging' of trade bins at the Co-op Store by a local resident. It was agreed to report the matter to the Borough Environmental Health Division.
- v) Councillor Bennett raised the condition of the railway signal box. It was reported that this was in hand.
- vi) Councillor Kirk raised the problem of overgrown foliage obstructing a street light in Selattyn. It was agreed to write to the owner of the shrub.
- vii) Councillor Lloyd raised the round-about re-design and circulated draft copies of some proposals. It was agreed to include this matter on the agenda of the next meeting.
- viii) Councillor Lloyd raised the development of a 'Parish Plan' and it was agreed to include this matter on future agendas.
- ix) The Clerk reported to the meeting the planned items for inclusion in the next issue of the 'Clippings' which was expected to be distributed after the Easter period.
- x) The Clerk reported on the failure of the street lights on the Hammonds Place and West Place Estate and thanked Councillors Mrs Sue Crow and John Thorpe for their assistance in distributing letters to the residents in the area.

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12) Financial Matters

a) Outstanding Payments for agreement

| | | £ | £ VAT |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2374 | British Telecom – Parish phone line and calls | 104.10 | 15.50 |
| 2375 | V& W Electrics Ltd - Lighting repairs & contract | 433.78 | 64.61 |
| 2376 | V& W Electrics Ltd – Replacing showers | 1276.36 | 190.10 |
| 2377 | Sodexho Ltd - Playing field maintenance | 355.06 | 52.88 |
| 2378 | British Gas – Pavilion gas | 92.44 | 4.40 |
| 2379 | PR Birch & Co. Ltd. – Aborted excavation | 88.12 | 13.12 |
| 2380 | James Chapman & Co- VAT element of legal representation | | 113.75 |
| 2381 | Daren Brewer | | |
| | - Hengoed Cemetery | 135.00 | |
| | - Selattyn | 41.66 | |
| | - Clearing shrubs at field | 50.00 | |
| | | 226.66 | Nil |
| 2382 | Clerk – Miscellaneous expenses | 135.79 | 11.61 |
| 2383 | Clerk Mileage Claim for February 2005 | 63.00 | Nil |
| 2384 | Mrs Hodge February Salary | 118.59 | Nil |
| 2385 | Clerk February Salary | 529.89 | Nil |
| 2386 | Inland Revenue – Tax and NI due | 367.44 | Nil |
| 2403 | British Gas – Pavilion electricity | 41.14 | 1.15 |
| | Total payments for March 2005 | £3791.23 | 465.97 |

b) Income since the last meeting

| | £ |
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| Hengoed Cemetery Fee | 155.00 |
| Shropshire County Council – grant | 1591.71 |
| Total income since the last meeting | £ 1746.71 |

c) Multi-unit Safety Surface

An estimate of £2,300 including VAT was received from Ray Parry Play Equipment Ltd for the installation of a safety surface under the multi-play equipment. Following consideration it was agreed to accept the estimate and proceed with the work as soon as possible.

13) Correspondence

a) Matters Requiring attention

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Description

Recommended Action

- i) Shropshire County Council-Feedback on Maintenance Service Members' views
- ii) Shropshire County Council – Review of Registration Service agenda Include in next
- iii) Shropshire County Council – District Bus Forum – 7th March Receive and note
- iv) Shropshire County Council- Cycle route (Park Hall to Whittington) Receive and note
- v) Standards Board – A Code for the Future Next agenda
- vi) Oswestry Borough Council- Council Tax base Receive and note
- vii) Oswestry Borough Council- Licence Application Receive and note
- viii) Oswestry Borough Council- Taxis in Gobowen Receive and note
- ix) SALC – Training events (2) Members' consideration
- x) CPRE – Annual Meeting- 17th March 2005 Members' consideration

b) Matters for Information

- i) Oswestry Borough Council - Planning Permits (3) Received and noted
 - Flood lighting at Orthopaedic Hospital
 - Erection of 3no shops at The Cross, Gobowen
 - Conservatory, The Heights, Selattyn
- ii) Shropshire County Council – Path Times Circulate to Members
- iii) Shropshire County Council – Public transport News Circulate to Members
- iv) Llangollen Music Eisteddfod Circulate to Members

14) 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) Section 137 Applications

Applications for Section 137 payments were considered and it was agreed that the following payments be made:

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| 2387 | All Saints Church, Gobowen | £200 | (Budgeted) |
| 2388 | CAB Oswestry | £50 | |

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| 2389 | Dial Disability Service | £50 |
| 2390 | Gobowen Scouts | £300 |
| 2391 | Hope House | £50 |
| 2392 | Macmillan Cancer Relief | £50 |
| 2393 | Marie Curie Cancer Care | £50 |
| 2394 | No Panic | £50 |
| 2395 | Oswestry Camera Group | £50 |
| 2396 | Oswestry Women's Aid | £50 |
| 2397 | Preeshenlle United Reform Church | £200 (Budgeted) |
| 2398 | Relate | £50 |
| | SCC Library | £2000 (Budgeted) |
| 2399 | St. Mary's Church, Selattyn | £250 (Budgeted) |
| 2400 | Severn Hospice | £50 |
| 2401 | Victim Support, Shropshire | £50 |
| 2402 | West Shropshire Talking Newspapers | £50 |

15) **Date and Time of the next meeting April 13th 2005 at 7.00pm**

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