

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th January 2006 at the Pavilion, Gobowen, commencing at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Councillor D G Lloyd MBE

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

County Councillor DJ Lloyd

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year

1) Apologies

Councillor J Manetti (working),

2) Declaration of Interest

Councillor Mrs Healey declared a personal interest in item 9(a (i)) as she is the Vice Chair to the Gobowen Youth Football Club.

Councillor Westwood-Bate declared a personal interest in item 9(a (viii)) owing to the location of his residence.

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2005 were amended, by the replacement of the word "Oswestry" by the word "LLanyblodwel" in item 6, and the inclusion of the words "The Association wished to reduce" in item 9 (c (iv)) and approved and signed.

4) Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) A progress report was issued and considered.

b) Weir Bridge Works

The Chairman reported on the site meeting with Mr John Williams, Principal Engineer with Shropshire County Council on 4th January 2006. He reported that the Officer had given detailed explanations of why it was necessary to replace the bridge and how the works would be carried out, as well as agreeing to make further arrangements for the protection of local routes during this period.

It was agreed to write and thank the Officer for his attendance and detailed explanations.

c) School Lane Garden Gate Development

The Clerk reported that the Borough and County Council Officers had responded further on the matter indicating that an Officer from English Heritage was expected to meet with the landowners

to ascertain whether the works had disturbed the ancient monument. Information is awaited from that meeting. It was agreed to write further to the Borough Council again enquiring whether a planning application has been submitted for the work.

5) County Councillor's Report

Councillor DJ Lloyd reported on:

- a) The Wear Bridge site meeting which, owing other commitments, he was unable to attend. He expressed his delight that the meeting was successful whilst appreciating that the works will take some 20 weeks to complete.
- b) The decision by ARRIVA to change local bus services. He reported that the County Council, supported by Wrexham Borough Council, had now reached agreement with the operator to retain the service to Wrexham on its present route. He commented on the lack of an integrated service across the parish from an east to west direction.
- c) The Village Green, five acre site in Oswestry where the Inspector had recommended that the Village Green should not be registered by the County Council. He commented, however, that pending new legislation would give retrospective powers to any objections that had been made. The matter had now been left to Advantage West Midlands to decide whether to progress with the development of the site.
- d) The County Council were considering the future local government structure of Shropshire as it appeared that 'unitary' status was now back on the agenda. The restructuring would inevitably give increased powers and financial support to Parish Councils and, in particular, Quality Parish Councils.

A number of questions were raised by Members including: the dangerous condition of the slip road off the A5 into Gobowen onto Chirk Road, where it was agreed that the Council would write direct to the Highways Agency, also the alteration of the restricted road markings outside of the Selattyn School, where it was agreed that the Council would write directly to the County Council.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Lloyd for his report. Councillor Lloyd then left the meeting to attend another meeting.

6) Borough Councillors' Reports

The Chairman reported on the Wear Bridge site meeting and the local bus services where it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the County Council deploring the lack of consultation with the Council over what was a major service for the residents of the parish.

7) Planning Applications

The following recommendations were agreed:

14153/Full First floor extension
14 Penacae, The Rhewl, Gobowen

No objections.

14160/Full not in	Proposed garage/garden, Store/studio Brook Cottage, Glyn Road Selattyn Objection on the grounds that the proposed building is over elaborate for its purpose leading the Council to believe that at some stage in the future the planning consent would be infringed. Further that the proposed building was too far from the existing building to be of any reasonable use, and finally, that the proposed materials were keeping with existing buildings.
14162/Full	Erection of two semi-detached dwellings, etc. Red House, Chirk Road, Gobowen Deferred to the next meeting of the Council.
14165/Full	Single storey extension 8 Pant Glas, Oswestry No objections.
14168/Full	Provision of timber car port/storage area 4 Meadowfields, Hengoed No objections.
14174/Full unsafe	Erection of dwelling and vehicular access Kimberley, 2 Corner House, Old Whittington Road, Gobowen Objection on the grounds that the access and egress to the proposed property was and would cause additional problems to an already busy roadway.

8) Parish Matters

a) Members' Reports

Councillor Mrs Healey declared a personal interest in the next matter and took no part in the decisions

- i) Councillor Mrs Crow reported that two football teams had used the main pitch at the playing field when it had been made explicitly clear to the teams that this should not occur. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Clerk meet the Officers of the Cross Foxes team and make it clear that all conditions should be adhered to for the use of the field and changing facilities.
- ii) Councillor Mrs Crow raised the on-going problem of over grown hedges. Following consideration it was agreed that, where identified, the Clerk should write to any offending property owners.
- iii) Councillor Mrs Crow requested that the Council write and thank the County Council for the recent erection of 'kissing gates' on the footpaths to the 'Meadows' field. This was agreed.

- iv) Councillor Stokes reported the damaged condition of a stile on a local footpath. It was agreed that this should be reported to the County Council for repair.
- v) Councillor Bennett reported the debris on the road due to the building works at Rose Cottage on the Hengoed Road from Selattyn. It was agreed to request that the Borough Council Building Control Section enforce tighter site control in this instance.
- vi) Councillor Kirk raised the question of representation by Borough Council Members. Following consideration it was agreed to invite Councillor Davies to a future meeting to present details of the Housing Option Scheme.
- vii) Councillor Westwood-Bate requested that a 'Dog Fouling' sign plate be erected at the alley way onto Castle Buildings. It was agreed to request that the Borough Council erect the said sign.

Councillor Westwood-Bate declared a personal interest in the next item and took no part in the decision

- viii) Councillor Westwood-Bate requested that a street sign for Castle Buildings be erected. It was agreed to request the Borough Council that the sign be erected.
- ix) Councillor Westwood-Bate reported that he had received a number of complaints from local residents concerning the height of the new building behind Castle Buildings. Following consideration it was agreed to write to the Borough Council Planning Department and request clarification of the agreed building details.
- x) Councillor Westwood-Bate reported that he had received a number of complaints from local residents concerning the parking alongside the Chapel at Castle Buildings. Following consideration it was agreed to write to the County Council and request that parking restrictions be introduced at the location.
- xi) Councillor RT Jones reported that old goal posts were dumped in the hedge to the Playing Field and were a potential danger. It was agreed that the old goal post should be safely disposed of.
- xii) Councillor Mrs Evans commented on the untidy condition of the village and requested that Take-Away proprietors be asked to contribute towards clearing dumped cartons etc. Councillor Stokes provided information to the meeting on the current legislation relating to licensing and Take-Aways. Following consideration it was agreed to raise this matter with the Borough Council.

10) Financial Matters

a) Outstanding payments for agreement

	£Net	£ VAT	£Gross
2535 British Gas – Pavilion Gas	56.75	2.83	59.58
2536 V&W Electrics Ltd. –Street Lighting Repairs	523.31	91.58	614.89
2537 Sodexo – Grounds Maintenance	307.01	53.73	360.74
2538 Daren Brewer (December) - Hengoed Cemetery	135.00		

	- Selattyn	41.66		
		176.66	Nil	176.66
2539	Inland Revenue - Tax and NI payments	759.28	Nil	759.28
2540	Mrs Hodge – January Salary	122.43	Nil	122.43
2541	Clerk - January Salary	557.21	Nil	557.21
2542	Clerk - Mileage Claim for December	103.50	Nil	103.50
b) Income since the last meeting				
	Pavilion lettings	140.00		
	Hengoed Cemetery Plots	672.00		812.00

11) Correspondence

a) Matters Requiring attention

<i>Description</i>	<i>Recommended Action</i>
i) ODPM – Standards of Conduct: The Future - Report	Member' attention
ii) Kevin Patton – Speed Camera Partnership – Gobowen Speeds (EM)	Members' attention
iii) Oswestry Borough Council – Local Play Partnership - Agenda	Clerk to attend
iv) Gossip Shelter – Request for funding	Noted
v) Oswestry Borough Council – Council Tax Base 2006/7	Noted
vi) SALC – 2006/7 Training Programme	Three Members and Clerk to attend on 18 th April
vii) SLCC – Regional Conference- Tuesday 28 th March, Worcester	Defer to next meeting
viii) Oswestry Area Committee SALC – Agenda – 18/01/06 (EM)	Members' attention
ix) Selattyn Show Committee – Request for funding meeting	Defer to March

Matters for Information

Description

- i) Oswestry Borough Council - Planning Permits (3)
Bryn Nicholas, Rhewl; 2 Ty Coch Cottages, Pant; Silverdale, Old Chirk Road, Gobowen
- ii) Oswestry Borough Council – Postal Address (1) Henlle View, Old Chirk Road, Gobowen
- iii) Shropshire County Council – Path Times Newsletter

12) Date and time of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 8th February 2006.