

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th June 2006 at the Primary School, Selattyn Village, commencing at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Councillor D G Lloyd MBE

Present: - Councillors: - I W Bennett, Mrs S R Crow, Mrs PA Evans, R T Jones, T R Kirk, D Lloyd MBE, J Manetti, D Meredith-Jones, RT Jones and J T Thorpe.

1) Public Participation:

None present

2) Apologies

R Bowyer (holiday), S Jones (Representing the Parish Council at a Play Partnership meeting) and S Westwood-Bate (working)

3) Declaration of Interest

Councillor Mrs Crow declared a personal interest in item 15 in that her son had carried out work for the Council.

4) Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th May 2006

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting and ordinary meeting held on 10th May 2006 were approved and signed.

5) Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) A progress report was issued and considered.
- b) The Clerk reported that the County Council had now approved the replacement of the bus shelter outside the Station in Gobowen and that an order had been placed with the agreed supplier.

6) Police Report

PC Clarke reported on the recent crime in the parish and, in particular, the theft from a motor vehicle in West Place, damage to a caravan near the roundabout, the entry into a bungalow, damage to a fire hydrant at Fox's Field, burglary at the Cross Foxes and the Sure Start building, attempted theft of a motor vehicle in West place, hedge fires and container fires in West Place. In Selattyn, theft from a motor vehicle and theft of power tools from a farm. He also reported that bogus callers had been involved in a theft at Cornwall Avenue and two suspicious callers had been reported elsewhere attempting to sell tools.

A number of questions were asked by Members including the parking of a vehicle on Old Whittington Road and the West Place fires.

The Chairman thanked the Officer for his report and he then left the meeting.

7) County Councillor's Report

Councillor DJ Lloyd reported on the availability of grant-aid for bus shelters and the Weir Bridge road works.

The Clerk reported on a meeting with the Bridge Engineer and following concerns about the diverted bus service through Hengoed it was agreed that Councillor Kirk should gather information about inconvenienced passengers and pass the information to the Clerk to forward to the County Council.

The Chairman thanked the Member for his report and he then left the meeting.

8) Borough Councillors Reports

The Chairman and Councillor Jones reported on the Borough Council's opening of the Station Building and a recent presentation of the new Police PACT scheme.

Councillor Mrs Crow reported that a 'consultation' bus would be visiting Gobowen next week to allow Council house tenants to receive further information on the transfer scheme.

9) Planning Applications

Following consideration it was resolved:

a) 14396/FULL 3 Nant Lane Cottages, Selattyn

Extension to existing cottage, new garage and siting of caravan for temporary accommodation

No objections

b) 14398/FULL Pentre Kendrick, Old Chirk Road, Weston Rhyn

Renewal of planning permission 01/11532 for conversion of disused farm buildings into three dwellings and installation of sewage treatment plant

No objections

c) 14402/FULL Gymr Cottage, Selattyn

Erection of 2 single storey buildings for use as a boarding cattery and isolation unit

Although there were no plans available it was agreed without objection

d) 14408/FULL 22 Daywell Crescent, Gobowen

Erection of a conservatory

No objections

e) 14413/FULL Ballinluig, Hengoed

Single storey extension to rear and pitched roofs to replace flat roofs to existing extensions

No objections.

10) School Safety Initiative- Oswestry Rural Parish Council proposal

Following consideration of the proposal it was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting to allow a report back on the County Council's new Draft Policy on Speed limits in villages. It was further agreed that Councillor Stokes attend, as the Council's representative, the meeting with the County Council on 3rd July 2006 and that he should have delegated powers to respond to the consultation document.

11) Parish Matters

a) Picnic in the Park Event

The Chairman reported on the arrangements for the event and a number of Members agreed to assist throughout the day.

b) Gobowen Prescription Service

The Chairman reported on the last meeting with the PCT where matters were finalised on the 'prescription service'.

c) Gobowen Post Office

The Clerk reported on the progress to date for the appointment of a replacement Postmaster. He further reported that an application had been received and that the applicant was keenly interested in the redundant surgery building as a new post office. Following consideration it was agreed that a strong letter of support be sent to the landlords of the building, Advantage West Midlands, for the building to be used as a post office.

d) Parish Plan

The Clerk reported that the Questionnaires had been issued and were now being returned, that the Youth Questionnaire was being issued and that the Steering Group were manning a stall at the Picnic in the Park event.

Concerns were expressed by Councillor Kirk over the lack of use of two local village magazines. Following considerable discussion it was agreed to consider at a future meeting the further use of the editions and the delivery of the Council's 'Clippings' newsletter.

12) Members' Reports

- i) Councillor Mrs Crow reported on the overgrown hedges at ‘Le-Mans’ and on the pathway towards the Golf Course. It was agreed that Councillor RT Jones be delegated as ‘Warden’ to inspect such hedges and advise owners of their obligations.
- ii) The Clerk reported contact from Mr Clive Dean, an Environmental Officer with the County Council, concerning funding availability for environmental works in the Carreg Big area of the parish. He had requested an urgent meeting with representatives of the parish to agree this work. It was agreed that the Clerk and Councillors Mrs Morgan, Kirk and Bennett should meet with the office on an amicably agreed date.

13) WEB Site – Development

The Clerk reported the detail of a complaint that had been received about the Parish Web site and the improvements that had been made since. He requested that the Council consider a report at the next meeting on the further development of the site particularly with Parish Agendas and the cemetery. This was agreed.

14) Committees Meeting Dates

It was agreed that the Clerk make arrangements with the respective Committee Chairman for meetings during July 2006.

15) Financial Matters

- a) Outstanding payments for agreement

		£Net	£ VAT	£Gross
1	Red Hot Print Co. – Parish Plan printing	1125.00	Nil	1125.00
2	Zurich Insurance Co Ltd. - Insurance renewal	2951.77	Nil	
	2951.77			
3	BT – Parish Line	97.13	16.99	114.12
4	EZ Distribution – Newsletter delivery	80.00	Nil	80.00
5	Sodexo – Grounds Maintenance	320.81	56.14	376.95
6	ME & A Hughes – Headstone safety repairs	630.00	110.25	740.25
7	SLP Partners – Parish newsletter printing	128.96	Nil	128.96
8	J C Welding & Fabrication – Repairs to Handrail	306.40	Nil	306.40
9	JC Welding & Fabrication – Repairs to Notice board		89.20	Nil
	89.20			
10	Shropshire Union Canal Society –Membership Fees	25.00	Nil	25.00
11	Halliwells – Representation in insurance claim	Nil	113.75	113.75
12	Signists – Picnic in the Park event poster	100.00	17.50	117.50
13	Daren Brewer (May)			
	- Hengoed Cemetery	140.00		
	- Selattyn	<u>45.00</u>		
		<u>185.00</u>	Nil	185.00

14	Councillor Bennett - Telephone allowance	50.00	Nil	50.00
15	Councillor S Jones – Telephone allowance	50.00	Nil	50.00
16	Clerk - Mileage Claim for May	76.42	Nil	76.42
17	Mrs Hodge – June Salary	126.05	Nil	126.05
18	Clerk - June Salary	714.86	Nil	714.86
2628	St. Martins Parish Council- Contribution to training	55.00	Nil	55.00
2629	JC Fabrication – Repairs to play equipment	157.82	Nil	157.82

b) Income since the last meeting

£

Hengoed Cemetery Plots/Charges 314.00

16) **Correspondence**

Description	Recommended Action
i) Owen Paterson MP – Gobowen Post office closure – response from DTI	Member’s information
ii) Shropshire County Council – Local Debate Planning Meeting – 13 July	Members’ consideration
iii) Shropshire County Council – Draft policy on village speed limits	Member’s consideration
iv) Oswestry Borough Council – Statement of Community Involvement	Noted
v) Oswestry Borough Council – Sustainability Appraisal Draft	Members’ consideration
vi) Oswestry Borough Council – Street nameplates	Members’ consideration
vii) Oswestry Racecourse Management Association – Agenda	Noted
viii)NALC –Community Empowerment Awards	Noted
ix) SALC –Training Schedule	Members’ consideration
x) P Barnes - Web Site complaint (EM)	Clerk responded
xi) Chris Davies – Goal posts complaint	Clerk responded
xii) Mrs C Marr, The ‘Meadows’ complaint	Refer to County Council
xiii)Mr W Martin – Request for use of football field	

Following consideration it was agreed that use be granted on condition that:

- i) The pitch is marked out across the field (turned 90°)
- ii) The line-marking should be done with certified substance only
- iii) A copy of the full insurance should be supplied to the Council before the event
- iv) No chairs should be taken out of the Pavilion

Matters for Information

Description

- i) Oswestry Borough Council - Planning Permits (1)
 - 2 The Terrace, Selattyn Village – Alterations and extensions to dwellings;
- ii) Oswestry Borough Council – Planning Refusals (1)

2 The Terrace, Selattyn Village - New off road parking bay

- iii) West Midlands Assembly – Speaking Out newsletter
- iv) Shropshire County Council – Bus Services Timetable Guide
- v) Shropshire County Council – newsletter
- vi) Environment Agency – Focus newsletter
- vii) Shropshire Union Canal Society – Cuttings newsletter
- viii) CPRE – Fieldwork newsletter

17) Date and time of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **19th July 2006 at the Pavilion, Gobowen** at 7.00pm