

SELATTYN & GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th April 2007 at the Pavilion, St. Martins Road, Gobowen commencing at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Councillor David Lloyd MBE

The Chairman welcomed Steve Chalmer and Claire Watson from SP Manweb to the meeting.

Present: - Councillors: -R Bowyer, Mrs S Crow, Mrs PA Evans, Mrs S Healey, T Kirk, D Lloyd MBE, Mrs E Morgan, J Manetti and J T Thorpe.

0) Public Participation:

Mr & Mrs Donning addressed the meeting and spoke of their plans to manage the Post Office in Gobowen. Members raised a number of matters for clarification.

The Chairman thanked them for attending and wished them success in their venture.

1) Apologies

Apologies were received for Councillors I W Bennett (holiday), RT Jones (family commitment), S Jones (holiday) and S Westwood-Bate (working)

County Councillor Davies (illness)

2) Declaration of Interest

Councillor Bowyer declared a personal interest in item 9(d) as he was related to the applicant.

Councillor Lloyd declared a personal interest in items 9(d) as he was related to the applicant and item 3 as he resided within eyesight of the preferred route.

3) Presentation on proposed 132kv overhead line route

Miss Claire Watson of SP Manweb addressed the meeting and explained the detail of the preferred route for the new overhead line.

Members raised a number of questions including options on routes, design of the poles, environmental aspects, Wat's Dyke and the life expectancy of the poles.

The Chairman expressed a locally held view that the area was well used by people in pursuit of leisure and that the least disturbance as possible to the local environment was favoured. He thanked both speakers for their presentation and they then left the meeting.

4) Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th March 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2007 were approved and signed.

5) Matters arising from the Minutes

- a) A reply had been received from Inspector Stafford concerning the duties of the CSO. This was noted.
- b) The Clerk presented the Progress Report which was considered. This was noted.

6) Borough Councillors' Reports

Councillor D G Lloyd reported on the Council's approval of the proposed Fitness and Leisure Centre, Oswald Park, Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council's decision to legally oppose the unitary proposal, the staging of the 'pilot' Area Committees and cross border collaboration on services.

7) Planning Applications

- a) 14883/FULL Alteration of previously approved access to Henlle Lane, Lion Quays, Gledrid
No objection
- b) 14895/FULL Proposed extension, alterations and raising of roof to create 2 storey dwelling, Greenacres, City Lane, Hengoed
No objection
- c) 14896/FULL Proposed first floor extension above ground floor garage to create additional bedroom accommodation, 96 Old Chirk Road, Gobowen
No objection

Councillors Bowyer and Lloyd took no part in the consideration and decision on the following item.
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- d) 14909/FULL Extension and alterations to dwelling, Oak Mill Cottage, Whittington Road, Gobowen
No objection

8) Parish Elections

The Clerk reported on the Statement of the persons nominated for election and in view of there being only fifteen they would form the next Council. These were noted and following consideration it was agreed that the Clerk be given approval to purchase and prepare introduction packs for each of the new Councillors.

The Chairman spoke warmly of those Members who were not seeking re-election to position and thanked them for their service over the years.

9) Parish Matters

a) Parish Plan Update

The Clerk reported that a 'draft' plan which the Steering Committee had discussed with the author who had now completed a further draft, would be considered by the group on April 24th. This was noted.

b) Members' Reports

- i) Councillor Mrs Evans spoke of the amount of litter around the village and requested that guidance be given to schools. The Chairman agreed to enquire whether information was taken into schools.
- ii) Councillor Mrs Healey complained about the night time working carried out by Network Rail on the main line over the Easter weekend, which disturbed many people in the village. It was agreed to write a letter of complaint to network Rail on this matter.
- iii) Councillor Manetti complained about the standard of workmanship and the state of the finished work in relation to the recent footpath recovering on Old Whittington Road.
- iv) Councillor Mrs Morgan gave a short report of the Racecourse Management Committee and the Oswestry Hill Fort project.
- v) Councillor Kirk enquired whether the Parish Council would be holding its meeting at Selattyn again in June. Following consideration it was agreed that in the light of local member commitments the council would hold its July meeting in Selattyn Village School.
- vi) Councillor Kirk raised the Boundary Walk and following consideration it was agreed that the walk would be held on Friday 22nd or 29th June, depending on arrangements with the Cross Keys, and that approval be given to seek quotations for transport (mini-bus) hire for the evening.
- vii) Councillor Kirk also reported on developments with the School over parking and following consideration it was agreed that an estimate be obtained for a new street light on Church Lane to provide light to the area.
- viii) Councillor Thorpe reported the poor condition of the Gobowen Road past the new roundabout outside Wat's Field development. This was noted.
- ix) Councillor Mrs Crow reported the blocked condition of the River Perry as it passed through the Playing field area. It was agreed that a contractor be engaged to release the blockage.
- x) Councillor Mrs Crow raised use of garages in Fernhill Lane for business purposes. It was agreed that this be reported to the Borough Council for action.
- xi) Councillor Lloyd reported on proposals to improve the rail link to Shrewsbury. This was noted.
- xii) Councillor Lloyd reported that BT had given notice to remove the full service from the telephone kiosk at Hengoed. A limited service would remain including 999, operator calls, 0800 calls and operator calls. This was noted.

10) Financial Matters

a) Outstanding payments for agreement

			£Net	£ VAT	£Gross
2731	NALC	- LCR subscription 2007/8	192.00	Nil	192.00
2755	SALC	- Affiliation fees	919.80		
		- Parish Pump	8.40		
		- <u>Area Committee</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>944.20</u>

2756	British Gas	- Pavilion gas	137.96	6.89	144.85
2757	Sodexo	- Grounds maintenance	320.81	56.14	376.95
2758	Oswestry Borough Council	- Litter bin emptying	68.12	11.92	80.04
2759	ABBA	- Annual membership subscription	86.00	Nil	86.00
2760	Edge Designs Ltd	- Annual technical support fee	80.00	14.00	94.00
2761	Daren Brewer (March)	- Hengoed Cemetery	140.00	Nil	
		- Selattyn	45.00	Nil	
		- Multi compost	<u>5.00</u>	Nil	<u>190.00</u>
2762	Inland Revenue	- Tax and NI payments	353.55	Nil	353.55
2763	Mrs Hodge	- April Salary	126.05	Nil	126.05
2764	Clerk	- April Salary	716.51	Nil	716.51

b) Income since the last meeting

		£
Cemetery		169.00
Gobowen Roundabout		816.28
Inland Revenue & Customs – VAT repayment		2066.05
Pavilion lettings		281.00

c) Charges – Pavilion 2007/8

Members considered recommendations from the RFO and following consideration agreed that the charges for 2007/8 would be as follows:

i) Room Hire – General Use

a) Use of all rooms and toilets – without shower facilities

i)	Up to 2 hours in total	-	£18
ii)	2 hours to 4 hours in total	-	£27
iii)	4 hours to 6 hours in total	-	£45

b) Use of all rooms, toilets and showers (Parish organisations/clubs)

i)	Up to 2 hours in total	-	£40
ii)	2 hours to 4 hours in total	-	£60
iii)	4 hours to 6 hours in total	-	£80

c) Use of all rooms, toilets and showers (Non-Parish organisations/clubs)

i)	Up to 2 hours in total	-	£60
ii)	2 hours to 4 hours in total	-	£80
iii)	4 hours to 6 hours in total	-	£100

ii) Changing Room Hire – Football Teams for duration of game period including use of showers and toilets.

a) Parish Teams	-	£40
b) Other Teams	-	£60

11) Correspondence

a) Matters requiring attention

Description	Recommended action
i. West Mercia Police – CSO duties	Members’ information
ii. Oswestry Borough Council – Non Domestic Rates demand	Members’ information
iii. Oswestry Borough Council – Statement of Persons nominated	Members’ information
iv. Oswestry Borough Council – Precept 2007/8	Members’ consideration
v. Audit Commission – Appointment of Auditor	Members’ information
vi. NatWest – Appointment of Business Manager	Members’ information
vii. British Gas – BACs payments	Clerk to investigate
viii. NALC – Model Contract of employment	Agreed to amend contracts
ix. SALC – Training opportunities	Members to attend
x. Postwatch – Post office closures	Noted
xi. Letters of thanks	Members’ information

b) Matters for information

Description

- i. Oswestry Borough Council – Planning Permits (5)

Woodbine Cottage, Hengoed; Hengoed Park Residential Home; Magnolia Cottage, Hengoed; Orthopaedic Hospital; Gyrn Cottage, Selattyn.

- ii. Oswestry Racecourse Management Association – Minutes and Agenda
 iii. Regional Assembly ‘Speaking Out’ Newsletter
 iv. Shropshire Union Canal Society – Cuttings Newsletters.

12) Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve: “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) Appointment of Assistant Clerk

The Clerk reported that from the seven applications issued four had been returned before the closing date. The Executive Committee had agreed to consider the applications and interview any that met the requirements for the post and they would report further at the next meeting of the Council on 9th May 2007.

This was noted.

13) Date and time of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **9th May 2007 at the Pavilion, Gobowen** at 7.00pm.