

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th January 2007 at the Pavilion, St. Martins Road,
Gobowen commencing at 7.00pm**

In the Chair – Councillor D G Lloyd MBE

Present: - Councillors: - I W Bennett, Mrs S Crow, Mrs PA Evans, RT Jones, Mrs E Morgan,
D Meredith-Jones, T Kirk, D Lloyd MBE,; NJ Stokes and J T Thorpe.

0) Public Participation:

None

1) Apologies

Apologies were received for Councillors Mrs S Healey(illness); S Jones (OSCA meeting); J Manetti (working); R Bowyer (accident); S Westwood-Bate (working).

The Chairman explained to members that Councillor Bowyer had had an unfortunate and it was agreed to send a letter wishing him a speeding recovery.

2) Declaration of Interest

None

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th December 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2006 were approved and signed.

4) Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) A progress report was issued and considered.
- b) The Chairman reported on the reserve fund amounts that were held by the Oswestry Borough Council.

5) Borough Councillors' Report

The Chairman reported on the budget arrangements and the need to achieve a balanced budget.

The Chairman also reported on the recent announcement to close the Maternity Unit at the orthopaedic Hospital and the steps the Borough Council were taking to object to the proposals. Following consideration it was agreed to write to the Primary Case Trust and strongly oppose the closure.

The possible closure of the Minor Injuries Unit was also briefly discussed without any resolution being made.

Councillor R Jones reported that the Borough Council had recently considered transport arrangements in the area and that a survey had shown major increases in traffic flow which left unchecked would result in depressing employment opportunities.

Councillor Jones also reported on a recent report on the Dog Warden Service and circulated copies of the report and on the proposed Leisure Facilities.

6) Planning Applications

- a) 14760/FULL Conversion of redundant buildings to 3 self-contained dwellings
Oakhurst Hall, Oakhurst Road, Oswestry
No Objection

- b) 14759/FULL Demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling
3 Nant Lane Cottages, Selattyn
No Objection providing that the new building follow the foot print of the current building and that the redundant stone is reused in the new building

- c) 14764/FULL Erection of single storey switch room
Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital

Provided that the treescape is retained.

d) 14767/FULL

Extension to nurse's home car park to provide 139 additional parking spaces in 2 phases. Extension to overflow car park to provide 210 additional car parking spaces (phase 1), and a further 200 spaces in phase 2
Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital

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Further that the
where the recycling skips were

The Council request that the application is referred to the Planning Committee and that a condition be included to ensure the tidying of road-side verges and the placing of bollards are included.
re-siting of the skip area be made to the area located.

e) 14772/REM

building is

Proposed replacement dwelling
The Cottage, Hengoed
Opposed on the grounds that the dwelling that the replacement dwelling is out of character with the area and that the footprint size of the excessive.

a) 14773/FULL

Erection of a dwelling and new access
Land at Rear of Hillesden and Garthgwyn
St Martins Road, Gobowen

Opposed on the grounds that this is back land development and that the access to the highway is unsatisfactory and unsafe. The proposed property is also not in keeping with the present nearby properties.

14777/FULL

Proposed extension, garage and store
Magnolia Cottage, Hengoed
No objection

b) 14780/FULL

Erection of conservatory and alterations to garage
Brook Cottage, Glyn Road, Selattyn

No Objection provided that the walkway included in the previous application has been removed.

7) Parish Matters

a) Gobowen Roundabout Publication

The Clerk reported that an arranged meeting for Monday 8th January was unexpectedly postponed due to illness and will now take place on 11th January.

b) Members' Reports

- i) Councillor Mrs Crow enquired about the progress of the Oswestry Play Partnership. The Chairman undertook to report to the next meeting.
- ii) Councillor Thorpe reported that holes had appeared alongside the kerb-edge in the road ways of Hammonds Place and West Place. It was agreed to report the matter to the County Highways Section.
- iii) Councillor I Bennett reported the loss of street lighting in Selattyn Village. It was agreed to report the matter to the Council's contractor.
- iv) Councillor Kirk raised the damage to roadways following the excessive rain and proposed that the County Council set up an arrangement with local farmers to clear blocked drains and gullies. It was agreed to refer this proposal to the County Council.
- v) Councillor Meredith-Jones reported a missing hydrant cover in Cornwall Avenue. It was agreed to report the matter to the County Highways Section.
- vi) Councillor Jones enquired about the progress in appointing a village Post Master Following consideration it was agreed to invite the Post Office Officer to the next meeting to report on the progress of the appointment.
- vii) Councillor Mrs Morgan reported that the Draft Development Plan for the Race Course would be presented at the next meeting of the Racecourse Management Committee. This was noted.
- viii) The Chairman referred Members to correspondence received concerning the nomination of persons for Freeman of the Borough. Following consideration it was agreed to jointly nominate Richard and Fredrick Wildgoose for their sterling work in relation to disabled people in the parish.
- ix) The Chairman referred Members to correspondence received concerning the future governance of Shropshire and in particular to a public event at Shrewsbury on 31st January. This was noted.

8) Police Report

- a) PC Clarke reported on the recent crime in the parish and, in particular, broken windows at a number of locations over recent weeks, in Selattyn the theft of a horse box, the siting of a suspicious white van and the recent public meeting concerning the traffic arrangements in the village.

9) Financial Matters

- a) Outstanding payments for agreement

			£Net	£ VAT	£Gross
1	British Gas	- Pavilion energy charges	85.55	14.97	100.19
2	Sodexo	- Grounds Maintenance	320.81	56.14	376.95
3	Cllr Mrs S Crow	- Mileage claim	16.02	Nil	16.02
4	Daren Brewer	(December)			
		- Hengoed Cemetery	140.00	Nil	
		- Selattyn	<u>45.00</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>185.00</u>
5	Mrs Hodge –	January Salary	126.05	Nil	126.05
6	Clerk –	January Salary	714.86	Nil	714.86

b) **Income since the last meeting**

Cemetery	£	274.00
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c) **2007/8 Budget Preparation**

i) Report of the Summary of Accounts up to 31st December 2006

The RFO presented the detail of the report and it was agreed that the report be accepted.

ii) Budget Report up to 31st December 2006

The RFO presented the detail of the report and it was agreed that the report be accepted.

iii) Draft Budget Report 2006/7/8

The Draft Budget Report was considered in detail.

2) **Budget 2007/8 - To agree the Budget for the 2007/8 Financial Year**

The following Budget was agreed for the 20078 Financial Year

	£	Notes
RECEIPTS		
PRECEPT	48000	
VAT REPAID BY HMCE	3000	Reduced expenditure
OTHER INCOME		
Bank Interest	450	
Grants Received (Gossip Shelter/ Bus Shelters & Plan)	7000	
Miscellaneous Income	0	
Pavilion Lettings	750	
Playing Field Donations (OBC)	2000	
HENGOED CEMETERY		
Sale of Plots	1750	Slow down in burials
Charges	250	Slow down in burials
TOTAL INCOME	63200	

EXPENDITURE

£ Notes

STAFF COSTS

Staff Vacancies	100	
Clerk's Salary	9000	National Pay Award
Caretaker's Salary	1600	National Pay Award
Tax& N. I. Payments.	4000	
Clerk's Travel Expenses	700	
BANK CHARGES	50	
ADMINISTRATION		
Room Hire	60	Selattyn Meetings
Office Expenses	500	
Telephone Costs	400	
Insurances	3200	Expected increase
Conferences	1000	
Audit fees	500	
Courses, other Training	50	
Courses, other training - Members	300	New Member Training
Subscriptions	1000	Expected Increases
Affiliation fees	150	
Planning & other fees	0	
Periodicals	200	
WEB Site	500	Extension of site contents
Projects		
Parish Walk	50	
Parish Youth Fete	500	Planned event
Newsletters	800	Based on current arrangements
Notice Boards	500	Pant Glas Notice Board
Street Furniture	2500	Including Bus Shelters
Seats 0		
MUGA	10000	"Holding account £20,000"
Roundabout	500	Planned maintenance
Parish Plan	5000	
Cemetery Extension	0	Holding
GRANTS		
Section 137	1000	
Grants Other Powers		
Youth Forum	1000	
Library funding		0 Decision to continue
Civic Expenses		
Councillor's expenses	100	
Chairman's Allowance	360	
Members' Telephone Allowance	750	New allowance
Elections	3000	

RUNNING COSTS	£	
Bus Shelter Maintenance	100	Cleaning
Street lighting Maintenance	5000	
New Lights	2000	
General Maintenance - Hengoed	2700	
General Maintenance - Selattyn	600	
General Maintenance - Preeshenlle	200	
General Maintenance - All Saints	200	
General Maintenance - Other	400	
War Memorials	500	Includes Parade security

PAVILION

Council Tax	1000	
Gas/Electricity	900	Increases in charges
Water	750	
General Maintenance	750	

PLAYING FIELD

General Maintenance	4500
Equipment	0
Inspections	100

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 69070

Call on Balances 5870

Projected Balance at the end of year 43708

13) Correspondence

a) Matters Requiring attention

Description Action	Recommended
i) Shropshire County Council – Quality in Communities Projects information	Members’
ii) Shropshire County Council – Gobowen Roundabout	Members’ information
iii) Shrewsbury Fire and Rescue Service – Premise survey and return	Clerk to complete
iv) Oswestry Borough Council – Community Magazine	Members’ information
v) Oswestry Borough Council – Draft Disability Equality Scheme consideration	Members’

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| vi) Oswestry Borough Council – Freeman of the Borough consideration | Members’ |
| vii) Oswestry Borough Council – Planning Appeal information | Members’ |
| viii)Oswestry Borough Council – consideration | Members’ |
| ix) Oswestry Town Council – One Council for Shropshire consideration | Members’ |
| x) West Mercia Police – Your Police Service in 2007 and beyond information | Members’ |
| xi) Zurich Municipal – Case closure – K M Roberts | Members’ information |

Matters for Information

Description

- i) Oswestry Borough Council - Planning Permits (1)
21 Rhewl Lane, Gobowen
- ii) Oswestry racecourse Management Committee – Agenda and minutes
- iii) West Midlands Assembly – Speaking Out (issue 13)
- iv) Shropshire Playing Field Association (The Playing Fields)
- v) Shropshire County Council – Public Transport News

15) Date and time of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **14th February 2007 at the Pavilion, Gobowen** at 7.00pm