

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th July 2008 at Selattyn School, Selattyn commencing at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Councillor Mrs E Morgan

Present:

Councillors: I. W. Bennett, J. R. Bowyer, Rev D. Cassidy, P. Cherrington, P. Clare, Mrs S. R. Crow, Mrs P. A. Evans, L. Hearne, T. R. Kirk, D. Lloyd MBE, and Mrs E. Morgan

1) New Councillor Interviews

Interviews took place for all suitable applicants who then left the meeting.

2) Appointment of New Councillor

Before any discussion took place, Sue Crow highlighted to the Council that it was not appropriate for County Councillor T. Davies to remain in the meeting for the discussion of this item. Councillor Davies agreed to leave for the discussion of this item. Members of the Council discussed the applications and agreed that the Clerk should write to all applicants informing them of the Council's decision of appointment.

3) Public Participation

None

4) Apologies

R. T. Jones, (family commitments) and J. Thorpe (work commitments)

5) Declaration of Interest

Councillor D. Lloyd declared an interest in item 11, planning application at Pentre Grange and later, left the meeting for the discussion of this item.

6) Minutes of the Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2008 were approved and signed to include an amendment to item e) to show that - Sue Crow did not ask that Gobowen Youth take down the goal posts upon completion of the seasons games but that she simply highlighted to the Clerk that the club do need to be reminded each year at the end of season.

7) County Councillor's Report-Councillor Trevor Davies

Trevor Davies did not return to the meeting following an earlier exclusion, but later explained to the Clerk his reason for not returning had been due to time restrictions placed on him that evening which

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he had not had the opportunity to explain to the Council before the being asked to leave the meeting for the discussion of item 2.

8) Borough Councillors' Reports

Councillor David Lloyd gave a report to include: Sadly, Councillor Mrs N. Burman would not be returning to the Borough Council as a Councillor due to ill health. Oswestry Borough Council had appointed a new Homeless Officer.

9) Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Fun Day Report

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her help with the organization of the event. The weather had been poor and affected the turn out on the day, however the quality of live music was excellent and Members asked that the Clerk express thanks to those who had volunteered their help for the event.

b) Hengoed Planning Report

Concerns with planning issues in Hengoed had now been documented with Oswestry Borough Council and Councillor D. Lloyd briefed Members on a report received from the Principal Planning Officer.

c) CCTV the Clerk is to find further information on this item.

d) Updates-

- i) **Gobowen Rail Crossing** – Network Rail had scheduled a date for the necessary works on the crossing.
- ii) **Post Office Disabled Parking Bay** – The Clerk informed Members that the Traffic Management Section at Shropshire County Council had agreed to carryout the necessary road markings outside the post office, reserving one disabled parking bay.
- iii) **Pant Glas Notice Board** – Shropshire County Council had met with the Chairman and the Clerk, and an agreement had been reached regarding the site and installation of the new notice board at Pant Glas. Shropshire County Council are to instruct the works.
- iv) **Pavilion Window Repair**- the Pavilion window had now been repaired as agreed.
- v) **Memorial Cleaning** – some cleaning of the Memorial had taken place, however it was reported that the pointing works had not yet been done.
- vi) **Selattyn Phone Box Letters** – The Clerk had received several letters in support of the retention of the phone box and had forwarded them to the relevant department for consideration.
- vii) **Condition of Playing Field** - Sodexo report/future works – it was agreed that a site meeting be requested to allow clarification on this matter.

10) Police Report-PC Simon Clarke

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PC Clarke gave a report on the recent crime within the Parish.

11) Planning Applications-The following comments were made by Members and would be passed onto OBC's Planning Department.

- a) **08/15625** Superior Windows - The Parish Council strongly objected to this application as they had previously, on the grounds that they considered that the development would not comply with certain sections of the Local Plan - policy H4 in particularly paragraphs 1 and 3. The Parish Council considered that the development would be completely out of character with the surrounding area and would come outside of the building line. There seemed insufficient car parking spaces and some designated parking appeared to have been given on the public highway! The development would seem to have a detrimental effect on at least one adjoining property, "Broadway" and would be built so far forward that it would block out light from that property on By Pass Road, Gobowen; all traffic leading to the new properties would have to approach passing the occupiers window. Some of the new properties would back directly onto the garden of "Broadway" therefore reducing the privacy and limiting the use of their garden. There would also be a noise increase due to the extra traffic and the visitor's car parking spaces would be directly outside of the adjoining properties window. The properties at the rear of the development could be considered back land development.
- b) **08/15628** Pentre Grange – Councillor D. Lloyd left the room for this item and took no part in the discussion. Objections on the grounds that the size of development is not in proportion to the amount of land at the site, parts of the development where turrets have been placed on pillars are approx' 5 meters high, Members considered this too high and unacceptable. They also believed that this application should not be considered until existing problems with drainage, planning and environmental issues are resolved.
- c) **08/15629** - Little Bradhouse Members wished to commend the applicants on this application; they considered it a very well presented application – no objections.
- d) **08/15650** Rock House – Objections on this application were that the additional planned access, opposite a bus shelter and on a very dangerous cross roads is not a safe proposal and the development, if it were permitted, would enclose and visually impair the important open area of the village.

12) Parish Matters

- a. **Parish Stall-Local Events** – To enable better communication and consultation between the Parish Council and local residents, the Chairman had suggested the setting up of a parish stall which would visit various events throughout the calendar, with 2 Councillors, in turn, at each event representing the Council; notice of events would be included on the Parish website and would need regularly updating. Members agreed that the stall would be beneficial and decided to set up a committee of 3 Councillors to manage its organisation and decide on suitable events etc. The Parish website would be regularly updated giving notification of such events. Members requested that the web manager be invited to the September Parish Council meeting.

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- b. **Old Chirk Road Petition** – Councillor D. Lloyd gave details of a petition, received from residents regarding the road surface on Old Chirk Road. It was agreed that the petition should be passed the Highways Department.
- c. **SILO Update** – Councillors D. Cassidy, S Crow and Ann Evans agreed to attend a meeting with representatives of SILO. It was agreed to invite the successful, new councillor, candidate to the meeting.
- d. **Hedge Cutting – Playing Field** – It was agreed to request a quote from D Brewer for the removal of elder and cutting back of the hedge on the playing field.
- e. **Review of Parish Council monthly meeting-day/time** – In a review of the monthly meeting arrangements, Members agreed that the current day and time of the meeting was still most suitable, therefore no changes would be made.
- f. **Members Reports** –
Sue Crow reminded the Clerk that the goal posts on the playing field still needed to be moved to allow the ground to recover before the next season.
Peter Clare updated Members on the situation of designated footpaths in Hengoed; due to an error when drawing up a inventory, many years ago, the footpath on City Lane, Hengoed had been omitted from the designated footpath list; however the County Council had concluded that this footpath should have been included and would now take the relevant steps to ensure it was.

13) Financial Matters

a) Outstanding payments for agreement

		£Net	£ VAT	£Gross
2989	Sodexo – Grounds Maintenance – June	342.00	59.85	401.85
2990	V & W Electrics-Repairs May – Outside of contract period Replaced Column and head lantern Replaced old lantern	555.00 199.00		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>754.00</u>	<u>131.96</u>	<u>885.96</u>
2991	D Brewer (June)			
	- Hengoed Cemetery	140.00	Nil	140.00
	- Selattyn	45.00	Nil	45.00
	- Roundabout (cutting)	50.00	Nil	50.00
	- Extra cut to Roundabout	25.00	Nil	25.00
	- Roundabout (weeding)	20.00	Nil	20.00
	- Window repair at Pavilion	40.00	Nil	40.00
	- Cleaning War Memorial	60.00	Nil	60.00
	- <u>Total</u>	<u>380.00</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>380.00</u>
2992	D Brewer (July)			
	- Hengoed Cemetery	140.00	Nil	140.00
	- Selattyn	45.00	Nil	45.00
	- Roundabout (cutting)	50.00	Nil	50.00
	- Extra cut to Roundabout	25.00	Nil	25.00
	- Roundabout (weeding)	20.00	Nil	20.00
	- <u>Total</u>	<u>280.00</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>280.00</u>
2993	Clerk			
	- July salary	617.11	Nil	617.11
2994	Caretaker			
	- July salary	130.02	Nil	130.02
2995	Cemetery Manager			
	- July salary	88.54	Nil	88.54

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2996	Clerk	- August salary	617.11	Nil	617.11
2997	Caretaker	- August salary	130.02	Nil	130.02
2998	Cemetery Manager	- August salary	88.54	Nil	88.54
2999	Inland Revenue Tax/NI	July/August	469.89	Nil	469.89
3000	SALC – 3 x Delegates	Planning/H&S/	60.00	Nil	60.00
3001	Veolia Container Exchange	-June	31.55	5.52	37.07
3002	British Gas	Feb-May	114.24	5.71	119.95
3003	Valley Security Services		135.00	23.63	158.63

a) Income since the last meeting

None

14) Correspondence List

1. Shropshire County Council

Consultation Invitation to the Boundary Review Committee Draft Recommendations-Thursday 10th July at 7pm at the Council Chamber, Oswestry Borough Council.

2. SALC-

To all Members - Invitation to a special meeting of the Boundary Committees Draft Recommendations for Shropshire on Wednesday 13th August at 6pm, Shirehall.

3. NHS

Invitation to attend and have your say on the future of the NHS in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin. Choose either of the following dates/venues: Tuesday 15th July 10am-14.30pm at The Holiday Inn Hotel, Telford or Wednesday 16th July 10am-14.30 at Shrewsbury Town Football Club.

4. Oswestry Borough Council

To all Members-Invitation to the Local Involvement Networks Seminar on Thursday 17th July at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Oswestry Borough Council.

5. Independent Policy Commission on Primary School Organization

Invites you to submit your views on the Primary School Organization Commission-deadline for submissions of written evidence is Friday 12th September 2008.

6. SLCC

Book your place at the SLCC National Conference 2008-Friday 7th October at 2pm-Sunday 19th October at 2pm.

7. SALC

Invitation to attend a briefing meeting on the Revised Quality Town/Parish Council Scheme – Wednesday 30th July at 6pm with refreshments at 5.30pm at Shirehall. Free Event!

8. SALC Training Opportunities

- Budgets & Precept setting-2nd September at Shirehall, 6-8pm with refreshments at 5.30pm.

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- Next Steps Councillor Training Program - Modules 1 & 2 on the 10th September at Shirehall, 7-9pm with refreshments at 6.30pm.

9. SALC

Update information on the Quality Town/Parish Council Scheme- those due to be reaccredited by 30th September have until the 31st December 2008 to submit their applications.

10. Powys LDP Draft Delivery Agreement

Comment form-return comments by the 18th July 2008.

11. Oswestry Borough Council

Planning Permission granted for Hengoed Park, Residential Home-Change of office use to residential bedroom.

12. Shropshire County Council

Holiday Activities Information for young people.

13. Grontnij

Severn Trent Water information regarding replacement of existing pumping station on Fernhill Lane and pipe line replacement in December 2008, commissioned by September 2009.

14. Residents Letter

War Memorial Complaint
Speed of traffic on Whittington Road

15. Shropshire County Council

- Shropshire Map 2008
- Public Transport News July 2008

16. The Campaign to Protect Rural England

- Countryside Voice Magazine
- Landscapes Magazines

17. Shropshire Union Canal Society

Cuttings Magazine

15) Exclusion of the 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"

Members discussed various issues in connection with the Field Manager and agreed to consider it further at the next Pavilion and Playing Field Committee meeting.

16) Date and time of the next meeting Wednesday 10th September 2008 at 7.00pm at the Pavilion, St Martins Road, Gobowen.

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