

## SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at the Pavilion St. Martins Road, Gobowen, commencing at 7.00pm**

**In the Chair – Councillor Mrs E Morgan**

**Present:**

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

### **1) Public Participation:**

Members of the Public attended the meeting to express their views on the proposed MUGA. Due to the time restrictions, it was apparent that a further meeting was necessary to allow the Public and Council Members more time to consider the issue and discuss the matter in greater detail.

It was agreed that the Members of the Council would decide upon a suitable date for the meeting and the Clerk would display the Agenda on the Parish Notice Boards to inform the Public and Press of the meeting date.

### **2) Apologies**

Rev D. Cassidy, J. R. Bowyer (Illness),

### **3) Declaration of Interest**

None

### **4) Minutes of the Meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

The minutes of the Meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 were approved and signed with an amendment to item 7 to show that Councillor R Jones gave the Borough Councillors Report, not Councillor D Lloyd as stated in the minutes.

### **5) Matters arising from the Minutes**

- a) **MUGA Consultation-Feed Back.** Members considered the matter of the MUGA and the views of the local residents and agreed to arrange a date for a further meeting with the purpose of giving residents a chance to give their views on the proposed MUGA. A resolution was passed that, should the need arise to sign a Deed of Dedication and a Deed of Undertaking, with regards to the playing field, it was agreed that the three Members to sign the documents would be Councillors Mrs E. Morgan, Mrs S. Crow and R. T. Jones.
- b) **Allotments Provisions.** The Clerk explained to Members that a suitable piece of land still needed to be found before the reinstatement of Allotments Gardens in Gobowen can move forward and that, compulsory purchasing a piece land is not the best way forward as it may

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not be necessary and can be very time consuming. Members agreed to Agenda this item to the next Parish Council meeting.

- c) **Hengoed Cemetery – Standard of Excavation.** Members were given the opportunity to read a report prepared by the Cemetery Manager, Mr J. Ward and it was agreed that the grave digger mentioned in the report should not be allowed to excavate any further plots at Hengoed Cemetery. However Members were concerned that this may lead to a shortage of grave diggers at the Cemetery and wanted assurance from the Cemetery Manager that this would not be the case. The Clerk is to report to the Cemetery Manager to obtain conformation.
  - d) **Fun Day – Update.** The Chairman updated Members on the Fun Day arrangements. Members agreed to add the event to the diary at Gobowen Library and to display posters at Walford & North Shropshire College and at the Cube in Oswestry. Councillor Anne Evans is to contact Radio Severn to publicise the event. Members considered the need for additional stewards to help on the day and deliberated the need to hire a security firm to help manage the “No Alcohol Policy” at the event.
- 6) **Police Report** – Simon Clarke could not be present at the meeting due to him having other commitments therefore no report was given.
- 7) **County Councillor’s Report** - Councillor T Davies remarked on the poor state of the railway crossing in Gobowen following the emergency repairs that had been carried out. Councillor Davies also briefed Members on the Boundary Commissions Review.
- 8) **Borough Councillor’s Report** – Councillor David Lloyd informed Members that a resolution, proposed by Councillor R. T. Jones, asking the Borough Council to encourage the use of re-usable plastic bags and discourage the use of non degradable plastic bags had been passed at a Council Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April. Councillor Lloyd informed Members that Oswestry Borough Council had received a pleasing Annual Audit report and that plans were proceeding well for the new Unitary Authority.

9) **Planning Applications for consideration.**

There were no applications to be considered.

10) **Parish Matters**

- a) **Vandalism Costs-Quotes for Consideration** – Members considered quotes for various replacements to the recently vandalised window at the Pavilion and agreed not to replace the window material but to place a piece of ply board on the inside of the window and paint it white. The Clerk is to arrange for the work to be done.
- b) **Hammonds Place Light Renewal Consideration** – Having taken into consideration the recommendations given by the electrical contractors, Members agreed that the Clerk request a quote to have the column, that is located outside of number 66 Hammonds Place, replaced due to its poor condition. However Members agreed that the column must remain in the same place as the existing one and that the quote, to be obtained, must ensure that the connection of the new column is done at the same time as the disconnection of the existing column.

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- c) **Post Office Closures** – Members were pleased to learn that the proposal for closures of Post Offices did not affect the Parish.
- d) **Section 106 Agreements** – It was agreed to Agenda this item to the next Parish Council meeting for further discussion; the Clerk is to provide Members with copies of the section 106 agreement and maps that cover the Wats Meadow development site area.
- e) **Planned Pelican Crossing-Gobowen** – It was agreed that the Clerk write to Shropshire County Council and request a site proposal.
- f) **London to Wrexham -Train Update** - The Clerk informed Members that Wrexham and Shropshire Rail Company had confirmed that it is their intention for the London train to make scheduled stops at Gobowen, Chirk and Ruabon Stations in the not to distant future. It is hoped that through negotiations with Network Rail and other train operators it will be possible to overcome current restrictions.

## 11) Financial Matters.

Due to the expiry of the Sodexho contract-Members agreed to renew the contract for the coming year.

### a) Outstanding payments for agreement

		£Net	£ VAT	£Gross
2908	V&W Electrics Ltd			
	Repairs outside agreement	185.28	32.42	217.70
2909	V&W Electrics Ltd - Lamp post labels	68.00	11.90	79.90
2910	Sodexho (March) - Playing Field Maintenance	332.04	58.11	390.15
2911	Fitzpatrick Woolmer – Notice Board	728.45	127.48	855.93
2912	NALC - NCR subscription	180.0	Nil	180.00
2913	SLCC -Membership Fee	123.00	Nil	123.00
2914	SALC - Annual Subscriptions	978.54		
	- Area Committee subscriptions	16.00		
	- Parish Pumps	8.40		
	- TOTAL	1002.94	Nil	1002.94
2915	OBC – Temporary Events Applications	21.00	Nil	21.00

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2916	D Brewer (March)	- Hengoed Cemetery	140.00	Nil
		- Selattyn	45.00	Nil
		- Roundabout (cutting)	50.00	Nil
		- Roundabout (weeding)	20.00	Nil
		- Total	255.00	Nil
2960.	Clerk - April salary		617.11	Nil
2961.	Caretaker - April salary		130.02	Nil
2962.	Cemetery Manager- April salary		88.54	Nil
2963.	HMRC- Tax & NI		274.25	Nil
				255.00

**b) Income since the last meeting**

Hengoed Cemetery – Charges 281.25

**c) Local Council Review Subscription 2008/09**

**12) Correspondence**

**a) Matters Requiring Attention**

**Recommended Action**

**Description**

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|-------|--|----------|
| i.    | Shropshire County Council – Formative (Pre-Statutory) Consultation on Amalgamation of Pairs of Schools | Noted    |
| ii.   | Shropshire County Council – Unitary Authority Electoral Review of Shropshire                           | Received |
| iii.  | Shropshire County Council – Road Closure- Rhydycroesau   | Noted    |
| iv.   | Oswestry Borough Council – BT Payphone Provisions  | Action   |
| v.    | Oswestry Borough Council – Meeting with Town & Parish Councils   | Noted    |
| vi.   | Oswestry Borough Council – Postal Addresses-properties adjoining Temperance Gobowen                    | Action   |
| vii.  | Gough Thomas & Scott – MUGA Objection Letter   | Received |
| viii. | Audit Commission-Appointment of External Auditor   | Noted    |
| ix.   | Community Council of Shropshire-Every Action Counts (Training)   |          |

**b) Matters for Information**

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**i. Oswestry Borough Council - Planning Permission (5)**

- a) White House, Selattyn

**Oswestry Borough Council – Planning Refusals (2)**

- a) Oakfield, Oaklands Road, Chirk Bank
- b) Oakcroft, Hengoed

- ii. Parish Pump February 2008
- iii. X-act Security CCTV Specialists
- iv. SALC-Newsletter
- v. Town & Parish Standard-Newsletter
- vi. Shropshire Union Canal Society-April 2008
- vii. Civic Society News Letter March 2008
- viii. Campaign to Protect Rural England-Fieldwork-March 2008
- ix. The Countryside Voice-Sprig 2008

**13) Date and Time of the next meeting**

To be agreed

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