

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th January 2008 at the Pavilion St. Martins Road,
Gobowen, 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, R. T. Jones, T. R. Kirk, D. Lloyd MBE, Mrs E. Morgan and J. Thorpe.

1) Public Participation:

None

2) Apologies

None Received

3) Declaration of Interest

None were recorded

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

The minutes of the Meeting held on 12th December 2007 to include the following amendments were approved and signed.

Minute 12b) should have included – The Chairman highlighted the difficulties faced by a group of scouts on exercise the previous week that had been unable to complete their walk and had to turn back due to some footpaths being impassable.

Minute 12d) iv should have read - The Alder trees at the side of the brook by the Pavilion are blocking out light to a resident who wants them cut down. Members agreed that Cllr R Jones was to approach the resident and offer his assistance in cutting them down, suggesting the trunks could be used to make safe seating.

Minute 12d) v should have read - Cllr Mrs A Evans highlighted the need for better lighting at the corner of Fairfield Close. The Clerk suggested revisiting this problem at the end of March as the newly proposed highway lighting for the surrounding areas will have been installed by then and may resolve the problem.

Minute 13 should have read - The Chairman gave report of the Executive Committee's interview of Mrs Jones at its meeting on Monday 10th December and following discussion it was agreed that Mrs Jones be appointed Clerk on SCP 26 with effect from 1st January 2008 with the first increment being payable on 1st April 2008 and on condition that she is prepared to register and complete the 'Working with Your Council' course and the CiLCA course."

5) Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Progress Report –

None

b) Allotments Provision

The Clerk had not received a response from Oswestry Borough Council as to previous use of Allotment Gardens in Gobowen. Members agreed that the Clerk is to once again contact Oswestry Borough Council and forward to them copies of letters received from residents along with a copy of a map which clearly highlighted “Access to Allotments”.

c) Lamp Columns – Contact Details Update

During the period between Christmas and New Year, the former Clerk, John Ward, had updated all of the relevant lamp columns within the Parish with the new Clerks contact details. Members wanted to thank John for taking the time and trouble to assist with this matter. The Clerk is to write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Council.

d) Playing Field Area – Wats Meadow

Councillor R Jones and the Clerk have approached Oswestry Borough Council with regard the matter of the soil which has been dumped on the area of Wats Meadow but have not yet received a satisfactory response. The Clerk is to contact Oswestry Borough Council again and will request a copy of the 106 agreement for the Wats Meadow area of development, and ask for information including - who owns this piece of land. The Clerk informed Members that the Principal Planning Officer at Oswestry Borough Council has said she has written to the developers to ask for this soil to be removed.

4) Police Reports

PC Clerk reported on the recent crime in the village and, in particular the theft of fencing from Old Whittington Road, Gobowen, theft from a garden shed on Twympath Lane, entry was gained to another shed on Twympath Lane although nothing was taken.

5) County Councillor’s Report

None

6) Borough Councillors Reports

Councillor David Lloyd gave a report:

The Concessionary Travel Scheme has now been extended, this allows users to travel on both rail and bus services; any concerns with regards to disabled users are to be investigated.

Councillor Lloyd highlighted the problem of the under funding of schools nationally, but reported that no decisions had yet been reached on Schools for Closure.

The Boundary Commission are continuing to work to complete the review in time for an election in 2009.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Lloyd for his report.

7) Planning Applications

a) 07/15351/FUL Llechwedd Mawr Demolition of conservatory with gallery study
 9 Pant Glas and erection of two storey kitchen, bedroom and
 Oswestry study extension
 Shropshire
 SY10 7HS

No Objections

b) 07/15355/FUL Mardy Farm Conversion of agricultural buildings to 3
 Hengoed dwellings
 Oswestry
 Shropshire
 SY10 7EY

No Objections

Although Members had no objections to the above Applications they asked the Planning Department to check with Building Regulations on all applications where relevant that the drainage systems are adequate enough to cope with the proposed plans.

c) 07/15349/REM Bryn Y Castell Erection of four detached houses and alterations
 St Martins Road to access
 Gobowen
 Oswestry
 Shropshire
 SY10 7AN

No Objections-
provided the
Access is
sufficient.

8) Parish Matters

a) Members Reports

- i. Cllr R Jones brought to Members attention the new signs that have appeared in the village and asked if consultations had taken place before sighting the signs. Cllr Mrs S. Crow explained that she believed the signs had been erected to help direct the heavy goods delivery vehicles in the area and said that St Martins Parish Council had been consulted and that she had urged the Engineer and Transport Officer to also consult with Selattyn and Gobowen Parish in the future.

- ii. Cllr D. Cassidy had received a letter from a resident, expressing ideas for development of The Meadow; Cllr Crow said that this land was outside the development boundary.
- iii. Cllr P Clare spoke of the problems faced by residents of Hengoes due to drainage problems. Cllr Clare believes this item is to be discussed at a meeting at Oswestry Borough Council. Members suggested the Clerk write to OBC to obtain further information.
- iv. Cllr Bennett informed Members that the gullies on Baths Bank need emptying. With the highways work now completed on the stretch of road from Oswestry to Gobowen, Cllr Bennett asked if the 30mph signs can now be moved closer to Oswestry as previously suggested; this should be done before the completion of the Wats Meadow development site. The Clerk is to raise the issue with the County Highways Department.
- v. Cllr T Kirk said that the new 30mph signs on Nant Lane can not be seen; they are buried in the hedge and need to be moved. The Clerk will raise this matter with the relevant department.
- vi. Cllr L Hearne was disappointed to have read in the local paper that residents may no longer be able to show their appreciation to the refuse collectors now that the refuse collection has been contracted out to Veolia. Cllr D Lloyd believes that Councillor J Barrow from Oswestry Borough Council is to enquire with Veolia as to the company protocol on the issue.
- vii. Cllr D Lloyd highlighted the railway crossing at Gobowen Station which is rapidly deteriorating. The Assistant Divisional Surveyor has confirmed that The County Council can not do any work on this area but that Railtrack have confirmed that remedial works are scheduled for February.
- viii. Cllr Mrs S Crow raised the importance of reporting any faults on lights within the Parish the same day they are received. This was noted.
- ix. Cllr Mrs Crow asked that an update on the request for a flooding site meeting to be included on next months Progress Report.
- x. Cllr Crow suggested the inclusion of contact details and events from local organisations within the Parish be put in the next issue of the Parish Roundabout.
- xi. The Chairman highlighted a meeting which was to take place at Rhydycroesau Village Hall on the 23rd January to discuss the Area Design Statement which included the Racecourse; the Chairman planned to attend and extended the invitation to Members of the Parish Council.

Members agreed to press on with the arrangements for the CSO to begin using the Pavilion as a base. The Clerk is to provide the CSO with a set of keys.

The problem of vandalism and graffiti in Gobowen continue to prove a problem and Members discussed initiatives to try to reduce these problems and considered placing a piece in the Parish Roundabout to urge members of the public to come forward with any information.

9) Financial Matters

a) Outstanding payments for agreement

		£Net	£ VAT	£Gross
2886	Veolia - Cemetery trade refuse	21.70	3.80	25.50
2887	Shropshire C.C. - Joint Energy Charge	1408.24	246.44	1654.68
2888	British Gas – Pavilion gas	60.78	3.03	63.81
2889	V&W Electrics Ltd – Street Lighting Repairs	348.03	60.90	408.93
2890	Sodexho - Playing Field Maintenance	332.04	58.11	390.15
2891	D Brewer (Dec) - Hengoed Cemetery	140.00	Nil	
	- Selattyn	45.00	Nil	
	- Roundabout (weeding)	20.00	Nil	205.00
2892	Inland Revenue - Tax and NI payments	163.36	Nil	163.36
2893	Mrs Hodge January Salary	130.02	Nil	130.02
2894	Clerk - January Salary	532.39	Nil	532.39
2895	RFO/Cemetery - January Salary	151.02	Nil	151.02

b) Income Since the Last Meeting

Hengoed Cemetery – Charges	173.00
Pavilion takings	310.00

10) Correspondence

a) Matters Requiring Attention

Agreed Action

Description

i. Oswestry Town Council-Street Lighting Forum Agenda	Chairman & Clerk to attend
ii. Shropshire County Council - Primary School Vision & Organisation Policy	Received
iii. Shropshire County Council – Village Speed	Noted
iv. Shropshire County Council – Launch Invitation , Customer First Point, Gobowen Library	Some Members to attend
v. West Mercia Police- Consultation Evening	Cllr D G Lloyd to attend
vi. SALC – Boundary Commission Meeting	Received
vii. SALC – Training Opportunities	Received
viii. Selattyn Show Committee-Donation to Annual Show	Defer to March Meeting

ix. Keith Jones, Ashwood, Gobowen – Allotment Ownership Received

b) Matters for Information

Description

- i. Oswestry Borough Council - Outline Planning Permission (1)
 - a) Ashcroft, Old Chirk Road, Gobowen
- ii. Oswestry Borough Council - Planning Permission (2)
 - a) Mardy Pumping Station, Selattyn
 - b) The Temperance, The Square, Gobowen
- iii. Oswestry Borough Council - Refusal of Planning Permission (1)
 - a) White House Selattyn Oswestry
- iv. NALC – Community Empowerment Awards Leaflet
- v. Fieldwork – Newsletter
- vi. NFU – Why Farming Matters Leaflet
- vii. Parish Pump – Order Form

11) Date and Time of the next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **13th February 2008 at the Gobowen Pavilion** at 7.00pm