

## SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 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, P. Cherrington, P. Clare, Mrs S. R. Crow, Mrs P. A. Evans, L. Hearne, R. T. Jones, T. R. Kirk, D. Lloyd MBE and Mrs E. Morgan.

- 1) **Public Participation**-Some Members of the Public were present and asked questions regarding the new Multi Use Games Area, including provision for litter collection once the MUGA is operational. The Chairman confirmed that litter collection is one of many items still to be agreed but assured the public that provisions will be made in time for MUGA being operational; she also informed Members of the Public which games the MUGA will accommodate.
- 2) **Apologies**-Rev D. Cassidy (work commitments) and J. Thorpe (Work Commitments)
- 3) **Declaration of Interest**-None
- 4) **Minutes of the Meetings**-The minutes of the Meetings held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were approved and signed.
- 5) **Affordable Housing Update, Brigid Carey**-Brigid Carey was unable to make the meeting.
- 6) **County Councillor's Report, Councillor Trevor Davies**-Trevor Davies did not give a report but answered questions regarding the Boundary Review; he confirmed that Parish Councils had been given the opportunity to comment on the Boundary Review and said that further consultation is due later in the year.
- 7) **Police Report, PC Simon Clarke**-PC Clarke reported on the recent crime within the Parish, in particular that entry was gained to a garage on Twympath Lane on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, however nothing was stolen, damage was caused to an extractor fan at the Memorial Chapel, Chirk Road on 18<sup>th</sup> May; police believe that the damage may have been caused whilst trying to gain entry. All Saints Church Hall, Gobowen also suffered some damage the following week when an external light and part of the plastic guttering were broken, the gas tap was also turned off. Several thefts from sheds in the Gobowen area were reported, various garden equipment was stolen along with an orange Apollo cycle from a garden nearby. The police reported an anonymous call giving information of inappropriate sexual activity at Hengoed Cemetery.
- 8) **Borough Councillors' Reports**-Councillor David Lloyd gave a short report on the 5 acre site of railways land; it had been decided that the land should remain as open space land, designated for mixed use purpose.

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## 9) Matters Arising from the Minutes

### a) **Proposal by Councillor Ron Jones – Allotment Gardens**

**“Before the move to the Unitary Council, the Parish Council requests that the transfer of land adjoining the parking area at Almond Avenue, Gobowen and previously used as Allotment Gardens be transferred to Parish Council’s ownership.”**

Members accepted the proposal put forward and agreed to approach Oswestry Borough Council.

- b) **Date for Parish Walk**-Members considered several dates for the Parish Walk and agreed that the walk should take place at 6.15pm on Friday 15th August, meeting at Henlle Golf Club.
- c) **MUGA** - Members reaffirmed the decision previously made on the position of the games area; a proposal was made to turn the MUGA 90° to minimize the impact on the closest properties, the proposal was accepted. The Chairman confirmed that the MUGA will be completely green in colour with green mesh around it. It was reported that the price of the MUGA had risen since it was first costed, however the protective grills needed for the lighting could be offset if the spoil was to be kept on site. The Clerk is to ask the contractors for their opinion.
- d) **Fun Day Update**-The Chairman updated Members on the progress of the Fun Day arrangements.
- e) **Gobowen Crossing - Road Closure Notice**-Members had received notice of the road closure to allow for the necessary work on the level crossing but Members thought that the amount of time proposed for the road closure was not sufficient for the amount of work needed. The Clerk is to request a schedule of works.
- f) **Pant Glas Notice Board - Suitable Location Consideration**-It was agreed to ask SCC to erect the notice board beneath the only street light in Pant Glas, the site had been proposed by local residents of Pant Glas and was considered the safest location.
- g) **Quotations for Consideration**
- i) **Cleaning of the War Memorial**-the quote received was agreed and the Clerk is to instruct Darren Brewer to do the necessary works.
  - ii) **Boarding up and Painting of Pavilion window**-the quote received was agreed and the Clerk is to instruct Darren Brewer to do the necessary works.
  - iii) **Removal of Hedge behind the Pavilion**-it was agreed to defer this item until the contractors responsible for constructing the MUGA could be consulted.
  - iv) **Tamper for Hengoed Cemetery**-Members agreed to purchase the tamper for the cemetery as it was considered necessary by the Cemetery Manager.
- h) **Speed Limit Review of Upper Hengoed-Report**. Members were informed that the speed limit review of Upper Hengoed had now been completed.

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

- i) **08/15575 Ellensdale, Chirk Road - Members objected to this application on the grounds of inappropriate density;** the proposed development would be over crowded and a dangerous tight corner would be created if the application were successful.
- ii) **08/15596 The Pines, City Lane, Hengoed** – No objections.
- iii) **08/15602 Pool Cottage, Hengoed** – No objections.
- iv) **08/15600 Pennant Farm, Rhosygadfa** – No objections.
- v) **08/15612 Yew Tree Cottage, Hengoed** – Members were concerned that the increased footprint of this application may exceed the percentage that the planning rules allow. Members would like the relevant checks to be made to prove that this application is not contrary to “Borough Planning Policy” and also asked that sufficient drainage systems such as septic tank and soak away provisions would be put in place for this application.

**11) Parish Matters:**

- a) **Hire of the Pavilion and use of Playing Field next Season** - Cross Foxes-It was agreed that the Clerk should invite the football teams to attend a Pavilion and Playing Field Committee on the 23rd July. Copies of the relevant paper work would be emailed to all Members before this meeting.
- b) **Responsibilities for Parish Councils** - under a Unitary Authority. Members were asked to consider any aspects of responsibilities that could be reviewed under the new authority and any points highlighted would be brought to a future meeting for consideration.
- c) **Field Report from Sodexo**-The Clerk is to make enquires to Sodexo regarding the cost of a report from them on the resent damage caused to the playing field by Severn Trent's' contractors. Members requested that the Clerk seek out any drainage plans held by the Parish Council for the playing field and report back at a future meeting.
- d) **Pavilion and Playing Fields Committee Meeting**-It was agreed to hold the next meeting on the 23rd July at 7pm.
- e) **Members' Reports**

**Ann Evans** commented on the amount of vandalism and litter within Gobowen village; the Clerk is to make enquires as to whether the litter issue is covered under licensing laws.

**Ron Jones** asked the Clerk to contact the probation service to enquire if litter picking in Gobowen could be arranged through them.

**Peter Clare** re raised the issues of concern highlighted at a previous meeting, regarding the drainage at Hengoed where the disposal of effluent waste had been directed into a pond; he confirmed that water taken from the pond for analysis was found to contain high levels of contamination. Pentre Grange, the site concerned, had since been granted further permission to allow 2 holiday properties to be built on the site and Councillor Clare was deeply concerned that it was a case of over development at the site; David Lloyd declared an interest and left the meeting for the remainder of this item. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries with regards this application.

There were also concerns raised with another development site at Hengoed, Green Acres; Members agreed that a resolution be put to the Chief Executive at OBC to get the works stopped at this site immediately as Members believe it to be an illegal building. The Clerk is to request information regarding this planning application.

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**Ian Bennett** highlighted that the Parish Website was not as current as it should be; the Clerk accepted that due to the work load it had fallen behind but is to address the matter as soon as possible.

**Sue Crow** informed the Clerk of overgrown hedges and a pothole on the Fernhill estate and complained of discarded cigarettes outside of the Cross Foxes. She informed the Clerk that Gobowen Youth football team must remove the goal posts from the field at the end of the football season. The Clerk is to inform the relevant authorities, write a letter to the Cross Foxes, and is to request that Gobowen Youth football team remove the goal posts.

## 12) Financial Matters

### a) Outstanding payments for agreement

		£Net	£ VAT	£Gross
2976	Sodexo – Grounds Maintenance – May	342.00	59.85	401.85
2977	V & W Electrics-Monthly maintenance-April	239.83		
	Maintenance outside of monthly agreement	77.02		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>316.85</u>	<u>55.45</u>	<u>372.30</u>
2978	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
	<u>- Total</u>	<u>280.00</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>280.00</u>
2979	Clerk - June salary	617.11	Nil	617.11
2980	Caretaker - June salary	130.02	Nil	130.02
2981	Cemetery Manager - June salary	88.54	Nil	88.54
2982	SLP Partners Ltd – Parish Roundabout Printing	320.00	Nil	320.00
2983	SALC – 2 x Delegates to Good Councillor Training	40.00	Nil	40.00
2984	Veolia Container Exchange-April	25.74	4.50	30.24
2985	David Davies & Sons – Extra Slabbing Works	80.00	14.00	94.00
2986	Shropshire Union Canal Society	25.00	Nil	25.00
2987	BT-Telephone Bill	93.29	15.53	108.82
2988	Zurich Municipal Insurance renewal	3080.86	Nil	
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### b) Income since the last meeting

None

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### 13) Correspondence List

- i. SCC – Road Closure - Level Crossing 11th/12th October  
Road Closure - School Lane, Gobowen 28th July for 4 weeks
- ii. Oswestry Borough Council Complaint re' Consultation Day MUGA
- iii. SALC -Training Opportunities x 4  
Agenda Items for Larger Councils Meeting
- iv. Safer Shropshire Partnership – CCTV in Shropshire Conference invitation
- v. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service – Agency Network Event invitation
- vi. OSCA - AGM Invitation
- vii. CPRE Garden Evening Invitation Friday 13th June 7pm anyone welcome ask Clerk for details

### 14) 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"

- a) **Co-option of Council Member-** It was announced to Members that two candidates had applied for the position of new Councillor and it was agreed to arrange to invite the candidates for interviews to be held at the Parish Council meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> July at Selattyn School.
- b) **Field Manager Discussion-**It was agreed to defer this item until the Pavilion and Playing Field Committee meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

**15) Date and time of the next meeting-**Wednesday 9th July 2008 at 7.00pm at Selattyn School

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