

**SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at the Pavilion St. Martins Road,  
Gobowen, commencing at 7.00pm**

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

**Present:**

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

**1) Public Participation:**

None

**2) Apologies**

J. R. Bowyer (Illness), D. Lloyd MBE (Illness), J. Thorpe (Work Commitments)

**3) Declaration of Interest**

Councillors D Cassidy and R Jones declared interests in item 5c and would take no part in the decision of this item.

**4) Minutes of the Meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> January & 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

The minutes of the Meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> January & 13<sup>th</sup> February (to include the following amendments-11a”that the Clerk would inform the Principle Planning Officer of the concerns) 2008 were approved and signed.

**5) Financial Matters**

**a) Outstanding payments for agreement**

		<b>£Net</b>	<b>£ VAT</b>	<b>£Gross</b>
2908	Cancelled			
2909	V&W Electrics Ltd			
	- Maintenance Agreement (Jan)	239.83		
	- Repairs outside agreement	280.45		
	- Replacement column/head	525.00		
	- Labour charges	215.04		
	- <u>Total</u>	<u>1260.32</u>	<u>220.56</u>	<u>1480.88</u>
2910	V&W Electrics Ltd			
	- Maintenance Agreement (Feb)	239.83	41.97	281.80

2911	Shropshire C.C.	- Joint Energy Charge	704.12	123.22	827.34
2912	Chubb	- Extinguisher maintenance	36.10	6.32	42.42
2913	Chubb	- Replacement extinguisher	202.60	35.46	238.06
2914	Edge Designs	- Cemetery Programme	85.00	14.88	99.88
2915	Sodexho	- Playing Field Maintenance	332.04	58.11	390.15
2916	SLCC	- Clerks CiLCA registration	70.00	Nil	70.00
2917	BT	- Parish Line	65.44	10.66	76.10
2918	D Brewer (Feb)	- Hengoed Cemetery	140.00	Nil	
		- Selattyn	45.00	Nil	
		- Roundabout (weeding)	20.00	Nil	
		- Total	205.00	Nil	205.00
2919	Mrs Hodge	- March Salary	130.02	Nil	130.02
2920	Clerk	- March Salary	532.39	Nil	532.39
2921	Clerk	- Miscellaneous Expenses	281.99		281.99
2922	Clerk	- Travel expenses	221.25	Nil	221.25
2923	Cllr. Mrs Morgan	- Chairman's Allowance	360.00	Nil	360.00
2924	Cllr. Morgan	- Travel expenses	15.75	Nil	15.75
2925	Cllr. Cassidy	- Travel expenses	14.00	Nil	14.00
2926	Cllr. Hearne	- Travel Expenses	9.10	Nil	9.10
2927	Cllr. Mrs Crow	- Travel expenses	16.00	Nil	16.00
2928	RFO/Cemetery	- March Salary	151.02	Nil	151.02
2929	Cllr Kirk	- Telephone Allowance	50.00	Nil	50.00
2911	Veolia	- Cemetery trade refuse (Mar)	21.70	3.80	25.50

#### b) Income since the last meeting

Hengoed Cemetery – Charges	225.00
Contribution from Oswestry Borough Council – Playing Field	1917.96
Grant from Shropshire County Council for 2 new bus shelters	2914.50
Bonus Payment from HMRC for PAYE on-line return	150.00

#### c) Donation Requests-Under S137 Powers

Councillors D Cassidy and R Jones left the room and took no part in the decision of this item. Members considered the applications and following consideration agreed that the following:

#### d) Parish based organisations

Description	Application	Agreed Amount
2931 All Saints Church	Not specified	£200 Budgeted
2932 St Mary's Church, Selattyn	Not specified	£200 Budgeted
2933 Preshenlle Reform Church	Not specified	£200 Budgeted
2934 Gobowen Scouts Group	Not specified	£200
2935 Gobowen Youth FC	Not specified	£200
2936 SILO	£2,000	£1000 Budgeted
2937 Selattyn Show Committee	£100	£50

**a) Borough based organisations**

2938	CAB Oswestry	Not specified	£50
2939	Oswestry CCTV Group	Not specified	£50
2940	Hope House	Not specified	£50
	Royal British Legion	Not specified	£50 (Paid in December2007)
2941	Oswestry Rugby Club	Not specified	

**b) County based organisations**

2942.	Macmillan Cancer Relief	£50
2943.	Marie Curie Cancer Relief	£50
2944.	No Panic	£50
2945.	Relate Shropshire and Herefordshire	£50
2946.	Severn Hospice	£50
2947.	West Shropshire Talking Newspapers	£50

**c) SILO**

Following further consideration of the donation to SILO it was agreed, that in the circumstances reported to the meeting, that the payment be withheld until SILO Management Committee could confirm in writing to the Council that its Annual Financial Statement of Accounts had been cleared by the Charities Committee.

**6) Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**a) Overnight road closure – Crossing Works**

The Clerk is to write for conformation of the nature of the repair works, due to be carried out on the railway crossing at Gobowen Station.

**b) Vandalism – Consideration of Defaced Window**

Following some consideration to find a suitable solution to this matter it was decided that the Clerk should seek advice and quotes for various replacements and agenda this item to the next meeting to allow Members to make a decision.

**7) Borough Councillors' Report**

Borough Councillor Ron Jones reported that enquiries had been made to Oswestry Borough Council regarding the rates being charged for various businesses in the area; these are now under investigation by the Borough Council.

The Chairman thanked Councillor R Jones for his report.

**8) Police Report – PC Simon Clarke**

PC Clarke reported on the recent crime in within the Parish and confirmed that the CSO is now in a position to use the Pavilion as a Surgery to enable residents to contact him more easily. The CSO would be available, at the Pavilion between 10-11am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April2008 and following that on the first Wednesday of each month at the stated time.

The Chairman thanked the Officer for his report, he then left the meeting.

#### **9) Planning Applications for Consideration**

- a) **08/15417/REM** – The Cottage, Hengoed, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7EE  
Approval of provision of access, external appearance, siting, design and landscaping.

Members were concerned with various aspects of the application and agreed that the Clerk should report the concerns to the Planning Department, also reminding the department to consider sewerage and waste disposal on all applications where relevant.

#### **10) Parish Matters**

##### **a) Post Office Closures**

Members agreed to defer Post Office Closures to the April meeting. The Clerk is to include the item on the April Agenda for Members consideration.

##### **b) NALC Conference**

Members considered Parish Council representation at the Conference but due to the cost implications to the Parish Council and the decision by NALC to hold the event midweek, Members agreed not to send a representative this year. The Clerk is to write to NALC requesting that information from the Conference be available on line and to suggest that the event be networked in the future.

##### **c) Roundabout Maintenance**

The Clerk informed Members that Darren & Ruth Brewer had been instructed to cut the grass on the roundabout, as spring had arrived early, to maintain the standard; but that the daffodil bulbs should be left untouched until flowering had finished. Members asked that the daffodils not be touch until 6 weeks after flowering.

Members requested that the Clerk follow up on previous appeals for assistance in design and sponsorship of the roundabout, due to the poor response so far.

##### **d) Communities & Local Government – Consultation on Orders & Regulations**

This item was deferred for further information

##### **e) Member's Reports**

- i. **Councillor Les Hearne** suggested that the Clerk to write to the Highways Department commending them on the installation of the new lights on St Martins Road.
- ii. **Councillor Tim Kirk requested that the Clerk remind the Highways Department that the 30mph sign on Nant Lane** is still obscured by the hedgerow, which needs cutting back. Councillor Kirk confirmed that he would be organising the Parish Walk again this year.
- iii. **Councillor Ian Bennett** suggested that a letter be sent to the Highways Department to complement them on the work done on the new roundabout near to the Wats Dyke development and to make the suggestion that low growing shrubs be planted in the middle of the roundabout, provided that they would be maintained by the County Council and not by the Parish Council. Members agreed.

- iv. **Councillor Percy Cherrington** commented that in his opinion, the road level at the crossing could not be taken out in the time allotted by Network Rail. Members agreed that this should be highlighted in the letter to be sent out to Network Rail.
- v. **Councillor Dave Cassidy** highlighted the problems with the speed of vehicles using the St Martins Road in Gobowen. The Clerk confirmed that the mobile speed warning sign is to return to this area.
- vi. **Councillor Ron Jones** suggested that a letter be written to the Office of Rail Regulations informing them that the rail crossing in Gobowen is in a dangerous condition. Members agreed.
- vii. **Councillor Ann Evans** reiterated the litter problem within the village.
- viii. **Councillor Erica Morgan** informed Members that a draft poster advertising the Fun Day had now been prepared and that it was hoped that the launch day for the new MUGA could be brought forward to June 21<sup>st</sup> to coincide with the Fun Day. It was agreed that the presence of the CSO be requested at the event. The posters advertising the event will be displayed following the April Parish Council Meeting.
- ix. **Clerks Report**

The Clerk informed Members that the resident from Preeshenlle Lane, who had previously requested that the column SG24 outside of their property be moved, had confirmed that after some consideration of the offer made by the Council to share the cost of the replacement and relocation of the column the resident confirmed that they were not in a position to contribute the cost required. However the resident had asked that the column be removed completely due to its poor condition and not replaced adding that a security light had been fitted onto their property that sufficiently lit the whole area when either pedestrians or vehicles went past. Members agreed that the column should remain in its current position.

A resident from Hammonds Place had complained of a light column outside of his property that seemed unsafe to his young child. The contractors had inspected the column and were due to give a full written report, but did confirm that the column is in poor condition due to a crack in the in the top half of the column and it would need to be replaced. The resident had asked if the column could be removed completely and not replaced. The Clerk is to Agenda this item to the April meeting.

The Pre School in Gobowen had made enquiries whether they would be able to use the playing field occasionally on a Saturday to allow the young children to use the area for Treasure Hunts and general play. Members agreed that the Clerk write to confirm that the Pre School would be covered under the Schools insurance and request that, for safety reasons, the gate be kept closed during these activities.

The Sunday League wanted to give fixtures on Thursday evenings during April to allow catch up of backlog games. Following consideration Members agreed to the extra fixtures provided the usual conditions were applied.

Dave Jones had been invited to a future Parish Council Meeting to assist the Parish Council in the possible compulsory purchase of land to use for Allotment Gardening purpose but that to date there had been no response.

The Clerk confirmed delivery of the new notice board bound for Pant Glas.

The Clerk confirmed that no election had been called, therefore the Parish Council can now Co-opt. Notices will be put up in the Parish Notice Boards.

The new Pelican Crossing planned for Gobowen was included in the Parish Plan. It had been suggested that it be sited next to the war memorial. Members agreed to Agenda this item for the April Parish Council Meeting.

## 11) Correspondence

### a) Matters Requiring Attention

#### Description

#### Agreed Action

i.	Shropshire County Council – Railway Level Crossing Works	Request further information
ii.	Shropshire County Council – Post Office Closures – Invitation	Agenda April Meeting
	Shropshire County Council – Changes to Speed Limit in Selattyn	Noted
iii.	Shropshire County Council – Multi-Agency Open Days	Noted
iv.	Oswestry Borough Council – Acknowledgement of Notice of Vacancy	Received
v.	The Boundary Committee – Electoral Review	Received
vi.	Citizens Advice – Post Office Closures- Working Together	Received
vii.	NALC – New Services for Local Councils	Received
viii.	SALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2008 – Nomination	Noted
ix.	SALC – Training Opportunities	Received
x.	Kidney Research UK-London Bridges Walk 2008	Received

### b) Matters for Information

#### Description

- i. **Oswestry Borough Council - Planning Permission (5)**
  - a) Llechwedd Mawr, 9 Pant Glas, Oswestry
  - b) Mardy Farm, Hengoed, Oswestry
  - c) Silverdale, Old Chirk Road, Gobowen
  - d) Henlle Hall, Gobowen
  - e) Bryn Y Castell, St Martins Road, Gobowen
- ii. **Oswestry Borough Council – Listed Building Consent**
  - a) Henlle Hall, Gobowen
- iii. NALC-LCR March 08
- iv. Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2008
- v. Shropshire Bus- Public Transport News March 2008

**12) Date and Time of the next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 commencing at 7.00pm**