

SELATTYN and GOBOWEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th January 2009 at the Pavilion,
Gobowen commencing at 7.00 pm

In the Chair – Councillor Mrs E Morgan

Present:

Councillors:, J. R. Bowyer, P. Clare, Mrs S. R. Crow, P. Drury, Mrs A Evans, L. Hearne, M. Turner, R. T. Jones, T Kirk, D. Lloyd MBE, Mrs E. Morgan and J Thorpe.
1 Member of the public present

Michael Cox Outdoor Recreation Manager from Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council held a short question and answer session at the beginning of the meeting on his experiences managing multi use games areas in Shrewsbury

1 Apologies for Absence

P. Cherrington, another meeting
I. Bennett,

2 Declaration of Interest

“To receive declarations of Interest of personal and prejudicial interest on any item on the agenda in accordance with Section 50-52 of the Local Government Act & The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) England Order 2007”

3 Public Participation

No items

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd December 2008 The minutes were agreed and duly signed as a true record

5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Progress Report

- a) MUGA Progress Report – Cllr Morgan reported that she had had a meeting with Carmen Power from OBC concerning outstanding items that needed completing, on the MUGA and the access paths to it. The contractor will be asked to complete these works. The final surface will be added when the weather is better, in the meantime temporary markings will used. Councillors were informed that as part of the grant conditions an opening ceremony must take place. Cllr Kirk requested that a discussion take place on plans for floodlighting in May once the MUGA has been in use for a while. The Clerk reported that the MUGA has been added to the insurance schedule.
- b) Quality Status application – It was reported that the Council has been awarded Quality Status for another 4 years. The Clerk was asked to write to thank to John Ward for all his hard work on this application.
- c) Allotments – Cllr Lloyd reported that the grant application has been considered by Oswestry Borough Council and the Clerk was asked to write to OBC requesting confirmation of the grant. Planning Permission for the new access and carparking now needs to be applied for along with estimates to carry out the necessary groundworks. The Allotment committee (R. Jones. L. Hearne and E. Morgan) agreed to meet to discuss the planning application.

- d) St Martin's Road Hedge – The Clerk was asked to arrange for a hedgelayer to lay the hedge.
- e) Parish Plan CD's – The Clerk reported that she is in the process of obtaining quotes for the CD's, a discussion took place on the number of CD's to be printed and it was thought that 1200 was too many.
- f) Distribution of Roundabout Magazine – Cllr Morgan reported that there were problems with the distribution of magazines. A map was distributed for councillors to mark on the areas that they currently delivered to so that the Clerk could identify any areas where deliveries were not taking place.

6 County Councillor's Report – Councillor T Davies, none.

7 Borough Councillor's Report – Councillor DG Lloyd reported on a number of issues including the ceremonial regalia which will now be put into the care and maintenance of Oswestry Town Council. He also reported on the local area committee proposals and the clerk was asked to add this issue to the agenda for the February meeting.

8 Police Report – PC Simon Clarke reported that a number of windows have been broken at the pavilion and the school. A plastic grave cover has also been stolen from Hengoed Cemetery. He also reported that he will be meeting the Clerk and the Crime Reduction Officer to look at some options for securing the building.

9 Parish Matters

a) Window damage at Pavilion – Clerk reported that David Davies has been asked to board up the windows following repeated problems with vandalism. A discussion took place on whether an alcohol free zone has been put in place and the Clerk was asked to seek clarification on this.

b) Gobowen Roundabout - Proposal for landscaping and estimated costs, Councillors considered the proposals put forward by Cllr Kirk. **It was resolved to adopt proposal 2 to plant 40/50 saplings birch/ ash/pine, and a few cherry trees, that would be thinned in time ending up with 8 – 10 trees.** In addition to this Cllr Kirk suggested that some gorse and buddleia be planted for colour. Cllr Kirk was asked to liaise with the Clerk and SCC on this project.

c) Members' Reports

Cllr Jones – Reported that there is a still need for a pedestrian crossing by the post office. Clerk asked to contact SCC highways and Cllr Davies on this issue. He also reported that there is a need for horse crossing signs between Sarn Lane and Ednall Lane.

Cllr Clare reported that Greenacres planning development is still a problem. Following a discussion Councillors considered that a planning officer should be invited to a parish council meeting to answer questions on planning issues. Cllr Clare also reported on the recent rights of way inquiry.

Cllr Kirk reported that the Selattyn noticeboard needs replacing.

Cllr Drury – Asked for clarification on when the new section of path towards the play equipment would be extended and he was informed that it will be completed when funding is in place. It is hoped that funding can be sought for an easy access path all around the edge of the playing field.

Cllr Thorpe – Reported that the footpath between Hammonds Place and Foxes Field is in a poor condition and needs resurfacing.

Cllr Crow – She reported that Severn Trent have cut back the cherry trees on the

access road to the pumping station and that the standard of work was very poor. Cllr Bowyer – reported that a septic tank has been installed Rhosgaver and Cllr Lloyd informed him that the matter had already been reported to the planning enforcement officer.

Cllr Morgan – reported that she has had a request to store the pool table from SILO at the pavilion until another home is found for it. Councillors considered that other groups should be offered use of the table before it is stored.

d) Parish Fun day – to set date and nominate sub committee. Following a discussion it was agreed to combine the day with the official opening of the MUGA provisional date Saturday 9th May.

10 Planning Applications

a) Application:

08/15834/FUL Brook Buildings The Cross Gobowen Shropshire, Change of use from youth centre to dental practice – no comments.

08/15858/FUL Bark House Farm Glan Morlas Hengoed Extension – no comments

08/15854/FUL Robert Jones And Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital Single storey extension and refurbishment of part of Ludlow Ward to form new outpatients area and 2 no additional single rooms – no comments

08/15836/FUL Old General Stores/Post Office Llawnt Demolition of an existing dilapidated structure. The construction of a detached three bedroom dwelling, separate single garage and the formation of a new vehicular access. – **The Parish Council resolved to object to the application on the following grounds**

1. The proposal is outside of the development area
2. The proposals are an inappropriate development which is out of keeping with the area.

Concern was also raised on the lack of services and sewerage to the proposed development and the Clerk was asked to raise this issue with the Planning Dept.

b) Any other applications received after the issue of the Agenda

CC2008-0043 Selattyn CE Primary School. (Shropshire CC) - Renewal of temporary planning permission for 12 - bay demountable accommodation block and attached canopy - no comments

11 **Co-option of Councillor** – The Clerk reported that one application had been received and **it was resolved to co-opt Miles Ambridge as councillor**

12 **Freedom of Information – updated model publication scheme – it was resolved to adopt the updated Freedom of Information model publication scheme**

13 **Selattyn C.E. School proposal to change category of school from voluntary controlled to foundation** - Cllr Kirk and Cllr Turner declared a personal interest on this matter. Cllr Kirk reported on this proposal and following a vote **it was resolved to support this proposal**

14 Financial Matters

a) Outstanding Payments *(list distributed at meeting)*

It was resolved to make the following payments

| Chq no. | Supplier | £Net | £ VAT | £Gross |
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| 3088 | SALC Quality Parish Badges | 9.00 | | 9.00 |
| 3089 | NWN Media | 166.40 | 24.96 | 191.36 |
| 3090 | British Gas 16//08 – 17/11 | 37.10 | 1.85 | 38.95 |
| 3091 | SLCC Membership | 78.00 | | 78.00 |

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| 3092 | Sodexo | 342.00 | 51.30 | 393.30 |
| 3093 | SLP Partners LTd | 346 | | 346 |
| 3094 | V & W Electricians | 401.97 | 60.30 | 462.27 |
| 3095 | Locum Clerk outstanding salary | 640 | | 640 |
| 3096 | VOID | | | |
| 3097 | Clerk January Salary | 673.76 | | 673.76 |
| 3098 | Cemetery Manager January Salary | 90.66 | | 90.66 |
| 3099 | Mrs Hodge January Salary | 134.70 | | 134.70 |
| 3100 | Darren Brewer December 08 | 185 | | 185.00 |
| 3101 | Inland Revenue – Tax and NI (Jan) | 310.78 | | 310.78 |

b) Income since the last meeting *(list distributed at meeting)*

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| Norwich Union (streetlight damage J Cowling) | 678.59 |
| BT | 00.12 |
| Cemetery Income | 266.00 |

c) Budget Meeting arrangements (for confirmation) Budget meeting to be Wednesday 21st January at 7.00

d) Request for refund from football team for pavilion hire (for consideration) Following a discussion it was resolved to offer the football club a free week hire and request a fixture list.

15 Correspondence *(list distributed at meeting)*

a) Matters Requiring attention

| Description | Recommended Action |
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| Oswestry Borough Council Councillor Vacancy Confirmation | To note |
| Mr Cowling – ref damage to streetlight SG119 insurance details | To note |
| West Mercia Constabulary – Your Police Service 2009 and beyond, consultation meetings | For consideration |
| Communities in control – consultation on code of recommended practice on local authority publicity | For consideration |
| SCC Gobwen youth project – proposal to open youth café in the Pavilion | Clerk to write to ask to delay the proposals until the window security had been rectified. |
| Ramblers Association - request for information on footpath representative | Cllr Jones was nominated as representative. |
| Rights of Way User Survey 2008 | Passed to Cllr Jones |
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b) Matters for Information

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| SCC Countryside Service | Your countryside Winter 08 issue |
| Severn Dee News | Newsletter Dec 2008 |
| Northern Area Partnership | December Newsletter |
| OBC | Committee agendas and planning lists |
| OBC | Barn Conversion Mardy Farm – postal address notification The Stables, Mardy Farm, Hengoed |
| Shropshire Council | Public Transport News |
| CPRE Fieldwork Newsletter | December 2008 |

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| Red Cross | Young Carers newsletter |
| SCC | Summary of Accounts 07/08 |
| SCC | Decision notice Application No:MO2008/15793/OS Construction of a transformer kiosk and a control kiosk required as part of upgrading works at the existing sewage pumping station (re-submitted proposal) Gobowen Fernhill Lane Sewage Pumping Station |
| OBC | Planning Permission refused 08/15812/FUL Lynsdale Bath Banks removal of condition 2 of planning permission |
| LCR | Jan 09 Local Council Review |
| NALC | Briefing paper The Power of Economic, social or environmental well being VAT Update Publication of candidates addresses at UK Elections |
| Shropshire Council | Code of conduct training Shire Hall Shrewsbury 20/1/09 6.30 – 8.30 Guildhall, Oswestry 10/2/09 6.30 – 8.30 |

16 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve: "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) Report from the Chairman on applications for the Leisure Assistant position.

The Chairman reported that interviews for this post would take place on Thursday 15th January, A CRB check will also be carried out on the successful applicant.

17 **Date and time of the next meeting 11th February** at 7.00 pm in the Pavilion, Gobowen. Meeting ended at 21.55