

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th November 2010 at The Pavilion, St Martins Road Gobowen commencing at 7.00 pm

In the Chair – Councillor R. Jones

Present:

Councillors: D Lloyd, A. Evans, S Crow, R. Bowyer, T. Kirk, J. Thorpe, E. Morgan, P. Clare, I. Bennett, M. Ambridge, M Turner, P. Drury, L. Hearne, R. Jones

3 members of the public present

1	<p>To receive apologies and reasons for absence</p> <p>P. Cherrington – personal</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u>; that the apologies be accepted.</p>
2	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p><i>“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”</i></p> <p>None</p>
3	<p>Public Participation session</p> <p>Michelle Llewellyn highlighted a problem with regard to car parking at Fairfield Close, Gobowen. Currently there are 8 residents with cars living in the area and a number of people regularly visit the housing. Currently there are only 2 car park spaces and the residents consider that there needs to be a larger area given over to car parking. In order to find a solution to this she would like the Parish Council’s support in asking Shropshire Council to consider increasing the area of car parking</p> <p>Mrs Fuller from Gobowen asked that the Parish Council consider fencing off the play equipment from the playing field to prevent dogs from accessing the play area. She highlighted the fact that her child had been bitten by a dog whilst she was playing on the swings.</p>
4	<p>To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th October 2010</p> <p>The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 13/10/10 were <u>APPROVED</u> and it was <u>RESOLVED</u> that the minutes be signed and <u>ADOPTED</u> as a true record</p>

5	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>a) Progress Report – for consideration The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had written to the occupier of 8 New Road stating that they intend to proceed with prosecution for non compliance - Clerk was asked to write and thank Frank Whitley for his work on the New Road issue <u>RESOLVED;</u> to note the report</p>
6	<p>Police Report – PC Simon Clarke updated on recent crimes in the parish since the last meeting.</p>
7	<p>Shropshire Council Report – Cllr Lloyd gave a report where he stated that a meeting will take place soon to discuss future proposals for schools in the county.</p>
8	<p>Local Joint Committee - no report, the next meeting will be held on 16/2/11 Cross Keys, Selattyn. Other Reports Cllr Jones gave a report on the ALC AGM</p>
9	<p>Gobowen Allotment Committee</p> <p>a) To consider report from meeting held 2/11/10 – Jane Rees secretary of Gobowen Allotment Committee gave a report from the November meeting of Gobowen Allotment Committee. This included a request for the Parish Council to allow the installation of a 3rd trough and 4th trough at the far end of the allotments. She also asked that the Council consider reducing the allotment rents in 2011-12 as the water bill for the current year has been lower than anticipated. The Clerk was asked to include the request for the installation of additional water points on the December agenda and that the rent reduction request be considered at the January budget meeting when all the over Parish fees and charges are agreed. <u>RESOLVED;</u> to note the report</p>
10	<p>Planning Items</p> <p>a) Planning application Decisions (for information only) 10/02626/LBC Derwen College Demolition of single and two storey student accommodation and storage building – granted 10/02627/FUL Derwen College - Erection of three single storey buildings to be used as: a teaching facility (food centre) with adjoining changing rooms and storage; students living accommodation (ten units) including communal lounge/dining/ kitchen area; a rest room and associated facilities for outside staff; formation of 8 car parking spaces; landscaping – granted 10/02513/COU Application under section 73a of the TCP Act 1990 for the change of use of land for the siting of 12 caravans, erection of washroom/kitchen facilities and creation of new access together with landscaping – pending consideration</p>

10/0361/FUL Granary House, Ebnal Hall Farm, Rhosygadfa – change of use of redundant agricultural building to workshop for general industrial use – refused
10/04203/TPO – to remove all trees within 3-5 meters of the wall at The Tunnel Pant Glas within the grounds of Brogynton Park protected by Oswestry Council TPO – pending consideration
10/03854/FUL Garden Cottage, Glyn Road, Selattyn - Erection of single storey side extension with balcony over - granted
10/03900/FUL 2 Penycae Avenue, Rhewl Gobowen - erection of first floor side extension – pending consideration

b) Planning Application for consideration: -

10/04314/FUL Oakhurst Hall, Oswestry, SY107BZ Erection of 3 domestic garages

RESOLVED not to comment

10/04442/VAR land adj The Poplars, Chirk Road variation of condition no 2 attached to planning permission ref 08/15751 for the erection of house and detached ancillary living accommodation.

RESOLVED; not to comment

10/04412/FUL The Old Vicarage Gobowen Erection of a two storey extension and conservatory to side and shed to rear.

RESOLVED; not to comment

10/04428/FUL Birch Cottage Selattyn SY10 7NR Erection of single storey and two storey extensions (with Juliet balcony) detached triple bay part open fronted garage/workshop

RESOLVED; not to comment

10/04186/LBC Railway Booking Office Building 2 Gobowen Station, Station Road Gobowen. Installation of customer information screens and CCTV fixed cameras and 2 internal CCTV cameras affecting a Grade II Listed Building.

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c) To consider any other planning applications received after the issue of the Agenda (To be notified at Meeting)

None

<p>11</p>	<p>This item was taken after item 9 Cllr Hearne left the meeting and sat in the public seating area at 19.37 and returned at 19.40</p> <p>Gobowen Pavilion and Playing Field Committee</p> <p>a) Playing Field Project – The Clerk gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the playing field committee where he draft contracts for the playining field project were considered.</p> <p>b) Play equipment, car park fence and new path contracts – to agree work specifications as per the playing fields committee recommendations. These contracts were circulated prior to the meeting</p> <p>It was <u>RESOLVED</u> to AGREE the following contracts with no amendments Path installation Play equipment refurbishment New play equipment supply and installation Car park fence supply and installation</p> <p>c) Dogs on the playing field – to consider correspondence requesting that the play equipment be fenced in. The clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mr and Mrs Fuller following the incident involving a their child being bitten by a dog whilst she was playing on the swings. The letter requested that the play equipment be fenced off from the main playing field to make it safer for children. A discussion took place on this request which included the advantages and disadvantages of fencing the equipment. The Clerk reported that she had obtained a verbal quote for the supply and installation of a 200m fence to match the existing fencing which would be approximately £16000.</p> <p>It was proposed that no action be taken to install a fence round the play equipment, following a vote it was <u>RESOLVED</u> that no fence would be erected</p> <p>It was further <u>RESOLVED</u> that new notices stating the rules of the playing field be ordered and erected at the entrances to the playing field and that an article would be written in the Roundabout, Cllr Jones also agreed to issue a press release stating the council’ position on this matter</p> <p>d) ROSPA training – to consider running a training event for Shropshire parishes covering inspection of play equipment. The Clerk reported that as the cost to send the Leisure Attendant on a ROSPA play equipment inspection course was so high she would like to organise the course in house to be run at Gobowen Pavilion. So far 10 people had expressed an interest in attending the course from parishes across Shropshire and the likely fee per participant would be £60 -£70 and this would include an fee to cover administration costs <u>RESOLVED</u> that the course be organised</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Parish Council Matters</p> <p>a) Parish Projects – The paper written by The Clerk a 5 year plan for future</p>

	<p>projects was considered and the Clerk was instructed to resend the paper to all councillors so that councillors can group projects into Short Term, Medium Term and Long Term</p> <p>b) Speed Visors – to consider a contribution towards the purchase of a speed visor for the 3 parishes. Following a discussion on the cost of this item which would be £500 one off installation costs followed by an annual cost of £3120 it was</p> <p>AGREED that The Clerk investigate the cost of purchasing a sign from a different source and to identify whether Weston Rhyn and St Martins parishes support this project.</p> <p>c) Big Lottery Fund – meeting was held 9/11/10 Maggie Rowlands reported that the meeting agreed to accept the recommendations of the steering group and the first £10000 will be spent on sourcing information and some of this work will involve parish councillors</p> <p>d) Public Foot path No 0310/6/2 and footpath Middle Hengoes City Lane South Footpath – to discuss the lack of progress by Shropshire Council in resolving issues in regard to these paths Cllr Ambridge reported that footpath 0310/6/2 is now in the early stages of being diverted and some progress is being made on opening up the other path however there is a possibility that the issue could end in a public enquiry.</p> <p>e) Remembrance Sunday – to agree arrangements for wreath laying. Cllr Kirk agreed to lay the wreath at Selattyn war memorial and Cllr Jones would lay the Gobowen wreath.</p>															
<p>13</p>	<p>Old Oswestry Heritage Conservation Plan – (taken before item 12).</p> <p>Maggie Rowlands updated the council on the Old Oswestry Landscape and Archaeology project produced by English Heritage which includes the only English example of world war one trenches. It is hoped that the site can become a lasting education resource. Maggie was asked to write an article to publicise the report in the Parish Roundabout. Cllr Lloyd asked if the parking problems had been addressed so that access and parking could be improved.</p> <p>A discussion took place to see how the parish council can help the project progress and it was AGREED that an open meeting be set up with English Heritage in Oswestry</p>															
<p>14</p>	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Outstanding Payments <i>(list distributed at meeting)</i></p> <p><u>RESOLVED; to make the following payments</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 1917 1401 2027"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq</th> <th>Supplier</th> <th>Net</th> <th>Vat</th> <th>Gross</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3509</td> <td>Chubb Fire Ltd</td> <td>42.05</td> <td>7.63</td> <td>49.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3510</td> <td>Robert Acton Product Development (litter</td> <td>54.00</td> <td>9.45</td> <td>63.45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross	3509	Chubb Fire Ltd	42.05	7.63	49.41	3510	Robert Acton Product Development (litter	54.00	9.45	63.45
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	picking tools)			
3511	Severn Trent Water (allotments 4/2 – 28/9)	92.81	16.24	109.05
3512	V & W electrics pavilion works	99.40	17.40	116.80
	V & W Electrics September	394.62	69.07	463.69
				580.49
3513	Penny O’Hagan	928.46		928.46
3514	Nigel Thomas	541.20		541.20
3515	VOID			
3516	HMRC	308.96		308.96
3517	John Ward	91.74		91.74
3518	Royal British Legion	50.00		50.00
3519	Veolia October	39.28	6.87	46.15
3520	Duncan Royce grasscutting	2550		2550
3521	Nigel Thomas expenses	31.98		31.98
3522	Peter Clare (lost cheque reissue)	50.00		50.00
3523	VOID			
3524	Aerial Tree Specialists (car park hedge cutting)	800	140	940
3525	Darren Brewer			331
	Hengoed	140		
	Selattyn	50		
	Roundabout	30		
	Sports Court opening	15		
	Bus shelter cleaning	40		
	War Memorial re-pointing of slabs	25		

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

Pavilion income

Oswestry Olympians £65

Cemetery income £439

Cross foxes football £45

Whittington Rovers £130

Oswestry Town Council £75 (roundabout advert)

VAT 30/7 – 30/9 £954.13

c) Council’s banking procedures – The Clerk reported that all councillors had submitted the paperwork required but that she still had not had written confirmation of the changes from Nat West

d) To consider the internal auditors half yearly financial report. The Clerk read a letter from Bernard Townson following his half yearly audit of the Parish Council. His letter raised concerns with regard to the diminishing reserves of the Parish Council and he urged the Council to set a realistic budget for 2011-12 that would not deplete reserves any further even if this meant increasing the precept. The content of the letter was discussed and The Clerk was asked to add the proposal that a finance committee for the parish council be established to the December meeting so that it

	can meet prior to the January budget meeting.
15	<p>Correspondence – items for consideration (information items will be circulated at the meeting)</p> <p>John Evans correspondence ref lack of litter bins and movement of bus stop outside working mens club – This letter was considered and the Clerk was asked to contact the Shropshire Council about the request to move the bus stop.</p> <p>All Saints Christmas Tree Festival – to consider displaying a tree at the festival – Following a discussion it was AGREED not to display a tree this year.</p> <p>Shropshire Council</p> <p>Highways Winter Service Review – The Clerk was asked to request a salt bin on Nant Lane top of race course and in Glyn Road, Selattyn by the school</p> <p>Monitoring Officer report SC56/10 – The Clerk read out the decision notice from the standards board which stated that Cllr Hearne had no case to answer. Cllr Hearne also read a statement on this item where he called for the Council to issue a public apology to Cllr Hearne and that the Parish Clerk reconsider her position as Parish Clerk and resign.</p> <p>It was proposed that the monitoring officers conclusion on the matter be accepted and following a vote it was</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that the monitoring officers conclusion is accepted</p> <p>Developing Times newsletter Sept 2010 Confirmation of LJC grant</p> <p>Shropshire Community Council – Autumn Newsletter National Society of allotment and leisure gardeners - AGM notice for West Midland Region</p>
16	<p>Exclusion of the Press and Public</p> <p><i>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</i></p> <p><i>Staff Appraisals – Cllr Jones reported that the executive committee had carried out the annual appraisal of the clerk</i></p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> to accept the report on the Clerks appraisal</p>
17	Date and time of the next meeting 8 th December 2010

Signed

8/12/10