

# ***Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council***

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at The Pavilion, St Martins Road Gobowen commencing at 7.00 pm**

**In the Chair – Councillor T Kirk**

**Present:**

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

One member of the public present

**1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence**

L Hearne - holiday

R Jones – illness

P. Drury – work commitment

**RESOLVED;** that the apologies be accepted

**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”*

None declared

**3 Public Participation session – none**

**4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 14/7/10 were **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record

**5 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- a) **Progress Report** – The council considered the progress report and the Clerk was asked to arrange for a manager of Derwan College to attend a future Council meeting to discuss plans for the college.

**RESOLVED;** that the report be noted

**6 Police Report** – PC Simon Clarke, gave his report on recent crimes in the parish which included some vandalism at the allotments and damage to a window at the pavilion. PC Clerk also clarified that all anti social behaviour incidents and vandalism incidents should continue to be reported to the police.

- 7 **Shropshire Council Report** – Cllr Lloyd gave a report which also updated on the change of the name of the electoral division for Selattyn and Gobowen . He also gave an outline of proposed cuts at Shropshire Council and the process of reorganisation and stated that more information would be available in the coming months.
- 8 **Local Joint Committee** - Cllr Turner gave a report and a discussion took place on the proposed speed visor purchase and the Clerk was asked to add this matter to the agenda for October

**Other Reports** – None

Cllr Ambridge Joined the meeting at 19.20

9 **Planning Items**

a) **Planning application Decisions (for information only)**

10/02411/FUL Derwen College – Formation of Car Park for 28 cars and 1 coach – granted

10/02626/LBC Derwen College Demolition of single and two storey student accommodation and storage building – pending consideration

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 – pending consideration

10/02374/FUL Walnut House, Old Whittington Road – erection of two storey extension to rear - granted

10/02335/FUL Land adjoining The Old Vicarage, Gobowen, change of use from Agricultural to garden amenity area - granted

10/02268/FUL Tunnel house, Pant Glas – erection of garden room to rear following demolition of existing lean to - granted

10/01964/FUL Westminster House, Old Chirk Road – erection of single storey extension - granted

10/02392/FUL 2 Penrycae Avenue, Gobowen – erection of a first floor side extension – 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

**RESOLVED;** to note

b) **Planning Application for consideration:** -

10/02792/FUL Higher Vron Farm, Selattyn – erection of slurry store

**RESOLVED;** not to comment

10/03396/HRM, Sand Hole Field, Pant Glas – removal of 225m of hedgerow to allow repair of adjoining wall

**RESOLVED;** to support the application with a condition that requires ongoing maintenance to remove any regrowth of trees/hedgerow immediately.

10/03495/TPO, Sand Hole Field, Pant Glas – To remove self set sycamore trees within 3 -5 metres of the wall at The Tunnel Pant Glas within the grounds of Brogyntyn Park protected by Oswestry Council (Brogyntyn Park) TPO

Following a discussion which centered around the type of trees that are to be removed

**RESOLVED;** to support the application as long as sycamores only are removed.

10/0361/FUL Granary House, Ebnal Hall Farm, Rhosygadfa – change of use of redundant agricultural building to workshop for general industrial use.

Following a discussion and a vote (5 in objection to the application, 4 in favour and 3 abstaining) it was

**RESOLVED;** to object to the application for the following reasons

**Material Consideration - Layout design and amenity**

The application does not fit in with the locality,

This application for an additional industrial facility is increasing the density of industrial units on the site and in turn is turning the site into a mini industrial estate which the Council objects to

The application would spoil both short and long distance views of the area

P20100762, Land Adjacent to Carno Wind Farm, Carno, Powys, wind farm development – to consider the strategic delivery route for equipment

**RESOLVED;** not to comment

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

10/03591/FUL Penrhos, Old Racecourse – erection of sunroom

**RESOLVED;** not to comment

**d) Core Strategy Development Plan Document and Statement of Community Involvement for Shropshire, Draft Document for consultation –**

The Clerk reported that the consultation on the preferred options for development in the parish would be made public in the late spring/ summer. Councillors were made aware of the consultation on the draft statement of community involvement and were asked to consider the document and to bring comments to the October meeting

- e) **Shropshire Council Development Management – future consultation on planning applications** – It was reported that Shropshire Council would like to send out planning application details electronically to reduce the need to send paper copies. The Clerk reported that she had already replied by saying that it was important that the Council continue to receive paper copies as a number of councilors do not have internet connections and that the print outs from the internet were very poor and small.

## 10 Gobowen Pavilion and Playing Field

- a) To consider quotes for the installation of a new heating system in the pavilion. The Clerk reported that 3 quotes had been received for the installation of a new heating system in the pavilion.
- i. £3250
  - ii £3200
  - iii £3150

**RESOLVED** that the contract to be awarded to GR Contracting whose quote was £3250 as the quote included removal of the old system and installation of 10 radiators.

- b) **Community Fund Grant allocation**– to discuss and agree grant conditions. The Clerk reported that £20000 has been awarded for the playing field project by The Community Fund which would pay for the new path, fencing, new seating and refurbishment of equipment. The initial grant confirmation letter stated that the project must not be used to fund play equipment and the Clerk reported that she had submitted a grant application to the Hilton Jones Trust asking for a contribution towards the new equipment.

**RESOLVED;** that grant be accepted and that the Council agree to the conditions.

- c) **Land Registry** – for update on registration of ownership of playing field – It was reported that the registration of the land is complete with the land registry giving 2 separate titles to the land
1. Absolute title to the land to which the council has the deeds
  2. Possessory Title to the remainder of the land for which the deeds have been lost.

However the land registry has not registered The Parish Council with any title over the access from St Martins Road into the car park and the solicitor has asked whether The Council wish to register this section as well.

**RESOLVED;** that Clerk asks the solicitor to register title over the access from St Martins Road to the Car Park

## 11 Parish Council Matters

**Gobowen Allotments** – to discuss the installation of a third water point without the permission of the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that despite a resolution to the contrary made at the Parish Council meeting on 12/5/10 Minute point 14A (1) a third water point had been installed at the far end of the allotments. It was also reported that at a meeting of Gobowen Allotment Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> July and attended by Cllr Morgan this work was carried out with the full knowledge and support of Cllr Hearne. Particular concern was raised by councillors in light of the police report of vandalism on the site, and the possibility of the exposed pipe being damaged, with consequent loss of water.

Following a discussion on the actions of Cllr Hearne in ignoring a council resolution it was proposed that Cllr Hearne be reported to Shropshire Council's Monitoring Officer for ignoring a council resolution and acting Ultra Vires and therefore bringing the council into disrepute

Following a vote the result of which was unanimous it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hearne be reported to the monitoring officer.

It was further **RESOLVED** that

That the water connection to the trough at the far end of the allotment is disconnected as soon as possible and that a letter to be sent to the Allotment Committee outlining The Council's disappointment at their action in ignoring a Council resolution and stating that if the trough were to be connected again then the committee would have to meet any costs that The Council incur in disconnecting the trough.

- a) **Shropshire Council's Rural Toolkit** – To consider holding an event in Selattyn and/ or Gobowen using this methodology for community engagement,

**RESOLVED;** that an event be held in Selattyn

- b) **Big Local National Lottery Grant** - To provide councillors with information on the Big Local Grant awarded to Gobowen, St Martins and Weston Rhyn

A general discussion took place on this item and it was agreed to deferred a discussion on the grant until October as John Taylor from the Big Lottery would be attending the Local Joint Committee to give a presentation at the end of September

- c) **Seat Cornwall Avenue** – to consider request from CSO Wragg to remove seating

Following a discussion it was

**RESOLVED;** that the seat remains but to monitor the situation for the next 6 months

- d) **Parish Projects** – to agree that this item be deferred to October meeting

**RESOLVED;** that this item be deferred

- e) **SLCC Conference** – to consider Clerks attendance at this event. The clerk reported that she no longer wished to attend this event as it did not seem to provide value for money and that the transport costs to the event would be excessive.

**12** • **Power of well being** – To Resolve to adopt the Power of Wellbeing following the Council fulfilling all requirements

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had now fulfilled all the eligibility criteria (*Statutory Instrument 2008 No 3095: The Parish Councils (Power to promote Well-being) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2008* ) that are needed to enable the adoption the power of well being namely

- minimum of 2/3 of seats on the council filled by candidates who stood for election at the last ordinary elections,
  - qualified clerk (including Section 7 of CiLCA 2008)
  - minimum of 80% of councillors trained in the use of the power,
  - published statement of community engagement,
- Following a discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that **Council is** satisfied that all conditions of the power have been met **and that the Council adopts the power of wellbeing**

**13 Financial Matters**

**a) Outstanding Payments**

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following payments

| <b>Chq</b> | <b>Supplier</b>                            | <b>Net</b> | <b>Vat</b> | <b>Gross</b> |
|------------|--|------------|------------|--------------|
| 3470       | Shropshire Council Selattyn School ire     | 10.00      |            | 10.00        |
| 3471       | Shropshire Council Joint Energy agreement  | 1398.62    | 244.76     | 1643.38      |
| 3472       | Mazars LLP                                 | 400.00     | 70.00      | 470.00       |
| 3473       | V & W Electrics June and July              | 451.22     | 78.96      | 530.18       |
| 3474       | Information Commissioner                   | 35.00      |            | 35.00        |
| 3475       | Lanyon Bowdler Playing fields legal work   | 667.00     | 113.75     | 780.75       |
| 3476       | P Crow –pavilion sink repair parts         | 29.00      |            | 29.00        |
| 3477       | GR Contracting pavilion window bricking up | 709.00     | 124.08     | 833.08       |
| 3478       | Knolton Hall Estate (allotment lease)      | 100.00     |            | 100.00       |
| 3479       | John Ward                                  | 91.94      |            | 91.94        |
| 3480       | Penny O’Hagan                              | 928.46     |            | 928.46       |
| 3481       | Nigel Thomas                               | 541.20     |            | 541.20       |

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| 3482         | HMRC  | 308.76         |               | 308.76         |
| 3483         | Shropshire Chester Rail Users Assoc         | 10.00          |               | 10.00          |
| 3484         | National Association of Allotment Gardeners | 55.00          | 9.63          | 64.63          |
| 3485         | Nigel Thomas expenses 13/7 – 6/9            | 62.65          |               | 62.65          |
| 3486         | Veolia                                      | 90.38          | 15.46         | 105.84         |
| 3487         | Darren Brewer                               |                |               | 340            |
|              | Hengoed                                     | 140            |               |                |
|              | Selattyn                                    | 50             |               |                |
|              | Roundabout                                  | 90             |               |                |
|              | Sports Court opening                        | 20             |               |                |
|              | Bus shelter cleaning                        | 40             |               |                |
| 3488         | John Ward Expenses                          | 5.79           |               | 5.79           |
| <b>Total</b> |   | <b>6234.02</b> | <b>656.64</b> | <b>6890.66</b> |

b) **Income since the last meeting**

Roundabout Advertising £250  
Environmental maintenance grant £1500  
VAT repayment £595.21  
Cemetery income  
Admin Fees £110  
Sale of plots £750.00

- c) **Council's banking procedures** – The Clerk reported that she had had no confirmation of changes to the procedure
- d) **Annual Return** – to consider External Auditors certification and opinion on 2009/10 accounts

The external auditors opinion was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to note the report

**14 Correspondence – items for consideration (information items will be circulated at the meeting)**

The Council **RESOLVED** to note the following items

**Shropshire Council**

Streetslighting Joint Energy agreement – notification of price increases  
Local Transport Plan consultation event 9/9/10  
Road Closure notification 31/8/10 Bath Banks replacement of overhead power network  
Owen Patterson MP - response to letter sent concerning parking problems at Gobowen Station  
Management plan for Bryn y Castell Coppice  
Developing Times – local needs affordable housing document (via email)  
**CPRE** – Countryside Voice and Fieldworker  
**West Mercia Police Authority** – introductory booklet  
**Allotment and Leisure Gardener** - Autumn 2010

**ALC**

Training Law and Procedures - 21st September Shire Hall

Budgets and Precept Setting - 28th September Shire Hall

Power of Well Being - 12th October Shire Hall

AGM Papers – to nominate representative to attend

**Information Commissioners Office** – Reminder of need to renew notification

**Oswestry Town Council** – invitation to send representative of the Council to attend Oswestry Health Group meeting on 29/10/10 at 1pm in the Guildhall

Oswestry – Cllr Lloyd to attend

**No need for Nuclear** – campaign newsletter

**Air Ambulance** –newsletter

**Powys Council** – notification of the delivery agreement for the Powys Local Development Plan

**15 Date and time of the next meeting 13/10/10**