

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th May 2011 at The Pavilion, St Martins Road Gobowen commencing at 7.00 pm

In the Chair – Councillor R. Jones

Present:

Councillors: D Lloyd, S Crow, R. Bowyer, M. Ambridge, R. Jones, P. Cherrington, J. Thorpe, A. Evans, G. Thomas, E. Morgan, M. Turner, I Bennett

1 member of the public present

John Taylor Head of West Midlands Region, Big Lottery Fund attended the meeting to discuss the Big Local Project and promote Event on Thursday 23rd June at Henlee Golf Club Gobowen for all parish councillors in the Big Local Area

1	Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office Cllr Bowyer proposed Cllr Jones seconded Cllr Turner. As there were no other nominations it was duly RESOLVED that Cllr Jones be elected as Chairman and duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
2	To receive apologies and reasons for absence T. Kirk – working P. Drury - working RESOLVED; that the apologies be accepted
3	Declaration of Interest <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> None
4	Chairman’s annual report. Members considered Cllr Jones’s annual report and thanked him for all the work he had carried out as Chairman over the past year.
5	Election of vice chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office Cllr Bennett proposed Cllr Kirk, seconded Cllr Morgan and as there were no other nominations it was RESOLVED that Cllr Kirk be elected as Vice Chairman
6	Election and Powers of Committees - To nominate Councillors onto the following committees and to AGREE delegated powers for committees (if any)

a) Executive Committee (Four Members including Chairman)

Councillor Mrs Erica Morgan
Councillor Mrs Sue Crow
Councillor David Lloyd MBE
Councillor Ron Jones (Chairman)

b) Planning Committee (Six Members)

Councillor Ian Bennett
Councillor Mark Turner
Councillor Percy Cherrington
Councillor Gareth Thomas
Councillor Reg. Bowyer
Councillor John Thorpe

c) Hengoed Cemetery Committee (Six Members)

Councillor Ian Bennett
Councillor Mrs Sue Crow
Councillor Mrs Ann Evans
Councillor Reg Bowyer
Councillor Tim Kirk

d) Pavilion & Playing Field Committee (Six Members)

Councillor Paul Drury
Councillor Mrs Sue Crow
Councillor John Thorpe
Councillor Percy Cherrington
Councillor Ron Jones
Councillor Erica Morgan
2 member of the public co-opted onto committee

e) Finance Committee

Councillor Bennet,
Councillor Lloyd
Councillor Jones
Councillor Kirk

f) Emergency Planning Committee

Clr Erica Morgan
Clr Percy Cherrington
Clr David Lloyd

Following a discussion it was AGREED to consider powers of committees at the June meeting.

Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

- a) Association of Local Councils (Chairman) – not needed
- b) Area Committee of Parish & Town Councils Chairman
- c) Oswestry Racecourse Management Committee - Clr. Morgan
- d) Hamner Morris Charity - Clr. Bennett
- e) Oswestry Old Fort - Clr Kirk
- f) Local Joint Committee Clr Turner (Clr Crow reserve)

	<p>g) Gobowen Youth Project (Green Room) Cllr Drury and Cllr Morgan</p> <p>h) 3 Parishes Youth Project – Cllr Morgan and Cllr Thomas</p> <p>i) Silo – Cllr Evans</p> <p>j) Gobowen Allotment Association - Cllr Morgan and Cllr Ambridge</p> <p>k) Flood Forum – Cllr Jones</p>						
7	<p>To Receive the Annual Accounts – to consider the following</p> <p>a) Annual Financial Statement 2010-2011 The Clerk presented the Annual Financial Statement for 2010/11 and it was RESOLVED to agree the Annual Financial Statement</p> <p>b) Annual Budget Report 2010-2011 The Clerk presented the Annual Budget report for 2010/11 and it was; RESOLVED to agree the Annual Budget Report for 2010/11</p> <p>c) Annual Return of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2010-2011 The Annual Governance Statement was considered by the Council RESOLVED to answer yes to statements 1 – 8 on the Annual Governance Statement and not applicable to item 9</p> <p>d) Internal Auditors Report 2010-2011 The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had completed his report and raised no issues in his report RESOLVED To accept the internal auditors report and it was AGREED that Cllr Kirk continue to carry quarterly reconciliations</p>						
8	<p>Annual Reports from Members as representatives of the Council</p> <p>Cllr Morgan gave a report on the Oswestry Racecourse management</p> <p>Cllr Ambridge gave a report from the allotment association</p> <p>Cllr Turner gave a report from the Local Joint Committee</p>						
9	<p>Public Participation session</p> <p>Mr Davies raised the issue of the Meals on Wheels project and raised concerns about how the transfer of the service had been handled for existing clients. To aid a full discussion on the subject it was AGREED that Agenda item 17a was considered after this presentation</p>						
10	<p>To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th April 2011</p> <p>The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 13/4/11 were APPROVED and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.</p>						
11	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>a) Progress Report – for consideration</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item Description</th> <th>Original reference</th> <th>Update</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New Road Encroachment</td> <td>March 09</td> <td>A response had been received from Shropshire Council stating that information has been laid</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item Description	Original reference	Update	New Road Encroachment	March 09	A response had been received from Shropshire Council stating that information has been laid
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		before the court regarding non compliance with the section 215 notice - the case has only been lodged against Mr I Roberts
Selattyn Issues	July 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Wall – being monitored • Extension of 30mph zone – notices due to be posted • Rural Toolkit 29/6/11
Gobowen Speed Issues	Feb 2011	Proposals for VAS to be erected on lamppost outside Derwan College entrance, awaiting correspondence from the college on the issue
Parish Roundabout	ongoing	Volunteer sought for Old Whittington Road delivery area. May edition currently being compiled.
Gobowen and Hengoed Noticeboards	April 2010	Awaiting confirmation from Gobowen co-op concerning location of the Gobowen noticeboards
Playing Field Project	June 2010	Path complete, play equipment installed, seats ordered fencing and painting to be completed.
Rose Queen	Feb 2011	£400 awarded from Rotary Club for Rose Queen, still waiting to hear from the Par 5 Foundation. Have attempted to contact Mrs Clarke about opening the event but had no luck so far.
Parish Heritage Items	Feb 2011	Awaiting details of key heritage items from councillors so a list can be compiled
Not spots	Feb 2011	List of not spots being compiled by Clerk to be sent to Shropshire Council, article placed in next Parish Council newsletter
Refurbished Streetlight	Feb 2011	No success locating the light, minute records unclear if project was ever completed and where the light was stored.
Councillor reports CLlr Kirk Pant Glas fingerpost missing	Mar 2011	On Highways list for replacement, fingerpost works

Cleaning signs, Selattyn Cllr Jones Bus Shelter seat repair Twmpath Road Cllr Turner Improved signage Bath Banks Other Patrol Signs St Martins Road	23/4/11 April Meeting April April meeting	are carried out quarterly. Passed to Mr Brewer for work. Mr Brewer to inspect and report back Reported to Shropshire Council highways awaiting response.
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Clerk's Report

The past month has been spent preparing the accounts for the internal audit as well as processing all the tenancy renewals for allotments and helping to compile the Parish Roundabout and Annual Report. Most of the new play equipment was finished before the Easter holidays. The Car Park fencing is starting week on May 4th. John Ward is away for 4 weeks and Cllr Crow and myself have been standing in to manage Hengoed Cemetery

I have also represented the Parish Council at the following meetings;
Oswestry Health Group Meeting where I made a presentation on the Community Meals initiative to Owen Patterson MP and the rest of the group.
Larger Parish Meeting – Here we heard a presentation on Localism and the Big Society and discussed the impact that Shropshire Council's cuts were having at a town and Parish level.

I have also held another meeting with the community meals working group and have submitted a grant to the local joint committee to cover start up costs for this project.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report

12	Police Report – PC Simon Clarke – no report			
13	Shropshire Council Report – Cllr Lloyd gave his report which updated on school closures and the community governance review.			
14	Other Reports – Cllr Turner reported that the next LJC meeting will be at Hengoed Last Inn			
15	Financial Matters			
	a) Outstanding Payments			
	RESOLVED to make the following payments however cheque numbers 3642 and 3643 would only be released following completion of the outstanding work			
	Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat
	3619	Cllr Ambridge telephone allowance	50.00	50.00
	3620	Cllr Bowyer telephone allowance	50.00	50.00
	3621	Cllr Drury telephone allowance	50.00	50.00
	3622	Cllr Evans telephone allowance	50.00	50.00
	3623	Cllr Kirk telephone allowance	50.00	50.00
	3624	Cllr Thomas telephone allowance	50.00	50.00
	3625	Cllr Cherrington telephone allowance	50.00	50.00
	3626	SCRUA - membership	10.00	10.00
	3627	V & W electrics	316.85	63.37
	3628	SCRIBE 200 Ltd	245	49
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3629	Nigel Thomas	555.10		555.10
3630	HMRC	250.08		250.08
3631	John Ward	91.74		91.74
3632	Penny O'Hagan	954.05		954.05
3633	Cllr Crow expenses (padlocks)	27.99	5.60	33.59
3634	Veolia	45.56	9.11	54.67
3635	V and W Electrics (hand dryers)	287.92	57.58	345.50
3636	B. Townson (internal audit)	100.00		100.00
3637	Nigel Thomas expenses	58.84		58.84
3638	Darren Brewer			140
	Hengoed			50
	Selattyn			40
	Bus shelter cleaning			60
	Roundabout Cutting			30
	Sign Cleaning			10
	Allotment Grass cutting			330
3639	Ray Parry Playground Services	9250.00	1850	11100.00
	Surfacing			
3640	Ray Parry Playground Services - New play equipment	14800.00	2960.00	17760.00
3641	M.F. Talbot Play equipment painting	1075.00		1075.00
3642	<i>Ray Parry Playground Services - Play Equipment refurbishment</i>	<i>2888.00</i>	<i>577.60</i>	<i>3465.60</i>
3643	<i>Ray Parry Playground car park fencing and barrier</i>	<i>5890.00</i>	<i>1178.00</i>	<i>7068.00</i>
3644	Broker Network Services (insurance)	2290.14		2290.14

b) Income since the last meeting

Allotment Rents £780
Lanyon Bowdler refund £2
Hilton Jones Trust £13000
Roundabout advertising £100
Rotary Club £400 – for Rose Queen
Cemetery income £20

c) Parish Council accounts package and bank accounts – The Clerk reported that she had received the new accounts package and would be loading it onto the computer. She highlighted a concern she had identified about the Unity Trust internet banking procedures as the proposed set up could easily allow for fraudulent transactions to take place. It was AGREED that more information was required on this issue and that the Clerk would report back to the next meeting.

d) Parish Council insurance – It was AGREED to renew the Parish Council insurance with AVIVA via Cane and Company Parish Council insurance for the sum of £2290.14

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Planning Items

a) Planning application Decisions (for information only)

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
11/00824/OUT Oakcroft, Hengoed Outline application for the demolition of depot buildings and the erection of 2 3 bedroomed dwellings with associate garaging, parking and installation of a treatment plant - pending consideration
11/00980/FUL Bryn Y Castell, St Martins Road, Gobowen, SY10 7AN, Erection of a two storey 3 bedroomed dwelling; formation of a vehicular access. - pending consideration
11/00941/FUL 10 Fernhill Avenue, Gobowen, SY11 3PN, Erection of a single storey front extension, two storey side extension and a pitched roof to existing hall and wc. - granted
11/00908/FUL Bridle Way Field, Henlle, Gobowen, SY11 3EN Formation of hardstanding for an additional 9No. parking bays, construction of toilet/shower block and office and associated works, use of land for siting of tents. - pending consideration
11/01168/FUL Station House, Station Road, Gobowen, SY11 3JS, Erection of a detached workshop/garage building. - pending consideration
11/01197/FUL Park Cottage, Henlle - Alterations and additions to include erection of first floor extensions to either side providing additional bedroom accommodation, extension between existing detached garage and dwelling, single storey orangery at rear and glazed atrium - pending consideration.

b) Planning Application for consideration: -

11/01170/FUL Penrhos, Old Racecourse, Oswestry – Erection of 18m aerial mast
Cllr Morgan declared a personal interest

RESOLVED – no objection to the application

11/01532/FUL 21 Meadow Drive, Gobowen – Erection of 2 storey extension.

RESOLVED – no objection to the application

11/01465/FUL Granary house, Ebnall Hall Farm, Rhosygadfa – Change of use of redundant agricultural building to workshop and domestic store and associated alterations

RESOLVED –to object to the application for the following reasons
Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council object to this application as they consider it to be an inappropriate development in a rural location which does not fit in with the locality and will unnecessarily increase the amount of traffic on rural roads.

11/01691/FUL 12 Trinity Close, Gobowen Raising the roof and insertion of rooflights in connection with conversion of loft into additional living accommodation

RESOLVED – no objection to the application

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

11/01648/FUL 15 Rhewl Lane – erection of first floor extension to provide annex

	<p>accommodation</p> <p>RESOLVED – no objection to the application</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>Parish Council Matters</p> <p>a) Community Meals Project – (this item was considered after the public participation session) For update from the working group on proposals to run a community meals scheme. The Clerk updated the Council on the progress on the project. It was reported that following a meeting with the Orthopaedic Hospital they indicated that they are willing to continue to provide meals. It was AGREED that a leaflet would be compiled and sent to all households as a way of seeking new volunteers and promoting the new service. A discussion took place on the way the handover from the old Meals on Wheels service to the new frozen meal provision had been carried out as many recipients were left confused. It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to Shropshire Council Chief Executive highlighting these concerns</p> <p>b) Parish Speed Camera – (deferred from April meeting) to consider formal request to Safer Road Partnership for a Parish Speed Camera and to agree location. Cllr Turner was asked to research this item in more detail so that the Council have more information on the process and the location of the camera.</p> <p>c) Community Governance Review of Oswestry Town Border – Clerk updated the Council on this item which related to the changing of the boundaries of Oswestry Town for electoral purposes. It was reported that Richard Jones from Shropshire Council will attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th May to give a presentation on the process so that the matter can be considered in full at the June meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>d) Streetlight Twmpath Lane – To consider request to remove power cable supplying power to obsolete streetlight on Twmpath Lane. The Clerk read out the letter from the landowner requesting that the Parish Council find out the cost of removing the wires from his land to the streetlight and she reported that Scottish Power had given her an approximate quote of £200. It was AGREED that this information would be passed to the landowner.</p> <p>It was AGREED to suspend standing orders at 21.00</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>a) Consideration of the localism bill and response to it – At Cllr Turner’s request. The Council AGREED with the comments submitted by Cllr Turner which can be found in appendix 1</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to forward the comments to the department of local government and communities</p> <p>b) Sustainable Communities Act; (At Cllr Turners request) – Under the Sustainable Communities Act to consider Cllr Turners request to ask Shropshire Council the following questions 1) what action it is currently doing to restore the Wrexham to London rail link and what further actions are needed? –</p> <p>2) What Shropshire Council is doing in the Parish to increase the amount of locally sustainable energy?</p> <p>Cllr Lloyd AGREED to raise both these questions with Shropshire Council officers.</p> <p>c) Parish Councillors information sharing session (at request of Cllr Morgan) – to consider organising an informal council session to enable councillors to discuss what the Council currently does well, where it needs to improve and to draw up plans for the future in reference to parish place plans, local planning issues and devolved power opportunities.</p>

	Following a discussion on the format of the meeting AGREED to consider a date at the June meeting.
19	<p>Correspondence RESOLVED to note the following items Mrs Self – Request for the Parish Council to plant hanging baskets and planters in Gobowen Centre Shropshire Council A Boards – Issues and Enforcement Notification of change of Divisional Name to Gobowen, Selattyn and Weston Rhyn Electoral Division Sustainability, energy and Carbon Reduction Advice Rights of Way Selattyn – notification of diversion proposals ALC – training Agenda’s and Minutes of meetings 20/7/11 7-9pm Shire Hall Zurich Local Council Advisory Seminars British Gas – notification of price increase Community council for Shropshire – Spring Newsletter CPRE – Fieldwork Spring 2011 Correspondence to 11/5/11 ALC notification of changes to Model Standing Orders – Part 2 REVISED - Paragraph 32, Variation, Revocation and Suspension of Standing Orders has been revised - to be implemented in June 2011 NALC Direct Information Service Extra May 2011 (via email) and E bulliten 28/4/11 Notes from Larger Councils meeting held on Shropshire Council Dave Gradwell, Traffic Engineer – email stating that they would not be able to change HGV signs at Bath Banks, Selattyn Notification of date of Selattyn Community Toolkit Event - Wednesday 29th June 2011 Shropshire Local Transport Plan Consultation - The Provisional LTP Strategy (2011-2026) and LTP Implementation Plan (2011-2014). To be viewed online http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/traveltransport.nsf/open/2A79133CD32676E98025709E002EEF2B LJC papers notification Other Clare Ellis Rhyn Park School – invitation to attend open evening Rhyn Park 16/5/11 from 6pm Oswestry Town Council Chairman and Clerk meeting 26/5/11 7pm – to consider agenda items Invitation to launch of Shropshire Screen at Wem Town Hall, (High Street, Wem, Shropshire, SY4 5DG) on Wednesday 18th May. SCRUA – notification of AGM and April newsletter Clerks and Council’s Direct May 2011</p>
20	To agree the date and time of the next meeting 8/6/11 Selattyn

Appendix 1 Agreed response by Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council to the Localism Bill;

An essential Guide; comments to decentralisation@communities.gsi.gov.uk

1. Throughout this document it refers to "Local authorities" (Eg p 5), but it does not make it clear if these are Parish Councils or Unitary authorities. If the Government is serious about localism, then Parish/Town Councils are the nearest their to their communities.
2. p7 Youth unemployment; it is agreed that this is a fundamental social issue, but it is not clear that decentralisation will help reduce the current total of 960,000.
3. p 7 "Nimbys" and housing; the current very slow rate of house building is *not* due to centralisation, but the lack of demand caused by the banks not willing to lend money for mortgages and the current economic squeeze. But any way to increase house building would be welcomed.
4. P7 "Local control ...and post code lottery" This is certainly danger and it is likely that wealthier areas would be able to do more than those with higher rates of unemployment and lower educational achievements.
5. P9; Regional strategies; with the abolition of regional housing targets, how can enough houses be built to enable those who wish to buy/rent them? Certainly Neighbourhood Plans are worthwhile, but what if the local population didn't want any houses built in their village/area? According to Navigusplanning there will be an independent examination of this Plan. Who are the examiners, who appoints them and how will they know what is right for a locality? There seems to be provision for a referendum on the Plan. Who pays for this?
6. P9 Abolition of the Standards Board; "Councils will be able to devise their own regimes ...and local people be able to hold their elected representatives to account." Won't there have to be a Code, rather like the Standards Board Code unless each Council goes its own way. How will the Bill enable the people to hold their elected representatives to account?
7. P13; Council tax referenda; Who decides what percentage of the population needs to ask for one before it is called and again who pays for the referendum?
8. P13 Community Infrastructure Levy; only a proportion of the CIL will be given to the neighbourhood. Why not all of it?
9. P14; Community Budgets; are these for Local Authorities or for Parish Councils? If LAs, why not also try PCs?
10. P17 Public access to public data; Transparency is worthwhile, but it requires a lot of time for people to know what to ask for and to whom to apply? This also applies to (p18) "raw data" and how to analyse it.