

# Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 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, P. Clare, M. Ambridge, P. Drury, R. Jones, P. Cherrington, J. Thorpe, A. Evans, G. Thomas, T. Kirk.

6 members of the public present

Julie Ruler from Community Development Officer for Shropshire Council was also in attendance.

Barbara Perkins from Shropshire Council attended the meeting to talk about Sheltered Housing Projects in the Parish. She outlined the current sheltered housing accommodation in Gobowen which is in Fairfield Close and the services provided by Housing Support officers which included social projects for the wider community. She was asked to write an article to publicise the home pendant service in the Parish Roundabout

## 1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

I Bennett – Holiday  
M. Turner – Holiday  
E. Morgan – Holiday

**RESOLVED** to accept the apologies and reasons for absence

## 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”*

Councillor	Interest	Minute number
Thomas	Personal – lives on Twmpath Lane	11d Streetlight Twmpath Lane
Thomas	Personal – Rhyn Park School Governor	13b Proposed merger Rhyn Park School and Ifton Primary School

## 3 Public Participation session

**Issue** - A member of the public spoke in objection of planning application number 11/00980/FUL Bryn Y Castell, as he felt that the proposal constituted overdevelopment of the area. He also outlined the following objections to the application 1. proposed vehicular access is dangerous, 2. The proposed building could also affect the drainage at Preeshnelle Church, 3. The proposed development would be too close to an ancient monument and Watts Dyke.

John Davies spoke in favour of the proposal to set up a community meals service and thanked the Council for looking into the provision of this project.

A member of the public who is the School Patrol man for Gobowen School stationed on St Martins Road complained about the speeding along St Martins Road. He stated that the sign painted on the road that reads PATROL needs repainting. He also said that he would like the Police to visit at the same time that he carries out his crossing patrol so that they could deter speeding drivers.

The Clerk was asked to forward the speeding complaint to Shropshire Council and the Police

#### 4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Minute point 2 Declaration of interest was amended to show that Cllr Evans and Cllr Lloyd are members of All Saints Church

After the aforementioned amendment was made, the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 9/3/11 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 – for consideration (attached)

**RESOLVED** to note the following items

Item Description	Original reference	Update
<b>New Road Encroachment</b>	March 09	Decision to prosecute currently being reconsidered. Update requested as per minutes of last meeting record.
<b>Selattyn Issues</b>	July 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Wall – being monitored</li> <li>• Extension of 30mph zone – notices due to be posted</li> <li>• 20mph zone outside school- ongoing</li> </ul>
<b>Gobowen Speed Issues</b>	Feb 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposals for VAS to be erected on lamppost outside Derwan College entrance, awaiting correspondence from the college on the issue.</li> <li>• Request to change speed limit in Whittington Road and Tympath Road – Shropshire Council consider lack of evidence to support request as not accidents recorded and speeding data suggests that vehicles travel within speed limit.</li> </ul>
<b>Parish Roundabout</b>	ongoing	February edition completed articles required for May/ June edition. Volunteer sought for Old Whittington Road delivery area.

<b>Gobowen and Hengoed Noticeboards</b>	April 2010	Hengoed Noticeboard erected. Awaiting confirmation from Gobowen co-op concerning location of the Gobowen noticeboards
<b>Rose Queen Event</b>	April 2010	2 grant applications submitted to cover costs.
<b>Playing Field Project</b>	June 2010	Path complete and play equipment installed, fencing to be completed.
<b>Rose Queen</b>	Feb 2011	2 grant applications submitted to local trusts for the event set up costs awaiting results.
<b>Parish Heritage Items</b>	Feb 2011	Awaiting details of key heritage items from councillors so a list can be compiled.
<b>Not spots</b>	Feb 2011	List of not spots being compiled by Clerk to be sent to Shropshire Council, article to be placed in next Parish Council newsletter.
<b>Refurbished Streetlight</b>	Feb 2011	No success locating the light, minute records unclear if project was ever completed and where the light was stored.

**New Road** – Clerk was asked to forward Council minutes from 1965 to Shropshire Council and to contact Shropshire Council to request that the prosecution proceeds in the name of Mr Idris Roberts.

**Refurbished Streetlight** – Clerk was asked to contact V & W electrics to find out where the light went once it was refurbished.

The Clerk was asked to record all complaints/ issues sent to her by Councillors between meetings as part of the progress report in future.

**6 Police Report** – PC Simon Clarke gave a report on recent crimes in the area. He also gave an update on local policing initiatives including shed alarms.

**7 Shropshire Council Report** – Cllr Lloyd gave his report and welcomed Julie Ruler to the meeting in her role as Community development Officer for the area

**8 Local Joint Committee** – next meeting 17/5/11 **Other Reports-** none

**9 Financial Matters**

a) Outstanding Payments **RESOLVED** to make the following payments

Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross
3604	Knolton Hall Estate (allotment rent)			100.00
3605	ALC			1102.61
3606	British Gas (electricity 1/12-28/2)	73.90	3.70	77.60
3607	Edge Designs Ltd (Cemetery package)	85.00	17.00	102.00
3608	John Ward (discipline training)	50.00		50.00

3609	V & W electrics	463.36	92.47	554.83
3610	Nigel Thomas expenses			9.80
3611	Veolia	39.28	7.86	47.14
3612	John Ward	91.94		91.94
3613	Penny O'Hagan	954.05		954.05
3614	Nigel Thomas	555.10		555.10
3615	HMRC	249.88		249.88
3516	Richard Collier (pipe repairs pavilion)	100.00		100.00
3517	Darren Brewer Hengoed Selattyn Bus shelter cleaning Roundabout and Allotment Cutting			140 50 40 35 265
3518	G. R. Contracting	5539.86	1107.95	6647.83

b) Income since the last meeting

Cemetery income £70

VAT repayment £1746.45

Gobowen Health and fitness £1409.40 (contribution to playing field project)

c) Consider recommendations for the finance committee with regard to

**RESOLVED** to

1. Council insurance levels – increase the insurance of items in the fixed assets register as per the recommendations of the Finance committee apart from the 3 noticeboards valued at £300 which would be removed from the insurance schedule.
2. Preparations for Annual Audit – The Clerk reported that the accounts were being audited by the internal auditor and would be presented at the May meeting of the Parish Council.
3. Parish Council accounts package and bank accounts – The recommendations of the finance committee were considered and it was **RESOLVED** to change the accounts package to SCRIBE 2010 and to change the bank account to Unity bank keeping the existing signatories.

## 10 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*

10/04871/FUL Robert Jones And Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen, - Erection of a new main entrance and patient car park following demolition of existing nurses accommodation and formation of revised site access. – *granted*.

10/05281/FUL Robert Jones, Agnes Hunt, Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen – Retention of an existing building and erect an extension for use as extra office/ meeting room - *granted*

10/05415/FUL 13 Almond Avenue, Gobowen Erection of 4 semi detached 3 bed roomed dwellings and 2 semi detached 2 bed roomed elderly persons bungalows – *granted*

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.

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

1.) 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.

**RESOLVED** to object to the application for the following reason

The proposed access onto St Martins Road is too dangerous at this point.

2.) 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.

**RESOLVED** – no objection to the application

3.) 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.

**RESOLVED** – to object to the application as the site is currently underused and because of this there is no reason for the applicant to expand the existing 5CL site as per the conditions of the previous planning permission.

4.) 11/01168/FUL Station House, Station Road, Gobowen, SY11 3JS, Erection of a detached workshop/garage building.

**RESOLVED** – not to comment

5.) 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.

**RESOLVED** – no objections

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

None received

**d) Shropshire Council consultation draft supplementary planning document SPD planning levy and SAMDEV place plans for the Parish – Comments submitted by Cllr Turner and Cllr Morgan were considered and it was AGREED to submit the following comments on the **Developer Contributions SPD draft****

Para 3.6 The Parish Council does not agree that developer contributions should be more in rural areas, as this could discourage rural developers

Para 3.14 Strategic Infrastructure – The Parish Council disagree that a minority of the levy should go to strategic infrastructure and instead **all** should go to local infrastructure

Para 3.16 Shropshire Council agrees on the priorities for spending the levy monies - No it should be decided by the Parish Council on locally decided priorities. This is in line with localism principals.

**The development of a place plans for the Parish was considered and it was AGREED** to invite Tim Morris from Shropshire Council (who would explain the importance of developing a realistic place plan for the parish) to a special parish council meeting on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> which would be held after the Annual Parish Meeting.

- e) Report from Planning Training** – to consider Cllr Morgan’s report. Cllr Morgan’s report from the recent planning training organised by Shropshire Council was considered and the contents were noted.

## **11 Parish Council Matters**

**a) Community Meals Project** – For update from the working group on proposals to run a community meals scheme. The Council considered the paper on the project produced by The Parish Clerk on behalf of the Working Party. As there were still some areas that required more information especially with regard to the provision of meals and the identification of need for the service locally it was AGREED that the Clerk would continue to work on the project and report back findings to the Parish Council. The Clerk will also submit a Local Joint Committee application on behalf of the working group to cover set up costs.

**b) Parish Speed Camera** – to consider formal request to Safer Road Partnership for a Parish Speed Camera and to agree location. It was AGREED to defer this item to the May meeting.

**c) Community Governance Review Oswestry Town** – for information prior to formal consultation process. The Clerk reported that the borders between Oswestry Town and Selattyn and Gobowen Parish were currently being reviewed and more information on this would be available at the May meeting.

**d) Streetlights Twmpath Lane** - to consider request to remove streetlight and associated wires along Twmpath Lane. The Clerk reported that 3 streetlights along Twmpath Lane were not working and had not worked for a number of months. These lights were no longer necessary as the lights from the hospital and its car parks provided sufficient light along the footway. It was AGREED that the lights would not be repaired. A resident on Twmpath has also requested that the wires crossing his land be removed if the streetlight is not to be replaced. The Clerk was asked to find out more information on the cost of this.

## **12 Gobowen Pavilion and Playing Field**

**a) Use of Pavilion for Youth Drop In** – To consider request from Gwyneth Cliffe to hire the pavilion to enable a weekly youth drop in session to be run. Following a discussion it was AGREED to allow a youth group to hire the pavilion one night a week for a hire fee of £25 per session which would be reviewed in September. Providing that paid staff were running the sessions along with paid sessional workers and as long as the group had its own insurance.

**b) Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields Challenge** – for update on the nomination of Gobowen Playing Field as part on the challenge. It was AGREED following a report on the Clerks findings on the benefits of nominating a field not pursue this project any further as no real benefit to the community was identified.

At 9.00pm it was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting

**c) Playing Field Project** - To consider quotes for painting the existing seating and play equipment on the playing field. Two quotes for the painting of the existing playing field equipment and metal seating were considered and it was AGREED to award the work to Mr Talbot as although his quote was not the cheapest the difference between the quotes was small and Mr Talbot's company is based in Gobowen.

**d) Rose queen Fete** – to agree input of Parish Council and individual councillors at the event. The Clerk reported that she had applied for 2 grants from the Rotary Club and Par 5 foundation to cover costs associated with this event. It was AGREED that the £250 set aside in the budget for youth events could be used for the play equipment opening part of the event. It was also AGREED that Mrs Margaret Clark be asked to open the new play equipment on the day.

**e) Severn Trent Works on Playing Field** – to consider correspondence from Berrys in relation to the reinstatement works by McPhillips. The Clerk reported that she had concerns about the quality of the reinstatement works as the area was very wet still and the grass was struggling to grow. There are also stones that need to be collected to enable the grasscutter to cut up to the edge of the field. A meeting will be set up with McPhillips and Berrys to look at the problems.

### 13 Parish Matters

**a) Silo** – for update on sale of building and to nominate a councillor to become a trustee of Silo. It was reported that the Silo sale had been completed and that just over £90000 has been banked which would be placed in a trust for use on activities for young people in the parish. An AGM will be held in May and an article will be written for the Parish Roundabout to explain the proposals. It was **RESOLVED** that Ann Evans be a representative of the Parish Council on Silo and that councillors be nominated for this role at the May APM.

**b) Proposed Merger of Ifton Primary with Rhyn Park School** – for discussion on the effect the proposals will have on residents – The Parish Council discussed the proposals and **RESOLVED** that the Council supports the retention of Rhyn Park as a Secondary School for the area.

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

**Gobowen Youth Team** – Thank you letter and request for permission to use the playing field during the summer for training and for matches during the 2011-12 season it was AGREED that Gobowen Youth Team can use the playing field for summer training sessions and that their request to use the pitch for the 2011-12 season would be considered along with all other applications by the Pavilion and Playing Fields Committee in June.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the following items

**Mrs Pavey** – complaint concerning access to footpath off Fernhill Lane (passed to Shropshire Council)

#### **Shropshire Council**

Wats Meadow – update on progress of S106 agreement, Cllr Jones read out an email from Caroline Healey of Shropshire Council reporting progress on this item.

Notification of new area director for Shropshire Council George Candler (North Shropshire area)

Members training plan

Cllr K Barrow – Future ways of working together for our local communities

Referendum notices.  
Shropshire Schools consultation poster (displayed)  
Register of electors – monthly amendments  
Pavement Permit Application process – for information  
Meeting papers for larger councils meeting on 19/4/11  
Shropshire Olympian Festival update

**ALC**

Good Councillors Guide 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition  
NALC DIS Extra 754 (Direct Information Service)(*via email*)  
Employment Briefing local Government Pay 2011-12 (*via email*)  
Employment briefing – end of default retirement age (*via email*)  
Market Towns Awards information (deadline 23/3/11)

**After Offa Project**– event information posted in Selattyn.

**Concept Town Planning** – Localism Bill and Neighbourhood Development Orders introductory letter

**Thank you letters** – No Panic, Severn Hospice, CAB, All Saints Church, Talking Newspaper, Hope House, Marie Curie Cancer Care.

**Correspondence Items received after the publishing of the Agenda – for information only**

CPRE – AGM notification  
Oswestry Town Council – Clerks and Chairmans meeting notification 26/5/11 7pm  
ALC training Agendas and Minutes 20/7/11 7-9 pm Shire Hall, Shrewsbury  
Fundamentals for Councillors 27/7/11 7-9pm Telford  
PLACES YOUNG PEOPLE PLAY Shropshire Playing Fields Association - Protecting and promoting young people`s right, to play out door. - Consultation paper -  
Oswestry Health Group meeting papers -14/4/11 – Parish Clerk to attend

**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.*

**RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public

**1. Personnel matters**

**Staff Expenses** - It was agreed to increase the mileage rate for staff to 45p per mile as per the increase advised by HMRC.

It was also **RESOLVED** that a separate parish line be installed in the Parish Clerks house.

- 15 To agree the date and time of the next meeting and set the date for the Annual Parish Meeting 25/5/11 Next Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011**  
Meeting ended at 21.30