

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th February 2011 at The Pavilion, St Martins Road Gobowen commencing at 7.00 pm

In the Chair – Councillor R. Jones

Present:

Councillors: D Lloyd, R. Bowyer, P. Clare, M. Ambridge, R. Jones, P. Cherrington, E. Morgan, I Bennett, P Drury, J. Thorpe, M. Turner

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

RESOLVED to accept the following apologies and reasons for absence

T Kirk – away

S. Crow – illness

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 |
|--------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Cllr Lloyd | Personal | 14f Derwen College Speed Visor |
| Cllr Bennett | | |

3 Public Participation session

Reverend Cassidy spoke concerning the decline in uptake of the meals on wheels service. He requested that the Parish Council look into the feasibility of taking on the meals on wheels service locally as the contact with the elderly is vital. The Clerk updated the council on the outcome of her actions with regard to meals on wheels following the January meeting.

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 12th January 2011 and 2nd February 2011

J. Thorpe was added to the attendance list of the meetings held on 12/1/11 and 2/2/11

Following this amendment the minutes from the Parish Council meetings held on 12/1/11 and 2/2/11 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 **RESOLVED** to note the following report;

| Item Description | Original reference | Update |
|---|---------------------------|--|
| New Road Encroachment | March 09 | Awaiting update on potential prosecution. |
| Selattyn Issues | July 09 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Wall – being monitored • Extension of 30mph zone – Clerk was asked to request an update on this. • 20mph zone outside school- ongoing |
| Playing field | ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lanyon Boulder drawing up new statement concerning access from Land Registry from St Martins Road • New signs up |
| Parish Roundabout | ongoing | Deadline for February edition 20/2/11 |
| Gobowen and Hengoed Noticeboards | April 2010 | On order - Hengoed Noticeboard to be placed on front of the Last Inn, still seeking a suitable site in Gobowen, |
| Events List | April 2010 | Publicity material to be compiled – not done no events attended |
| Cemetery | July 2010 | Closed cemetery hedge has been lowered. Cemetery committee met in January. |
| Playing Field Project | June 2010 | Field too wet for work to start installing path and equipment, awaiting appropriate weather conditions to prevent damage to surface. |
| Play equipment inspection course | Feb 2011 | 12 confirmed attending to be held 17/2/11 |
| Allotments | Jan 2011 | Allotment Association have indicated that ploholders prefer management option 1 (shared management) New water pipe has been installed along with a connection for a fourth water trough |
| Training | Feb 2011 | Grievance and Discipline Training organised for 2/3/11 6.30pm in the St Martins centre |

- 6 Police Report** – PC Simon Clarke gave his report on recent crimes in the Parish and the community work he had recently carried out with students at Gobowen School.
- 7 Shropshire Council Report** – Cllr Lloyd gave his report which included an update on the proposals to close primary schools and the proposed amalgamation of Rhyn Park and Ifton Primary.
- 8 Local Joint Committee** –next meeting 16/2/11 Cross Keys, Selattyn

Other Reports - none

9 Financial Matters

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

| Chq | Supplier | Net | Vat | Gross |
|------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 3555 | V & W electrics | 314.74 | 62.95 | 377.69 |
| 3556 | HMRC | | | 308.96 |
| 3557 | Nigel Thomas | | | 541.20 |
| 3558 | John Ward | | | 91.74 |
| 3559 | Penny O'Hagan | | | 928.46 |
| 3560 | VOID | | | |
| 3561 | Nigel Thomas expenses | | | 22.86 |
| 3562 | Land Registry (playing field) | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| 3563 | Darren Brewer | | | 250 |
| | Hengoed | 140 | | |
| | Selattyn | 50 | | |
| | Bus shelter cleaning | 40 | | |
| | Playing Field notice | 20 | | |
| 3564 | Graphic Pavement Signs Ltd | 550.50 | 110.10 | 660.60 |
| 3565 | Veolia | 40.26 | 8.05 | 48.31 |
| 3566 | GR Contracting | 390.22 | 78.40 | 468.26 |
| 3567 | Cllr Turner | 50.00 | | 50.00 |

b) Income since the last meeting

Income to 9/2/11

Hengoed Cemetery

Sale of Reserve plots £600

Administration Cost £80

Playing Field Course £375

Cross foxes football £45

Whittington Rovers £65 (3 games outstanding) Clerk was instructed to write to

Whittington Rovers to inform them that they would not be allowed to hire the pavilion until the outstanding bill was settled.

c) Cemetery Maintenance Contract – **RESOLVED** to renew the contract for 2011-12

10 Gobowen Allotments

a) Future Management - To discuss preference of Gobowen Allotment Association in relation to proposals for future management of the allotments. The Clerk reported that the Allotment Association had voted that they did not want to take on the sole responsibility for the management of the allotments but would prefer option 1 shared management. It was **AGREED** to await comments of the allotment association on amendments they wished to make to option 1 before a final agreement can be decided on.

b) Water Connection – To agree the installation of two additional water troughs at

Gobowen allotments now that the new water pipe has been laid. The Clerk reported that the new water pipe had now been installed to enable a third and fourth water trough at the far end on the allotments to be connected.

RESOLVED to allow Gobowen Allotment Association to connect all four water troughs to the water system and to give Gobowen Allotment Association authority to turn the water back on the 1st April.

The Clerk was also asked to set up a site visit to the allotments between the Parish Council and representatives of the Association to view the progress that had been made over the past year.

11 Planning Items

a) **Planning application Decisions (for information only) – The following items were noted.**

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

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

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. – pending consideration

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

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

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

RESOLVED to support the application

c) **To consider any other planning applications received after the issue of the Agenda**

11/00222/FUL The Darlands Rhosygadfa Gobowen - Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey extension and outbuilding

RESOLVED – not to comment

d) **Shropshire Council consultation draft supplementary planning document SPD on the type and affordability of housing** (deadline 14/2/11) *document can be downloaded www.shropshire.gov.uk follow menu path Environment and Planning >Planning>planning policy –*

Cllr Turner presented his comments on the document and it was AGREED to submit the following comments on behalf of the Parish Council

Section 3 - The Parish Council agree with the section concerning the conversion of buildings within the curtilage of listed buildings as a way of helping develop listed buildings.

Section 4 - The Council agree that all development on of open house market should make a contribution to the provision of local affordable homes both for those developments that have less than 5 and those with 5+ homes to be built on them.

4.27 – The Parish Council agree that pooled financial contributions be spent on affordable homes for local people.

4.35 -Within affordable building there should be a 70% - 30% split between social rented and intermediate affordable housing.

4.46 - The Parish Council agree with the point that no more than x% of private houses be occupied before all affordable units are completed. However the figure X does need to be made definite as to how many private houses are being proposed.

It was also noted that both Selattyn and Gobowen Villages require need affordable houses to be built.

12 Pavilion and Playing Field Committee Recommendations from meeting 26/1/11

a) To purchase a barrier for the car park from Barriers Direct to be installed by Ray Parry Playground Services as per his quote – It was **RESOLVED** to instruct Ray Parry Playground services to purchase and install the a “swinging type car park barrier” from Barriers Direct as per his quote of £2000

b) Land Registry B13 Notice of application to register easement or other rights over the playing field – The Council considered this notice submitted to the Land Registry by Mr and Mrs Forster for the easement to lay a sewage pipe under the playing field. On the advice of Lanyon Bowdler solicitors who stated that the Parish Council would not have any grounds to object to the application it was therefore **RESOLVED** not to object to the application.

13 Parish Council Matters

a) **Meals on wheels** – For update on response to request for information from Shropshire Council on advertising policy. The Clerk reported that the press had run an article on the decline in uptake of the service and that she had contacted all other Parish Councils in Shropshire about the matter to find that 2 others were also concerned about the issue. In addition to this she read out and circulated the current literature that was being used to promote the service. Following a discussion on the importance of this service to the community it was **AGREED** that the matter should be discussed at the LJC and that following this meeting the issue should be discussed at the March meeting with a view to setting up a working party to consider the matter in more detail.

b) **Gobowen railway station car parking** – Cllr Lloyd reported that due to Shropshire Council’s budget cuts no capital was currently available to fund the expansion of the car park. Councillors were also asked to campaign for the reinstatement of a Shropshire to London direct rail service.

c) Broadband access and speed in the Parish – Cllr Turner raised the issue of Not spots in the parish where there was no broadband access at all and asked The Clerk to find out what Shropshire Council were planning to do address this and to improve broadband speeds in rural areas. He reported that Selattyn currently only has .5 megabyte speed as do some areas of Gobowen, which is affecting local businesses and a number of parts of the parish are “not spots”. Following a discussion The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Martin Taylor Smith who holds the portfolio for this issue to find out what Shropshire Council are doing to improve the situation for residents.

d) Oswestry Old Hill fort – no update on this item, however The Clerk was asked to write Maggie Rowlands to thank her for all her help in her role as Community Regeneration Officer and to ask whether she would be willing to update the council on the Old Oswestry Conservation Plan in the future

e) Refurbished Parish Lamp standard – A discussion took place on the current location of the lamp standard and Cllr Jones stated he would find out where it is currently stored prior to the March meeting so that a decision could be made on where to put it in the parish.

f) Derwen College Proposals to fund a Speed Visor – The Clerk reported that she had received a letter stating that Derwen College wished to purchase a speed visor that would be permanently fixed to a lamppost close to the college. Shropshire Council were willing to allow this but the order must be made through the Parish Council as the college is a private institution. Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED to agree the proposals to order a speed visor on behalf of Derwen College and to invoice Derwen College for the cost of the visor on an annual basis.

A discussion took place on the speed of traffic along Whittington Road and Tympath Lane and the Clerk was asked to write to Shropshire Council requesting that the speed on Tympath lane is reduced to 30mph and to request that the 40mph limit along Whittington Road is extended towards Whittington beyond the junction with Tympath Lane and to reduce the existing 40 limit to 30mph limit

g) Parish Heritage Items – to discuss important heritage features in the parish and their future upkeep. Clerk reported that this item was raised by Cllr Kirk and following a discussion it was **AGREED** to create an audit of the key items in the parish that were not in private ownership that should be repaired/ restored on behalf of the community

h) Councillor Vacancy – The Clerk reported that an election has not been called and that a co-option can now be held. The Clerk was advised to advertise the vacancy with a view to co-opting a councillor at the March meeting. If a number of applicants come forward it was **AGREED** that the executive committee would arrange interviews of the candidates prior to the March meeting.

14 Conduct Issues - Motions submitted by Councillor Clare

a) When an issue arises concerning the conduct of a councillor and where it is necessary to seek advice from ALC or elsewhere all communication must be in written form.

RESOLVED to accept the proposal.

b) That SALC is asked to note what happened in the Hearne case and ensure that any advice it gives in respect of the conduct of a councillor is always in written form.

RESOLVED to accept the proposal.

c) That prior to a motion being put to the full council in respect of conduct of and/or referral to “Standards” of a council member the council is provided with clear evidence that a case for referral has legal validity.

Following a discussion it was AGREED not to move this motion as there was no seconder for the motion.

d) That, in the interests of transparency and trust, meaningful minutes of all Executive Committee meetings are made available – in written form – to all council members.

RESOLVED that all minutes of committees to be made available to Councillors at their request.

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

ALC: North West Shropshire Flood Forum - Wednesday 16 February Castle View, Oswestry 2pm (circulated via email 18/1/11) - Noted

Shropshire Council

Notification of closure of Gobowen Level Crossing from 22.45 9/4/11 to 10.00 10/4/11- Noted

Environmental Maintenance grant – to consider whether the Parish wishes to submit an application for 2011-12 – AGREED to apply for £1500 for 2011/12

Notification of Emergency Planning meeting 11/4/11 19.00 Shire Hall Cllr Cherrington and Morgan to attend.

Shropshire Union Canal Society – Cuttings February 2011- Noted

Severn Hospice –request for funds (defer to March meeting) - Noted

Community first responder group – Thank you letter - Noted

SLCC – SLCC Training – AGREED that the Clerk would attend the 1 day of the practitioners course in Stoke on 26/2/11

KOMPAN – funding guide - Noted

Register of Electors changes notification - Noted

ALC training information – sent via email, Clerk to attend the policies course on 17/2/11

ALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party, nomination form AGREED to nominate Cllr Jones

Email request that Barbara Perkins Sheltered Housing manager Shropshire Council attend a Parish Council meeting to outline her work in the Parish – AGREED that Ms Perkins be invited to the April meeting

Email request that John Taylor from Big Lottery attends the March PC meeting to discuss the project – AGREED that Mr Taylor attend the March meeting

Ray Parry Playground Services – confirmation of acceptance of contract - Noted

3 Parishes Water Forum meeting notification - Public meeting with representatives of Severn Trent, Welsh Water, Shropshire Council: Wednesday, 23rd Feb. 10am, St

Martins Community Centre. - Noted
Notification of report on Shropshire Council's proposed changes to the organisation
and funding of schools in Shropshire. www.shropshire.gov.uk/educationforshropshire
- Noted

- 16 To agree the date and time of the next meeting - 9th March 2011 The Pavilion
Gobowen**

Signed

Date