

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th January 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, T. Kirk, P. Clare, I. Bennett, M. Ambridge, M Turner, P. Drury, R. Jones, P. Cherrington, E. Morgan, J. Thorpe

1 member of the public present

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr Jones read out a letter from Cllr Hearne which stated that he wished to resign from the Council with immediate effect. Councillors expressed their sorrow at his resignation and it was AGREED that the Chairman write to thank him on behalf of The Council for his service to The Council

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

3 Public Participation session

John Davies updated on the number of referrals for Meals on Wheels and stated that there were only 5 people receiving the meals in Gobowen. Weston Rhyn has only 1

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th December 2010

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 8/12/10 were **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record

5 Matters Arising from the Minutes - Cllr Morgan arrived at 7.20

a) Progress Report – for consideration

The Clerk updated on a number of items including

Item Description	Update
New Road Encroachment	Prosecution papers currently being considered by Shropshire .

Playing field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lanyon Boulder drawing up new statement concerning access from Land Registry from St Martins Road New signs to be put up
Gobowen and Hengoed Noticeboards	Funds received order to be placed Jan 2011. Still need permission from the Last Inn for the placing of the Hengoed board. Metal sheet to back the same size as the Gobowen.
Cemetery	Shropshire Council are lowering the hedge Cemetery committee meeting to be held in January
Playing Field Project	Field too wet for work to start, awaiting appropriate weather conditions. Quotes for car park barrier to be obtained in January.
Play equipment inspection course	8 confirmed attending sufficient numbers for the course to run

RESOLVED; to note the report

6 Police Report

PC Simon Clarke gave his report on recent crimes in the parish. He reported that an increase in the number of road accidents had occurred due to the cold weather conditions. It was also noted that thefts of heating oil across the county are on the increase.

7 Shropshire Council Report

Cllr Lloyd gave his report on the ongoing budget cuts at Shropshire Council which are still not finalised. He stated that the final list of cuts will be presented to the Parish Council when they are available.

He also reported that go ahead has been given for a small number of new affordable homes to be built in Gobowen. The Clerk was asked to add the item Gobowen Station Car Park to the February meeting agenda for discussion.

8 Local Joint Committee – Cllr Turner reported that the next meeting will be on 16/2//11 in the Cross Keys Selattyn.

Other Reports - none

9 Financial Matters

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

Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross
3544	Veolia			
	November	44.68	7.82	52.50
	December	34.86	6.10	40.96
				93.46
3545	British Gas (electric 27/8 – 1/12)	65.94	3.30	69.24
3546	V & W electrics	271.96	47.59	319.55

3547	West Merica Supplies (cleaning products)	10.37	1.81	12.18
3548	HMRC			308.96
3549	Penny O'Hagan			928.46
3550	John Ward			91.74
3551	Nigel Thomas			541.20
3552	Nigel Thomas expenses			14.08
3553	Benbow Brothers Hengoed Cemetery tree work	425	74.38	499.38
3554	Darren Brewer			230
	Hengoed	140		
	Selattyn	50		
	Bus shelter cleaning	40		

b) Income since the last meeting

Roundabout £75

LJC Noticeboard grant £750

Bank interest 1/10-31/12 £8.46

c) To review the following contracts for 2011-12

Street lighting and cemetery maintenance

Streetlighting – **RESOLVED** to renew the contracts for Streetlighting with V&W electrics

It was AGREED to defer the decision on Cemetery maintenance until after the Cemetery committee had met.

d) 3rd Quarter accounts – to consider request that this item is deferred to the budget meeting on 2/2/11. The Clerk circulated the third quarter accounts but requested that the item be deferred until the budget meeting on 2/2/11 to give Cllr Kirk time to carry out a full inspection of the accounts for this quarter and prepare his report. It was AGREED to defer the item.

10 Gobowen Allotments

a) Gobowen Allotment Association AGM – to receive a report on the AGM held in December

Cllr Morgan presented her report from Gobowen Allotment Association AGM. She stated that the Association's committee is now made up of 10 ploholders. The Association considered the future management proposals and are consulting with all ploholders during January and a preferred option would be agreed at the January meeting of the association.

b) Future Management of Gobowen Allotments - To consider paper produced by the Parish Clerk outlining options for future management of the allotments (enclosed)
A discussion took place on the 2 management proposals as laid out in the discussion paper

Option 1 – Shared Management between Gobowen Allotment Association and the Parish Council

Option 2 - Total management by Gobowen Allotment Association

Councillors debated the pros and cons of both options and the timescale that would be needed for the Association to be ready for option 2.

A proposal was put forward that the Parish Councils preferred management option is option 2 - to hand over total management of the allotments to Gobowen Allotment Association.

following a vote 11 in favour 1 against 1 abstention

RESOLVED; that Management option 2 – Total management of Gobowen Allotment by Gobowen Allotment Association is the preferred management option for the Parish Council

The Clerk was asked to inform the association of this decision

11 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

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

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.- 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

b) Planning Application for 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

RESOLVED not to comment

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

(To be notified at Meeting) – none

12 Parish Council Matters

a) 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 requested that the Clerk ask for a hard copy of the document that could be circulated before comments are drafted. It was AGREED to defer comments on this item until the February meeting of the Parish Council.

b) Meals on wheels – to consider the decline in uptake of Meals on Wheels. A discussion took place on the continued decline in the number of residents making use of the meals on wheels service in the Parish. It was reported that volunteers who deliver the meals are convinced that this is not due to lack of demand rather that the service was not being advertised and is being allowed to slip into decline. Councillors expressed their concern at

this and it was AGREED that the following action would be carried out to raise awareness of the problem.

1. The Clerk was instructed to contact Gary Heap at Shropshire Council to express the concern of the Council at the decline in the number of referral locally.
2. The Clerk was asked to discuss the issue with the local media to see if articles could be written to raise awareness of the process of applying for the service.
3. The Clerk was asked to contact all other Parish Councils in Shropshire to see if this was a problem concerning councils elsewhere in the county

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

Shropshire Council RESOLVED to note the following items

Environmental Maintenance Grants, confirmation of the continuation of the grant for 2011-12

LJC Newsletter – circulated via email

Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital – response to letter sent concerning the League of Friends. – The Clerk read out the reply which was noted

British Gas – notification of price rises for gas

West Mercia Police Authority Consultation – notification of consultation evening 12/1/11

Shrewsbury Town FC 7-9pm

Local Council Review – Winter 2010

CPRE - Winter 2010

ALC

Training programme – circulated via email. Agreed to arrange a local Grievance and Discipline procedure course in partnership with St Martins.

Electronic News Update – circulated via email

Localism Bill briefing – circulated via email The Clerk was asked to contact ALC to express the view that the Parish Council is unhappy about the proposed abolishment of standards board.

Correspondence received to 12/1/11

Selattyn Show Committee – request for grant (defer to March 2011)

Register of electors update

Duncan Royce - Letter of acceptance of playing field contract fixed for four seasons

Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party weekend brochure 10-12th June 2011

Clerks and Councils direct – newsletter January 2011

Bus Strategy for Shropshire 2011 - 2016 – Consultation circulated via email Clerk asked to put the information on the noticeboard

The Clerk – SLCC magazine and training information

Ludlow TC – booking form for Play Equipment course

British Youth Council – membership information

14 To agree the date and time of the next meeting 2/2/11 Budget meeting 9/2/11 Full council meeting ended 20.38