

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th December 2010 at The Pavilion, St Martins Road Gobowen commencing at 7.00 pm

In the Chair – Councillor R. Jones

Present:

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

1 member of the public present

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr Thorpe – illness

Cllr Hearne – holiday

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

None

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th November 2010

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 10/11/10 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 – for consideration

The Clerk alerted The Council to the fact that there had been several water leaks at the pavilion and that pipes were in need of replacing as the old metal pipes had been patched many times. It was AGREED that the Clerk would seek a quote for this work.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED; to note the progress report including the Clerks report

6 Police Report – PC Simon Clarke gave his report on recent crimes in the parish and police initiatives to prevent crime.

7 Shropshire Council Report

Cllr Lloyd gave his report which included an update on the future of the Local Joint Committee which would see a reduced number of meetings in the next financial year, he also reported that the full council would be meeting in December to consider the budget for 2011-12

RESOLVED; to note the report

8 Local Joint Committee – no report

Other Reports – The Clerk had previously circulated via email a report from the secretary of Gobowen Allotment Committee which was noted.

9 To consider the report from the Executive Committee held on 7/12/10

Cllr Clare requested that a written report be circulated of this meeting and it was AGREED that the Clerk would circulate the minutes of this meeting to all councillors.

Cllr Jones reported that the Executive had discussed Christmas staffing arrangements as the Clerk would be away for the 29th and 30th December and Cllr Crow had offered to provide emergency cover during this time.

The executive also considered items on the full council agenda at the meeting and had made the following recommendation - that the finance committee be comprised of 5 councillors.

One item relating to a staffing matter was discussed in the confidential part of the meeting.

10 Financial Matters

a) Outstanding Payments

RESOLVED; to make the following payments

Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross
3526	Shropshire Council street lighting 3 rd quarter	1398.62	244.76	1643.38
3527	Conservation Building Services – Gobowen War Memorial cleaning	578.65	101.26	679.91
3528	West Mercia Supplies (first aid kit)	14.70	2.57	17.27
3529	P and S Electrical (PAT test)	72.45	12.69	85.14
3530	HMRC	308.96		308.96
3531	John Ward	91.74		91.74
3532	Penny O’Hagan	928.46		928.46
3533	Nigel Thomas	541.20		541.20
3534	Society of Local Council Clerks (subscription contribution)	100.00		100.00
3535	V & W electrics	526.43	92.13	618.56
3536	British Gas (gas)	58.26	2.91	61.17
3537	Ron Jones SALC AGM expenses			16.00
3538	Penny O’Hagan expenses			
	Mileage	262.40		
	Expenses	171.94		434.34

3539	Nigel Thomas expenses	18.20		18.20
3540	Multesign	192.00	33.60	225.60
3541	Valley Security and fire protection	195.00	34.13	229.13
3542	Darren Brewer			230
	Hengoed	140		
	Selattyn	50		
	Bus shelter cleaning	40		
3543	Derwen College	405.14		405.14

b) Income since the last meeting

Pavilion income £45

Roundabout £70

Cemetery Income (headstone and burial) £610

c) Council's banking procedures – The Clerk reported that she was still awaiting confirmation that the changes had been made.

d) To review the following contracts for 2011-12

The Clerk reported that the existing contracts had run well over the past 9 months with no areas of concern.

- **Street lighting** – AGREED to defer the decision on this contract until the January meeting
- **Playing field grass cutting** – A letter had been received from Mr Royce the grass cutter with the offer to fix the price of the cutting for the next 4 years for £2775

RESOLVED to agree new price of £2750 fixed for 4 years on the proviso that the Parish Council can review the contract every 12 months

- **Roundabout cutting** - **RESOLVED** to renew the contract.
- **Cemetery cutting** – AGREED to defer decision on this until the cemetery meeting has met

e.) To set date for 2011 budget meeting and consider the establishment of a finance committee

RESOLVED that the following members be co-opted onto the finance committee which would meet quarterly to discuss finances in relation to the budget.

Cllr Bennett, Cllr Kirk, Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Evans, Cllr Jones

RESOLVED that the budget meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd February 7pm and that Mr Towson the internal auditor be invited to attend.

11 Gobowen Allotments

- a) To consider a request from Gobowen Allotment Committee to allow the installation of 2 additional water points at the far end of the allotments
The Clerk reported that she had received a quote for this work from GR Contracting which stated that the cost of installing a 25mm water pipe 750mm deep along the existing path to the far end water point complete with a stop tap to isolate the run would be £474.70 inclusive. This price would be reduced if the existing fittings and pipe can be reused.

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED to carry out the work this financial year

The Clerk was also asked to draw up in partnership with Gobowen Allotment Committee a management agreement that could be considered prior to April 2011

- b) To consider a request from Gobowen Allotment Committee for the Parish Council to arrange for the pruning of overhanging trees on Network Rail land at far end of the allotments.

The clerk reported that she had requested a quote from a tree surgeon in relation to this work but that she had not received it in time for the meeting.

RESOLVED not to proceed with the works as the entire budget for this financial year has been committed.

12 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

10/04203/TPO – to remove all trees within 3-5 meters of the wall at The Tunnel Pant Glas within the grounds of Brogynton Park protected by Oswestry Council
TPO – granted

10/03900/FUL 2 Penycae Avenue, Rhewl Gobowen - erection of first floor side extension – granted

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.- pending consideration

10/04412/FUL The Old Vicarage Gobowen Erection of a two storey extension and conservatory to side and shed to rear - granted

10/04428/FUL Birch Cottage Selattyn SY10 7NR Erection of single storey and two storey extensions (with Juliet balcony) detached triple bay part open fronted garage/workshop - granted

10/04186/LBC Railway Booking Office Building 2 Gobowen Station, Station Road Gobowen. Installation of customer information screens and CCTV fixed cameras and 2 internal CCTV cameras affecting a Grade II Listed Building – granted

10/04185/FUL Railway Booking Office Building, Station Road Gobowen - Installation of customer information screens and CCTV fixed cameras – granted

b) Planning Application for consideration: - none received at time of agenda being published

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

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.

A discussion took place on the impact that the plans would have on the continuation of the League of Friends at the Orthopaedic Hospital. It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to the Chief Executive of the hospital to outline the concerns of the Parish Council on this matter

RESOLVED; not to comment on the planning application

13 Parish Council Matters

a) Parish Projects – It was reported that 4 councillors had provided opinions for the time frame of proposed projects which were compiled into a report that was presented to the council for consideration. The report was considered and it was AGREED that the project programme would be reviewed on a 12 month basis. The clerk was asked to add an item on the uptake of the meals on wheels to the January agenda so that a full discussion can take place on it.

b) Speed Visors – For update on the cost of purchasing a Speed Visor from a private company. The Clerk reported that she had discussed the purchase of a private speed visor with Shropshire Council who had advised against it as they felt that this sort of sign was more suitable for private roads and estates as that the sign would be susceptible to vandalism and could end up costing excessive amounts to maintain, whereas the cost of visors provided through Shropshire Council included maintenance and insurance costs. Following a discussion on whether the purchase of a speed visor could be justified in the current economic climate it was

RESOLVED to leave the item in abeyance.

c) Fairfield Close car park extension project – to consider whether the Parish Council wish to support this project. The Council considered the proposal put before the Council at the November meeting by M Llewellyn on behalf of the residents of Fairfield Close

RESOLVED to support the proposal

d) Rural Toolkit Selattyn Event – to consider proposals by Shropshire Council to hold a Selattyn focussed event during 2011. Cllr Turner outlined what a rural toolkit event comprised of and why it was important that Selattyn hold a standalone event. Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED to request that Shropshire Council hold a Selattyn only rural toolkit event.

14 Correspondence – items for consideration

Gobowen Allotment Society – reply to letter dated 13/9/10 (received 9/11/10). The Clerk read the letter to the Council.

RESOLVED to note

Oswestry Community First Responder Group – to consider request to hire the pavilion in lieu of a Section 137 grant

RESOLVED to allow Community First Responders to hire the pavilion free of charge once a month for training and meeting purposes a maximum of 12 months

RESOLVED to note the following items

The Atkins Biz Network – advertising material relating to websites

SLCC – letter outlining the benefits of membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks

NALC – legal briefing on the S137 expenditure limit for 2011-12

Came and Company – Parish Council guide on what to do in event of snow and ice

Cuttings –Journal of the Shropshire Union Canal Society December 2010

CPRE – Fieldwork December 2010

P&S Electrical results of Portable Appliance Testing

Correspondence received to 8/12/10

RESOLVED to note the following correspondence

Hope House Newsletter Winter 2010

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

Shropshire Council – Register of electors 2010 – 11 Full Register

Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire – HM Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Preparation June 2012

The Playing Field Autumn 2010

Rural Housing Alliance – Affordable Housing A Guide for Parish Councils

NHS Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust – Autumn Newsletter

Came and Company – Parish Council Newsletter Insurance matters

Vehicle Sales at Glenridd Truck stop – email from Shropshire Council planning – As Glenridd Truck stop is not in the Parish it was AGREED that this is not a matter for the Parish Council.

Mr Jones 5 Fernhill Avenue – Letter requesting streetlight is moved, Cllr Crow reported that the light was erected at the request of Cllr Trevor Davies and it was AGREED that the cost would be too high to move it.

15 To agree the date and time of the next meeting - Wednesday 12th January 2011