

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th March 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, M Turner, P. Drury, R. Jones, P. Cherrington, E. Morgan, J. Thorpe, A. Evans.

2 members of the public present

John Taylor from Big Lottery gave his apologies and the Clerk was asked to reschedule his presentation on the project for the May meeting

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

RESOLVED to accept the following apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr Kirk – Holiday

Cllr Bennett – Work commitment

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 Cllr Evans	Personal	10c Parish Grants – member of Preeshnelle URC
Cllr Ambridge	Personal	10c Parish Grants – member of All Saints Church and Bryn Y Castell Conservation Group
Cllr Turner	Prejudicial	10c Parish Grants member of St Marys Selattyn

3 Public Participation session

None

4 To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 9th February 2011

Cllr Kirk requested that the reason for his apologies be changed to working. A correction was made to item 9a chq number 3559 Clerks salary was amended to £928.48

After the aforementioned amendments were made, the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 9/2/11 were **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record

5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

CLlr Clare requested a copy of the email sent to ALC in reference to item 14b in the February minutes.

a) Progress Report – for consideration

RESOLVED to note the following items

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 – to be advertised in new financial year. • 20mph zone outside school- ongoing
Gobowen Speed Issues	Feb 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals for VAS to be erected on lamppost outside Derwan College entrance, awaiting correspondence from the college on the issue • Awaiting response from Shropshire Council following request to change speed limit in Whittington Road and Tympath Road
Playing field	ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lanyon Boulder submitted evidence to Land Registry • Darren Brewer has removed old fence and tree as part of urgent works
Parish Roundabout	ongoing	February edition completed.
Gobowen Station Car Park	Jan 2010	No capital funds from Shropshire Council for project Clerk asked to remind SC that the car park was developed for the community as well as for station users which is why it is a free car park.
Gobowen and Hengoed Noticeboards	April 2010	Hengoed Noticeboard delivered to Jones Brothers and awaiting confirmation from Gobowen co-op concerning location of the Gobowen noticeboards
Events	April 2010	Publicity material to be compiled – not done no events attended
Playing Field Project	June 2010	Work to start 14/3/11
Play equipment inspection course	Feb 2011	Course completed both Clerk and Leisure Attendant passed exam.

Training	Feb 2011	Grievance and Discipline Training organised for 23/3/11 7pm in the St Martins centre
Parish Heritage Items	Feb 2011	Awaiting details of key heritage items from councillors so a list can be compiled Parish milestones

The Clerk also presented her report from the SLCC practitioners conference which she attended and outlined the responsibilities of the Parish Council with regard to the governments transparency proposals

- 6 Councillor Vacancy** – to consider applications for the position of councillor. The Clerk reported that there had been one application for the co-option. Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt the Gareth Thomas onto the Parish Council and he duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
- 7 Police Report** – PC Simon Clarke gave an update of recent crimes in the parish
- 8 Shropshire Council Report** – Cllr Lloyd gave an update on proposals for changes to the health service following a special cabinet meeting on the issue. A discussion also took place on the community levy proposals.
- 9 Local Joint Committee** – Cllr Turner gave a report following the recent meeting held in February which had been well attended and he outlined grants that had been awarded. Next meeting Tuesday May 17th at Weston Rhyn.

Other Reports - none

10 Financial Matters

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

Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross
3568	V & W electrics	468.49	93.70	563.19
3569	John Ward Expenses			31.60
3570	Severn Trent Water - Pavilion Sept - Feb	306.35		306.35
3571	Severn Trent Water – allotments Sept – Feb	12.26		12.26
3572	SLCC (training course 26/2/11)	68.00	13.60	81.60
3573	Shropshire Council (streetlight energy)	1398.62	279.72	1678.34
3574	HMRC			308.76
3575	John Ward			91.94
3576	Penny O’Hagan			928.44*
3577	Nigel Thomas			541.20
3578	John Hicks (play equipment course)	817.05	150	967.05
3579	British Gas (gas 2/12-24/2)	294.57	14.72	309.29
3580	Penny O’Hagan Expenses			
	Mileage Dec- Mar			168.40
	Expenses			172.35
				340.75

3581	Nigel Thomas expenses			17.20
3582	Lanyon Bowdler solicitors	214	40.00	254.00
3583	Darren Brewer			380.00
	Hengoed	140		
	Selattyn	50		
	Bus shelter cleaning	40		
	Playing Field tree removal	150		
3584	Derwen College	393.33	77.87	467.20

It was AGREED that the Veolia invoice for February could be paid before the next meeting.

b) Income since the last meeting

Hengoed Cemetery
 Sale of plots £480
 Administration Costs £80
 Playing Field Course £770
 Roundabout £250
 Whittington Rovers £195

c) Parish Grants – for consideration

Requests from Churches RESOLVED to make the following grant awards

	Application	Budgeted amount	Agreed amount
St Mary's Church, Selattyn General maintenance	Clock maintenance	200	200
Preeshenlle United Reform Church	Grave yard maintenance	200	200
All Saints Church		200	200

**Parish based organisations
RESOLVED to make the following grant awards**

Description	Date	Application	Amount requested	Agreed Amount
Selattyn Show committee	5/1/11	Show running expenses	£150	£100
Gobowen WI	24/2/11	General expenses		£65
Gobowen Old Friends	22/2/11	General Expenses		£65
Gobowen Scouts	1/3/11	Contribution to new boiler		£90
Gobowen Girls Brigade	3/3/11	Expenses for Shropshire District day event		£65
Bryn Y Castell Coppice Conservation group <i>Cllr Ambridge left the</i>	3/3/11	Tools for volunteer	£100	£85

<i>room</i>				
Preeshenlle Fun and Friendship group	3/1/11	Donation towards knitting equipment and craft supplies		£65
Gobowen Youth Team	4/3/11	Training equipment		£65

Oswestry Area organisations**RESOLVED** to make the following grant awards

Description	Date	Application	Amount requested	Agreed Amount
Royal British Legion				£50 paid November 10
Oswestry Group of West Midlands Community First Responders	16/11/10	General expenses No financial help but offer of pavilion as training venue 1/11		
Hope House Hospice	2/12/11	General expenses		£50

County based organisations**RESOLVED** to make the following grant awards

Description	Date	Application	Amount requested	Agreed Amount
No Panic	July 2010	Help Line relief and rehabilitation of people suffering panic attacks, OCD, anxiety disorders		£50
Citizens Advice Bureau	August 2010	Running costs		£50
West Shropshire Talking Newspaper	09/10	Running costs		£50
Marie Curie Cancer Care	3/12/10			£50
Severn Hospice	12/1/11	Funds towards respite care		£50

d) Risk Assessment – to consider the Parish Council’s risk assessment

The risk assessment for 2011 was considered and it as **RESOLVED** to adopt the Risk Assessment and to review it in 1 year

11 Gobowen Allotments

a) Future Management - To discuss preference of Gobowen Allotment Association in relation to proposals for future management of the allotments

The comments from Gobowen Allotment Association on the shared management proposals were considered and in light of the comments of the Association it was AGREED to make the following amendments

- All plots to be inspected quarterly by the Parish Clerk and Allotment Association.

- Tenancy Agreements to be amended to state that following a plot inspection if it is considered that the plot is not being cultivated then a letter will be sent giving the tenant 3 months notice to instruct the tenant to cultivate at least 50% of the plot with the remaining 50% covered to prevent weeds. If the plot is deemed not to be under control by the end of the 3 month period then the tenancy will be terminated with immediate effect.
- The Parish Council will co-opt 2 members to represent the interest of the Parish Council on Gobowen Allotment Association.
- Pathways will be cut by the Parish Council fortnightly when the Parish Roundabout is being cut. Subject to annual review.
- A contribution of up to £50 can be claimed by Gobowen Allotment Association secretary for printer ink and stationary subject to annual review.
- The Parish Council's complaints procedure is to be followed in the event of any dispute.

A discussion took place on whether the Clerk's time spent on allotment work should be accounted for as allotment expenditure and no decision was made on this point.

It was AGREED that a dolly wheel could be purchased and fitted to the allotment gate.

It was further **RESOLVED** that any surplus funds that may accrue once rents had been paid and all expenditure for the year has been accounted for be ring fenced at the end of each financial year for the future maintenance or expansion of the allotments. This process would start at from March 2012.

Cllr Morgan left the meeting

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

10/04871/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

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

b) Planning Application for consideration: - none at time of publishing agenda

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

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

RESOLVED to support the application as it will improve the area

11/00764/AGR Vron Lodge, Pant Glas, Erection of agricultural building for livestock

RESOLVED to note the application

- d) Shropshire Council consultation draft supplementary planning document SPD planning levy** – for consideration. As the deadline for the consultation is the end of April it was AGREED to defer this item until the April meeting to give councillors more time to study the proposals.

13 Parish Council Matters

a) Parish Roundabout – to agree editorial procedures and distribution. It was AGREED that Cllr Morgan would take on the role of proof reader and further AGREED that Cllr Lloyd would now deliver the Rhosagadfa and Ebnal routes and that a volunteer be found to cover Cllr Lloyd's old area.

b) New Road Gobowen – For update on section 215 notice, a discussion took place on the fact that this matter had been outstanding for so long and it was AGREED that the Clerk would send a letter to the enforcement department asking for a full update on progress on the issue to date.

c) Streetlighting Survey 2011 – to agree replacement light works to be invoiced this financial year. The Clerk presented the quote for £4265 from V & W electrics for the repair of all the urgent items highlighted on the recent streetlighting survey and it was RESOLVED that V and W electrics be asked to carry out all the work this financial year except the new columns which would be deferred to the Spring. It was AGREED that a payment of £3265.44 for the work (as per their estimate) could be made to V and W electrics prior to the next meeting.

d) Refurbished Parish Lamp standard – to consider location of this lamp. Cllr Jones reported that Mr Coombes had never stored the lamp and that he thought it was stored at V & W electrics. The Clerk was asked to contact V & W to see if they could locate the lamp.

e) Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields Challenge – to consider nominating Gobowen Playing Field as part of this initiative – RESOLVED that the Clerk look into the project in more detail and report back to the Parish Council

Cllr Morgan returned to the meeting

14 Parish Matters

a) Meals on wheels – For update on service following Local Joint Committee meeting. Following a discussion on the item it was AGREED to set up a working group to explore the following issues

1. Is a community meals service needed or wanted
2. Financial implications

3. Are there enough volunteers willing to support the project.

4. Liabilities

It was AGREED that the Clerk would approach interested people to attend a working party meeting and that Cllr Jones to be co-opted as the Parish Council representative.

b) Rose Queen Fete – To consider working with the Rose Queen Committee for the 2011 fete – It was AGREED that the Parish Council would support this event and work with the committee to involve more local groups in the event.

c) Improvements to Broadband access and speed in the Parish – Cllr Turner reported that a paper has been submitted by the Economic Development team for consideration by Shropshire Council's cabinet suggesting using school broadband sites to provide an isp to commercially enhance the speed of broadband in slow areas. A bid has gone into Broadband UK to fund this work. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Shropshire Council to confirm the support of the Parish Council for the initiative and highlight areas of concern in the parish.

d) Google Streetview – To consider a request from Selattyn Neighbourhood Watch group to that the Parish Council support them in their campaign to remove Selattyn from Google Street View (at request of Cllr Turner) A discussion took place for the need to consult with all residents of Selattyn to make sure it is something that they all want before this idea is progressed further. It was AGREED that the Neighbourhood Watch group be asked to write an article for the next roundabout concerning the issue.

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

Oswestry Town Council

Local Councils and Planning Policy 7pm 14/3/11

Local Councils Planning and Action - 7pm 24/3/11

AGREED that Cllr Morgan would attend both sessions and that the Parish Council supports the restarting of the Clerks and Chairman meetings.

RESOLVED to note the following items

NALC –briefing papers

Code of recommended practice for local authorities on data transparency

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/publications/consultations/>.

What is localism booklet (circulated via email) Cllr. Turner has submitted comments on this booklet for consideration at the April meeting.

Press release on NALC Launches New Good Practice Materials

Powys Council

Powys Local Development Plan – call for potential development site submissions, candidate site submissions 14/2/11-6/5/11

Veolia

notification of price rise increase of £1.57

Shropshire Council

Notification of referendum date 5/5/11 confirmation that the pavilion will be used as a

polling station

Guide to organising a street party

Wats meadow S106 update – The Clerk reported that the developer has AGREED to reduce the height of the S106 land.

Selattyn Mobile Library timetable changes notification

Re- tendering of Local Bus Service Contracts Consultation (deadline 28/3/11)

ICT support for Parish Councils – changes to cost of support

Flood monitors information and North west flood forum survey

www.surveymonkey.com/s/NWSFFscoringresissue

Other

Clerks and Councils Direct

Public water forum meeting 23/2/11-notes

CPRE dates of events Spring/Summer 2011

Items received after the agenda sent out

Cane and Company – Parish Matters newsletter Spring 2011-03-09

Local Council Review

Shropshire Council

Notification of special Cabinet Meeting is being held on Wednesday 9 March at 12.30pm in the Shrewsbury Room of Shirehall, Shrewsbury - Keeping your health services in Shropshire The meeting will discuss and agree Shropshire Council's consultation response to the proposed changes to hospital services at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital

Notification of Road shows re Community Involvement in Care and Health - Tues 15 March - 1.30pm to 3.30pm OSWESTRY - The Qube, Oswald Road, SY11 1RB

Notification of changes to public access system (via email)

Notification of public inquiry Shropshire County Council modification order 2006 - 27/4/11 10.00 am Quinta Hall

Shropshire Core Strategy - notification that the strategy has been found 'sound' by the Inspector and that his report is now available for viewing, together with associated documents on the Shropshire Council website:

Nalc

Employment Briefing E02-11 3/3/11 Local Government Pay

West Coast Mainline Route Utilisation Strategy – Parish Council support any proposals to create a subsidized direct rail route between London and Wrexham with the appropriate subsidy

16 To agree the date and time of the next meeting - 13th April 2011