

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Parish Council on Wednesday 9th December at The Last Inn Hengoed, at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Councillor Crow

Present: Councillors: I Bennett, S Crow, J Davies, H Ellis, C Emery, S Heap, R Jones, L Lindup, D Lloyd, R Macey, S West Wynn, E Morgan.

340 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

PC Katie L'Clare

Absent

Councillors P Cherrington, P Drury and S Westwood Bate

341 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

a) Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.

Cllr. Crow declared an interest in relation to planning application 15/04968/REM Agenda Item 346

b) To consider any applications for dispensation

None

342 To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18.11.15

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th November be approved and signed as a true record. (Those in attendance were altered to show a correct record.)

343 Public Participation session - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public to speak on items on the agenda.

No members of the public present

344 Reports

a) Progress Report – To consider the clerks progress report.

Not available

b) Other reports - To receive and consider reports from Shropshire Council elected councillors and other reports from councillors attending meetings and site visits on behalf of the parish council.

Shropshire Councillors report;

Councillor Lloyd reported on:

- The recent departure of Keith Barrow.
- Short and long term funding prospects – protected areas include Adult Care (2%); Council Tax, is set to go up(1.99% permitted increase + the 2% for adult care), withdrawal of the funding for Parish Councils to be revisited at a future Council Meeting.

Councillor R Macey reported that:

- The Final version of SAM DEV will be presented at meeting on 17.12.15.
- A representative from planning is willing to come and speak to the Parish Council in the New Year.
- No update on the Selattyn wall at present. Councillor Macey will provide an update before the next meeting. Councillors asked to send in photos showing the condition of the wall.

Q: What is the predicted underspend and how much is required in reserves?

Resolved that Councillor Lloyd will provide this information to Councillors.

Q: The Council requested that information on how many adjacent properties are notified of planning applications.

Police representatives,

Already received –

Police Response to reports of reported incidents; West Mercia PCC Newsletter; November police report;

Racecourse Group update by Councillor Morgan:-

Final version of new 10 year management plan has been put to the group to consider. Winter work has been carried out by the FORCE (Friends of Oswestry Race Course) on the common and by ecological husband and wife team 'Orchard Field' on the pond on the South Common, but there is more work to be done. The next ORMA meeting is 17th February. The group was commended for the work they have carried out and the impact this has had on the Racecourse.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the secretary congratulating them on their recent work

345 Financial Matters

Note: Veolia charges increased from 1st Jan 2016 by £2.24/ collection

Community meals – Price from 1st January 2016 for agreement. This will not result in an increase in cost to the clients

NOTED

a) **Monthly statement** - To approve the monthly financial statement and bank statements against bank reconciliation

Not available

b) **Payments** - To approve Outstanding Payments and payments made prior to meeting.

c) **Income** -To note income received since the last meeting.

RESOLVED to approve the following payment and income

| Chq Payments made before 9.12.15 | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Chq | Supplier | Net | Vat | Gross |
| | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| Current Account Cheque Payments December | | | | |
|---|--|------------|------------|--------------|
| Chq | Supplier | Net | Vat | Gross |
| 300580 | SCRAP | | | |
| 300581 | SALC -travel & interviews | | | 35.80 |
| 300582 | Highline Electrical -PAT test &Annual wiring inspection | 186.00 | 37.20 | 223.20 |
| 300583 | EON | 54.45 | 2.72 | 57.17 |
| 300584 | Darren Brewer parish maintenance | | | |
| | Roundabout Cutting £30 | | | |
| | Bus shelter & carriage cleaning £45 | | | |
| | TOTAL | | | 75.00 |
| 300585 | SLCC | 149.00 | 0.00 | 149.00 |
| 300586 | Highline Electrical -Replacement lights 3 fus 1 ignito 1 | 210.00 | 42.00 | 252.00 |
| 300587 | S Crow –mileage(£41.40), phone & broadband(£60) | | | 101.40 |
| 300588 | Nigel Thomas expenses(£16.35) + pay(£69.30) | | | 85.65 |
| 300589 | Shropshire Council Lighting 3rd quarter | 960.94 | 192.19 | 1153.13 |
| 300590 | Amy Gregory expenses | | | 34.20 |

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|--------|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 300591 | Last Inn | 30.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 |
| | Total | 1590.39 | 274.11 | 2196.55 |
| | Total cheques paid since last meeting | 1590.39 | 274.11 | 2196.55 |

| BACS and Standing Orders November | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| BACS No. | | | | |
| DD | British Telecom pavilion | 20.99 | 4.20 | 25.19 |
| SO | Nigel Thomas Salary | | | 643.50 |
| | TOTAL | 20.99 | 4.20 | 668.69 |
| | Total outgoings for November | 1611.38 | 278.31 | 2865.24 |

| Current Account Income – 18.11.15 - 09.12.15 | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|---------------|
| 000 105 | Dispense 2 U Ltd & A Roberts Adverts Roundabout | | | 100.00 |
| | TOTAL | | | 100.00 |

| Community Meals Account Payments November & December | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Supplier | Net | Vat | Gross |
| 300052 | K Griffiths Expenses and Mileage | | | 175.38 |
| 300053 | K Griffiths Expenses - Mileage | | | 24.35 |
| | TOTAL | | | 199.73 |
| Community Meals Income November & December | | | | |
| 000 28 | £642 cheques + £144 direct | | | 786.00 |

d) Interim audit report – for consideration.

It was noted that this had not been received

e) Unity Bank: Add the new clerk and fill in appropriate forms.

It was **RESOLVED** that the relevant forms be completed to confirm Amy Gregory as the Key Contact and authorised internet banking user (not a signatory) and returned. Councillor Crow and Councillor Morgan signed the forms in front of the council.

346 Planning Items

a) Planning Application Decisions – To note recent planning decisions

15/03970 Field No1244 Adjacent to Carreg-Y-Big, Selattyn. Retention of stables, hay barn and tack room permitted under ref 08/15748/ful for permanent use.

Decision **GRANTED**

15/03735/OUT (validated: 07/10/2015) Land At Llawr-Y-Pant Farm , Selattyn, Shropshire, SY10 7HX
Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of one (essential workers) dwelling and garage to serve existing agricultural business

Decision: **REFUSE**

Resolved: To note

b) Planning applications for consideration -

15/04968/REM (validated: 23/11/2015) Proposed Residential Development To The South of, Fernhill Lane, Gobowen,

Proposal: Approval of Reserved Matters (layout, appearance, scale and landscaping) pursuant to permission 14/02792/OUT for residential development. Applicant: Mr M Evans (C/o Agent)

The Council RESOLVED to make the following comments

- The area proposed for development was excluded from SAM DEV.
- It does not form part of the strategic development of Gobowen as a whole.
- Issues are not prohibitive but matters of caution for the Parish Council.
- That the lights and roads should be to County standard and adopted by Shropshire Council.
- That there is no consideration for anyone other than car users in the application.
- There are two footways from West Place and Hammonds Place across Fernhill Lane to the Playing Field used by children. This application will increase the traffic flow and hence the danger to those crossing Fernhill Lane to access the Playing Field.
- The footpath on the West Place side of Fernhill Lane is narrow and used by young people going to school any increase in the traffic will increase the danger to school children and pavement users.
- There is a gap in the pavement, as access is, passed Council garages this presents a danger to walkers.
- **Traffic calming is needed to reduce the dangers stated above.**
- The Junction of Fernhill Lane and the B5069 has limited vision and any increase in traffic could result in accidents.
- Concerns around the blocking off what is considered to be an ancient right of way (a continuation of Fernhill Lane) which is shown on some maps.
- Housing mix doesn't accurately reflect the demographic of the area – no bungalows (no provision for disabled servicemen returning from the forces) and orientation of the houses does not capture solar potential.
- **Deceptive** Information in the application – 'at the heart of the village centre' it is NOT. There is no amenity provision in this development, as there would be in a bigger development.
- Concerns around surface water and soak away – Existing ground conditions and sub-soil composition are 'understood' – **request that a percolation test is done before the application is considered by Shropshire Council.**
- An attenuation Pond should be considered.
- **There is an existing sewage issue on Fernhill Lane** –therefore the council **requests to see the drainage calculations for fowl water for their comments as the application does not state that it has been checked to assess if it is of appropriate size.**
- Number of mature hedgerows –states that existing hedgerows will be enhanced but not enough variety of native hedging is stated.
- Concerns about the roundabout in the site – inadequate parking spaces and the turning circle seems to be tight.
- **Request** that the primary school is contacted to ascertain if Fernhill Lane it is on their 'Safe Route to School' plan.
- It would have been useful if the Parish Council could have had first sight of the application to give their comments based on local knowledge.
- **REQUEST A SITE MEETING IS HELD FOR ALL THE ABOVE REASONS before a decision is made.**

347 Request to put Alderman Tom Morris on Shropshire Council's list of future road names in the Parish

RESOLVED that his name be put forward to Shropshire Council as a possible future road name in the Parish

348 To receive problems with Rights Of Way(ROW) in the Parish

Resolved that this be discussed at a future meeting (March).

The Black Bridge over the railway line. Action required: Check the planning application and footpath arrangements. The bridge is now a hazard. There are concerns surrounding who is responsible for the

maintenance of the bridge. The Place Plan may have a reference to the footpath to help determine whose responsibility it is.

349 VAT report

NALC have solicitors who can advise on this further

350 Pensions – update

The council has been registered with the Pensions Regulator and will be sent correspondence in relation to the automatic enrolment duties on 1st November 2016.

351 Correspondence forwarded to Councillors for consideration and information

Road safety in our Rural Villages – Shirehall, Thursday 3rd March 2016 Does anyone wish to attend? Councillors interested in attending – John, Erica and Steve

List of items emailed will be presented at the meeting

RESOLVED that this information be noted

352 Pavilion; Allotments

a) To consider the closure of the gates at pavilion car park.

RESOLVED:

- That the car park is of value to the village. It belongs to the community and should not be closed. The presence of the CCTV cameras act as a reasonable deterrent.
- Remind the chapel and the school about utilising the car park.
- Review in 6 months

b) Damage to the Pavilion – to consider how it is to be dealt with/prevented

RESOLVED: that N Thomas should, in future, inspect and photograph the pavilion prior to and after all bookings. A checklist may be needed

c) Allotment request for lock/keys

RESOLVED to;

- wait for a response from the Allotment Committee to the email sent by the Clerk
- Inform the Allotment Secretary that the short notice given for the last meeting made it impossible for the Council's representatives to attend the meeting or send apologies.

353 Date of meeting To note Date and Time of the next meeting

13th January 7pm

AOB

A formal thank you to Councillor Crow for standing in as Acting Clerk since October. Extremely grateful for her contribution and for sustaining the post until the new Clerk started in post.