

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Parish Council on Wednesday 13th January 2016 at The Pavilion, St Martins Road, Gobowen at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Councillor Crow

Present: Councillors: I Bennett, P Cherrington, S Crow, J Davies, H Ellis, C Emery, S Heap, R Jones, D Lloyd, R Macey, E Morgan, S West Wynn, S Westood Bate

Also Present: PCSO Dave Hughes, 3 members of the public

354 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved to accept the following apologies for absence

Cllr P Drury – work commitments

Cllr L Lindup – family commitments

355 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 Jones declared a pecuniary interest in relation to item 360 - Planning Applications 15/05303/FUL and 15/05302/FUL

b) To consider any applications for dispensation

None Received

356 To Confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09.12.15

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th December 2015 be approved and signed as a true record.

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

3 members of the public present

- Discussion took place on the Planning Application Granted for the Solar Farm at Rhosygadfa.
- Feedback on the Big Conversation – Parishioners felt there were no opportunities to feedback into the process, unless you are a volunteer. Just a tick box process and did not feel it was a true consultation.

3 members of the public left the meeting before Item 358.

358 Reports

a) Progress Report – To consider the clerks progress report. **RESOLVED to note.**

- **In relation to potholes on the Clerk's Report, it was noted that Beeches Avenue Potholes have now been filled.**
- **Salt bins in Gobowen not closing properly – It was RESOLVED that this be reported to Shropshire Council, Highways.**

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;

Cllr Macey reported on:

- **Selattyn Wall** – A response has now been received from the County's Solicitor who have come to a judgement. They are currently informing parties involved and then the response will be shared with Councillors in writing.
- **LJC** – Next meeting will take place on February 23rd at 7.00pm in St Martins (likely to be at the school). The Agenda will include the Library, Youth Commissioning, Health, Shropshire Council Big Conversation.
- **Library** – The consultation ran from 9th – 21st December. The response (around 120 responded in total) showed an overwhelming support for option 1 – expand the hub and opportunities. Backing has been secured from Star (Shropshire Town and Rural Housing), Shropshire Council and Three Parishes Big Local for the first year, during which a detailed business plan will be worked up and professional support will be received. Shropshire Council are looking for a one off single year £5000 contribution from the Parish Council. A response from the Parish Council is required by the end of January. It was noted that providing a Library is not a statutory duty for Parish Councils

Cllr Lloyd reported on:

- SAMDev is in the final stage. The council has been complimented for the way it has been done, with some small opposition from an Oswestry group defence of the hillfort.
- Parish Councils have now been notified of the deadline for submitting their precept and their Band D Council Tax figure.
- Malcom Bate is now the leader of Shropshire Council and with this comes a new shape of cabinet – one that means more to people. He has made a cabinet based on 4 key priorities which stretch from finance to childcare. There are identifiable people and portfolio holder for communities, which includes parish councils. It was noted that Cllr Robert Macey has been appointed to the post of Deputy Housing and Planning and will work with Malcom Price

It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Lloyd and Macey will share a copy of the portfolio holders and officer links with the Parish Council.

- I P & E is currently under close scrutiny, unsure of end result at this stage. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Lloyd provide information to Councillors on the income generated by I P & E
- Question of reserves to be looked at very carefully by Shropshire Council.

Other reports from councillors attending meetings and site visits on behalf of the parish council - **none**

Already received –

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

Police representatives,

PCSO Dave Hughes

In addition to those noted on the report:

- Burglary Whittington Road and 2 Old Chirk Road. He asked that if people notice something abnormal please contact the Police on 101 (non-emergency)

It was noted that the burglaries are probably down to groups of people hitting different areas. To date, no arrests have been made.

359 Financial Matters

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

RESOLVED to approve all of the above

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

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

d) **E-on** - renewal

RESOLVED to approve the following payment and note the income and defer the E-on electricity supply renewal until the February meeting when quotes will have been obtained for Gas and Electricity, with the aim of having both with the same supplier.

Chq Payments made before 13.01.15				
Chq	Supplier	Nett	Vat	Gross
300592	Veolia	35.76	7.15	42.91
300593	SCRAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
300594	RJAH Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	368.33	73.67	442.00
300595	SSE	57.78	2.88	60.66
	Total	461.87	83.70	545.57

Current Account Cheque Payments January				
Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross
300596	Agritel LTD - 5 x reams of paper	13.40	2.68	16.08
300597	Highline Electrical Ltd - 6 x lights out	467.50	93.50	561.00
300598	Peninsula	2304.00	460.80	2764.80
300599	Daren and Ruth Brewer (Cleaning bus shelters Gobowen (£40.00), Railway Carriage Cleaning Gobowen (£5.00), Bench cleaning in Gobowen (£32.00))	77.00	0.00	77.00
300600	BT - Pavilion Broadband Quarterly Bill	103.50	20.70	124.20
300601	Interim Internal Audit Fee	100.00	0.00	100.00
300602	Assistant to the Parish Clerk's Expenses (A4 Lamination Pouches £2, Mobile top up £10, Refuse Sacks £1.40, 2016 Diary £1, Toilet Roll £1.50, Disinfectant £4.99, Internet Connection £5.00, Telephone Calls £5.00)	30.89	0.00	30.89
300603	Clerks Salary, additional hours prior to appointment, mileage (56.70), stationery (7.65), phone and broadband contribution (21.00)	1188.01	0.00	1188.01
300604	SCRAP	0.00	0.00	0.00
300605	HMRC Tax and NI payments	218.81	0.00	218.81
	Total	4503.11	577.68	5080.79
	Total cheques paid since last meeting	4964.98	661.38	5626.36

BACS and Standing Orders January				
BACS No.				
DD	BT Business Bill - Pavilion Phonenumber	20.99	4.20	25.19
SO	Assistant to the Parish Clerk - Salary	643.50	0.00	643.50
	TOTAL	20.99	4.20	668.69
	Total outgoings for December/January	4985.97	665.58	6295.05

Current Account Income – 09.12.15 - 13.01.16				
106	Pavilion Hire - Football	45.00	0.00	45.00
	TOTAL			45.00

Community Meals Account Payments December & January				
	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross
300054	RJAH Hospital December Community Meals	368.33	73.67	442.00
300055	K Griffiths - Expenses	88.27	0.00	88.27
	TOTAL			530.27
Community Meals Income December & January				
0000 29	Community Meals Payments	12.00	0.00	12.00
0000 29	Community Meals Payment	44.00	0.00	44.00
0000 29	Cheques (£516) + Direct payments already banked (£160)	676.00	0.00	676.00
	TOTAL			732.00

360 Planning Items

a) Planning Application Decisions – To note recent planning decisions

Reference: 15/04086/FUL (validated: 14/10/2015)

Address: 28 Penycae Avenue, Gobowen, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7UD

Proposal: Erection of a first floor extension to side elevation

Decision: **Grant Permission**

RESOLVED to note

Reference: 15/04319/REM (validated: 06/10/2015)

Address: Land East Of Old Rectory, Selattyn, Shropshire

Proposal: Reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to Outline planning application ref 13/03821/OUT for the erection of 9no. dwellings

Decision: **Grant Permission**

Resolved to note

Reference: 15/04796/FUL (validated: 11/11/2015)

Address: Supermarket , The Cross, Gobowen, Shropshire, SY11 3JR

Proposal: Installation of replacement AC condensers, new extract louvre, car park reconfiguration & redecorations

Decision: **Grant Permission**

Resolved to note

Reference: 13/02994/OUT (validated: 30/07/2013)

Address: Land Adjacent to Woodbury , Hengoed, Oswestry, SY10 7EU

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling to include means of access

Decision: **Withdrawn**

Resolved to note

b) Planning applications for consideration -

Reference: 15/05302/FUL (validated: 10/12/2015)

Address: Gobowen Methodist Chapel, Chirk Road, Gobowen, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3JR

Proposal: Conversion of school room adjoining former chapel to one dwelling

OBJECTION

Comments

- The 'layby' made reference to is not a 'layby' it is an access road to the car park for Temperance Court.
- There is no parking in this application.

- Removal of the wall would change the look of the building and probably, because of limited space, would result in using part of the pavement as parking. This would cause problems for pedestrians as it is used on a daily basis as the route to the shop and primary school.
- The roof terrace is a concern;
- It changes the aesthetics of the building
- It overlooks the bedrooms of the cottages behind
- Anything dropped or falling off the roof terrace could result in injury or damage of people / vehicle using the road behind the school room
- Consider it to be over-development of the site.
- Illegal scaffolding - no lights or padding. Raises Health and Safety concerns.

Reference: 15/05303/FUL (validated: 10/12/2015)

Address: Gobowen Methodist Chapel, Chirk Road, Gobowen, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3JR

Proposal: Conversion of former chapel to one dwelling

OBJECTION

Comments

- Query regarding the amount of parking. Does it comply with current building regulations? If so, is one parking space enough for a 4 bedroom house?
- Exacerbates current issue with parking in the area.
- Over-development of a very constrained site.
- Illegal scaffolding - no lights or padding. Raises Health and Safety concerns.

Reference: 15/05265/FUL (validated: 14/12/2015)

Address: Bella Vista, Glyn Road, Selattyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7DR

Proposal: Erection of a self-contained annex ancillary to main dwelling

It was resolved that no comment would be made on this application.

c) Report on the Solar Farm decision – A discussion took place

361 Rights of Way (ROW)

a) Concerns surrounding The Black Bridge over the railway line - Councillors to decipher information to determine who is considered to be responsible for its maintenance.

- *Cllr Crow will follow up at next railway meeting*
- *No disabled access – Does it make this bridge illegal?*
- *Lack of access from Wat's Meadow is a concern*

It was RESOLVED that this would be revisited at a future meeting

b) Problems concerning ROW in the Parish

0310/41/1 – Wood Villa starts and heads across a field. Has a footpath style, style is in poor repair, dangerous, climb a bank to get up to it, marked as a bridleway. Style at both ends. **RESOLVED** that a request be made to either re-designate as a footpath and fix the style or make a bridleway and remove style and make accessible to horses.

0310/30/3 – Bridleway, but un-rideable. **RESOLVED** that a request be made to link with 0310/30R/1 to connect them up.

It was **RESOLVED** that any other concerns regarding ROW be sent to the Clerk.

c) B5069 Gobowen Footway Widening – discuss plans submitted by Mouchel

In conjunction with Agenda Item 362 (d) – details on the diversion route, councillors discussed the

plans and raised concerns in regards to the planned diversion route:

- The diversion will cause a concern for the Orthopaedic and Derwen as there will be large volumes of traffic using this road and with this brings dangers, particularly when large vehicles (lorries) meet on the narrow bridge.
- Councillors also raised the point that should there be an accident on the A5/A483, all traffic would be diverted onto this route. With a diversion already in place, this would be a cause for serious concern.
- Councillors are also not aware of a consultation and/or traffic survey being conducted on the diversion route roads.

It was RESOLVED that the clerk would submit these comments to the Economic Growth and Scheme Manager at Shropshire Council and request that the diversion routes are given further consideration.

362 Correspondence forwarded to Councillors for consideration and information

Full list of items emailed will be presented at the meeting

For discussion:

- a) **NALC Bulletin on National Developments and Meetings – 11th December** – Would we like to put ourselves forward for Council of the Week? It is a feature on their website and in their weekly newsletter – **Note and revisit in the future.**
- b) **Three Parishes Big Local** – Free energy efficiency audit - **Clerk to provide an update at the February meeting.**
- c) **Road Safety Event** – 3rd March 5.30pm – 7.30pm – Shirehall. Names of attendees to be submitted by 15th January – **Resolved that Cllr Davies and Cllr West-Wynn will attend.**
- d) **Road Closure** – B5069 from Five Crosses roundabout to Trewern Avenue, Gobowen, Shropshire – 08 February 2016 – 14 days (24 hours) – footway widening scheme – **Resolved that the response noted in 361 (c) be sent.**
- e) **The Big Conversation Workshop** – 18th January – 1 place booked – discuss and decide who will attend – **Resolved that the Clerk will attend.**
- f) **West Mercia police and crime commissioner precept consultation 2016 – 17** – for discussion. Consultation ends 18.01.16 – **Resolved that Councillors will respond to this individually**
- g) **Shropshire Community Assets and Services Inspiration Event** – Tuesday 26th January 09.30 – 15.00 at Shrewsbury Town FC stadium – Councillors to discuss whether they wish to attend – **Cllrs are unavailable on this date to attend.**
- h) **Spending Review** – Local Government Finance Settlement - The key point on referendum principles for the parish sector is that they will not apply to the parish sector in 2016-17 - **note**
- i) **External Audit for Smaller Authorities** – Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd has been created to take over the appointment of external auditors and the setting of audit fees for smaller authorities from 2017. All councils with an annual turnover of less than £6.5 million are automatically part of the scheme unless they opt out. The deadline for opting out is 31st March 2016. **Resolved that this be discussed at the next Finance and Executive Committee meeting and more information around the pros and cons of opting in/out be provided by the Clerk.**
- j) **Oswestry Area Committee** will be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 17th February 2016 where the guest speaker will be the Deputy Leader of Shropshire Council, Councillor Steve Charmley – **Resolved that Councillors submit questions to the Clerk.**
- k) **National Planning Policy Guidance set to change** – deadline for submitting comments is 25.01.15 - **note**
- l) **Three Parishes Big Local 'Big Chat' Event** – Invite to event at St Martins School, Saturday 23rd January 2-4pm - **none**
- m) **NHS 111 and GP out of hours service** – Stakeholder communication. Invitation for patients to contribute to online survey – **Resolved that this be promoted on the Parish Social Media pages.**

It was noted that a letter received by the Chair requesting an official Christmas Tree with a public light switch on. **It was RESOLVED that this be noted and discussed at the budget meeting on 28th January.**

363 Pavilion and Allotments

a) Damage – to consider how it is to be dealt with/prevented. **It was RESOLVED that user groups should be advised that the facilities will be photographed before and after.**

b) Allotments - request for lock/keys. **It was noted that we are still awaiting a response.**

364 Date of meeting

Budget meeting Thursday 28th January; Wednesday 10th February

Meeting closed at 21:10