

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 14th December 2016 at the Gobowen Pavilion, Gobowen at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Cllr Ellis

Present: Councillors: S Crow, H Ellis, D Lloyd, T Broom, E Morgan, I Bennett, R. Jones, R Macey, P Cherrington, S West-Wynn (joined the meeting at 7.15)

Also present: 2 visitors from BayWa r.e - Felix Schlachter and Alexander Sauer

537 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies for absence from Cllr Lindup, Cllr Davies, Cllr Drury, C Emery,

Absent – Cllr Westwood Bate

538 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 Ellis declared an interest in planning application 16/05418/FUL**
- b) To consider any applications for dispensation. **None Received.**

539 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09.11.16

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the council meeting held on 09.11.16 and they were approved and duly signed as a true record.

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

Visitors Felix and Alexander from BayWa r.e. spoke on the Ebnal Lodge Solar Farm, recently acquired from Elgin Energy. They provided more information on the non-material amendment and gave detailed information on the plans for the 33 acre site. They confirmed there will be no lights on the site at night. The construction traffic management plan has been submitted. The height of the panels will be 2.60m, within the consenting height.

It was **RESOLVED** that Felix and Alexander return in January to hold an Open Meeting with the Public and give a visual presentation. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this meeting take place on 17th January at 7.00pm in the Pavilion and the Clerk publicise this in the press, on the website and on social media.

541 Reports

- a) **Progress Report** – To consider the Clerk’s progress report. **RESOLVED** to note the report and ensure that Selattyn Wall remains on the progress report for future reference.
 - I. Feedback on the recent SALC Conference – **RESOLVED** to note the report and information fed back on the presentation by Ben Hamilton-Baille on Road Safety. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** to monitor the developments at Ryton XI Towns as they have employed his services and discuss at a future meeting.
- b) **Shropshire Council** - To receive and consider reports from Shropshire Council elected councillors and receive and answer questions

Cllr Macey reported on the following;

- West Place – Cars parking and churning up the grass – he will speak to STAR and Highways for any suggestions for dealing with this.
- Meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner – happy to visit the parish and is currently in the process of arranging dates
- New Chief Constable attended a briefing at Shirehall
- Solar Farm – complaints have been received about the lorries entering the site from the Whittington Road side and the mud that this has created and the disruption this has caused

The following Questions were raised to be followed up by Shropshire Councillors and responses fed back at a future meeting:

Q: It was noted that £1billion is being received for Fibre Broadband and it was asked if this is being chased by Shropshire Council?

Q: Rural Rate Relief – reduced for businesses – what effect is this going to be on Shropshire? Are Shropshire Council being proactive?

RESPONSE: Detailed guidance from Government has not yet been received.

It was noted that Cllr Lloyd will contribute his points at the various relevant points within the agenda.

- c) **Other Reports** - Reports from councillors attending meetings and site visits on behalf of the parish council. **None to report.**
- d) **Police reports** including reported incidents, the monthly police and CCTV report. It was **RESOLVED** to note the police report and note that no CCTV report had been received.

542 Financial Matters

- a) **Monthly statement** - To approve the monthly financial statement and bank statements against bank reconciliation. **RESOLVED** to approve.
- b) **Payments** - To approve outstanding payments and payments made prior to meeting. **RESOLVED** to approve

BACS/Chq Payments made before 14.12.16					Act
Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross	
300677	SSE - Final Pavilion Electricity Bill	138.60	6.93	145.53	S. 111, LGA 1972
BACS47	Shropshire Council - Streetlighting Electricity - 3rd Quarter	957.13	191.43	1148.56	PCA 1957 ss.3(1) & 7 / HA 1980 s.301 / OSA 1906 s.10
BACSCM13	RJAH - October Meals	335.00	67.00	402.00	
	Total	1430.73	265.36	1696.09	
Current Account Cheque Payments					
Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross	

300678	Duncan Royce - Grounds Maintenance contract work carried out at Hengoed Cemetery for 2016 Season (grass cutting and stimming x 27, hedge cutting x 2, spraying x 3 - £2370.00), Extra work (14th Dec 2014 tidy wind swept cemetery £55, 4th Feb tidy xmas wreaths £45 and extra early cut £65, mole visits x 3 £135)	2670.00	0.00	2670.00	LGA 1972 s.214(6)
300678	Duncan Royce - Grounds Maintenance contract work carried out at Gobowen Playing Fields for 2016 (contact price 3395), plus additional cut 25th feb 2016 145.00, mole visits x 6 450.00, weeds at gobowen war memorial 20.00, gobowen allotment spraying x 2 90.00	4100.00	0.00	4100.00	HA 1980 s.96, lga 1972 S.111
300679	Severn Dee Travel - Membership Renewal (Subscription)	10.00	0.00	10.00	LGA 1972 s.143
300680	Daren Brewer October Invoice (bus shelters and railway carriage £45.00, Removal of Branch on Playing Field £20.00, Bench Cleaning x 14 + half benches x 4 £32.00)	97.00	0.00	97.00	SC Maint. Fund HA 1980 s.96 LG (MP)A 1953 s.4 / PCA 1957 s.1
300681	HMRC Inland Revenue Payments (Clerk NI & Tax) + PC NI contribution (72.32)	192.09	0.00	192.09	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
300682	British Legion - payment for wreaths (£35.00) and donation to make it up to £50 as agreed at Nov Meeting	50.00	0.00	50.00	LGA 1972 s.137
	Total	7119.09	0.00	7119.09	
	Total cheques paid since last meeting	8549.82	265.36	8815.18	
BACS, Standing Orders and DD payments					
BACS No.					

BACS48	NALC - Local Councils Award Scheme - Registration Fee	50.00	10.00	60.00	LGA 1972 s.143
BACS49	SLCC - Annual Membership for the Clerk (includes £10 membership to ALCC)	149.00	0.00	149.00	LGA 1972 s.143
BACS50	Highline Electrical - Lights out SG91, SG122, SG121, SG149	283.00	56.60	339.60	PCA 1957 ss.3(1) & 7 / HA 1980 s.301 / OSA 1906 s.10
BACS51	Parish Clerk's Expenses (Telephone and Broadband Contribution 21.00, Mileage 80.10, equipment for pavilion (floor cleaner and bandages for first aid kit 5.71, wordpress website annual renewal 85.00, 0.20 for Dec Salary underpayment via standing order in month 9)	192.01	0.00	192.01	LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
BACS52	Ass. to the Parish Clerk's Expenses (Toilet roll 2.00, bleach 0.95, mobile phone top up 10.00, wet wipes 0.50, refuse sacks 1.40, bin liners 1.00)	15.85	0.00	15.85	LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
BACS53	Imprint - Printing of 1740 Winter Newsletters	478.00	0.00	478.00	LGA 1972 s.142 (1A)
Direct Payment	Unity Trust - Bank Charges. Current Account 4th Sept - 4th Dec £26.70, Community Meals Account th Sept - 4th Dec £19.35). Payment taken on 31st Dec	46.05	0.00	46.05	S. 111, LGA 1972
DD	Pension Contribution (Employer 7.14, Member 5.71). Payment due 22.12.16	12.85	0.00	12.85	LGPSR SI 2007/1166, LGPS SI 2008/238&2 39
DD	BT Busines Bill - Pavilion Phoneline (payment taken on or after 18th Dec)	22.30	4.46	26.76	S. 111, LGA 1972
DD	Veolia (payment taken on 28.12.16)	26.08	5.22	31.30	LGA 1972 s.214(6)

DD	Npower - Pavilion Electricity (1st June - 27th Oct) - Nothing to pay as £100 credit on account for joining. Account £35.50 CR.	0.00	0.00	0.00	S. 111, LGA 1972
SO	Clerk's Salary	1074.41	0.00	1074.41	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
SO	Ass. to Parish Clerk's Salary	649.94	0.00	649.94	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
	TOTAL	2999.49	76.28	3075.77	
	Total outgoings for December	11549.31	341.64	11890.95	
Current Account Income					
118	Play equipment grant from SILO (paid in in November)	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	
119	E-on - Rebate on final gas bill	29.14	0.00	29.14	
119	Pavilion Hire - Football - 19.11.16 & 26.11.16	90.00	0.00	90.00	
119	Cemetery Income - Application for Memorial Plaque C2	80.00	0.00	80.00	
119	Roundabout Advertising - 1/8 page - A Roberts Tree Care	50.00	0.00	50.00	
119	Cemetery Income - Admin Fee Plot 75 (W.E Price)	130.00	0.00	130.00	
119	Cemetery Income - Headstone Application Plot 406 (Jones & Hughes)	90.00	0.00	90.00	
BACS	Interest on HSBC Business Money Manager Account (Oct and Nov)	4.37	0.00	4.37	
BACS	Roundabout Advertising - Full Page - Superior Garage Doors (paid 30.11.16)	100.00	0.00	100.00	
BACS	Play equipment grant from Big Lottery (paid 04.11.16)	9360.00	0.00	9360.00	
BACS	Fusion Arts - 2nd Quarter Pavilion Hire (paid 11.11.16)	140.00	0.00	140.00	
BACS	Queens Head - Roundabout Advertising (paid 17.11.16)	50.00	0.00	50.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	12123.51	0.00	12123.51	
Community Meals Account Payments					
	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross	

BACSCM14	K Griffiths - Expenses Nov (volunteer mileage 24.50, contains and lids 130.71 + VAT)	155.21	26.14	181.35	
BACSCM15	RJAH - November Meals	312.50	62.50	375.00	
	TOTAL	467.71	88.64	556.35	
Community Meals Income					
000040	Direct Payment - Dec Meals	56.00	0.00	56.00	
000040	Nov meal payments	392.00	0.00	392.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	448.00	0.00	448.00	

It was **NOTED** that the SLCC membership has been reduced to £139 from £149 to enable members to also join the recently formed ALCC at a cost of £10 making the overall cost the same as in 2015/16.

- c) **Income** -To note income received since the last meeting. **RESOLVED** to note.
- d) **Staff Training** – Consider requests from the Clerk. **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk’s request to attend the SLCC Conference in Telford on 1st February.
- e) **Refuse Emptying** – Note Price Increase. **RESOLVED** to note.
- f) **BT Broadband Contract** – Approve renewal. **RESOLVED** to approve.

543 Planning Items

a) Planning Application Decisions – To note recent planning decisions

Reference: 16/02930/FUL (validated: 18/07/2016)

Address: Land Adjacent Sunnybank, Old Whittington Road, Gobowen, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of 4 no. one bedroomed apartments and amendment to vehicular access

Decision: Withdrawn

Reference: 16/04364/FUL (validated: 27/09/2016)

Address: Garage Court Off, Fernhill Lane, Gobowen, Shropshire

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage court and erection of 4no. two bedroom houses with associated parking and amenity space

Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 16/04021/FUL (validated: 20/09/2016)

Address: The Manse, Gobowen, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3PH

Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extensions; removal of existing garage.

Decision: Grant Permission

It was **RESOLVED** to note the planning decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 19.46 to consider the planning applications.

Meeting re-commenced at 19.57.

b) Planning applications for consideration

Reference: 16/05289/FUL (validated: 18/11/2016)

Address: Braecroft, City Lane, Hengoed, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7ET

Proposal: Erection of 3 bay garage/carport; formation of new vehicular access/driveway.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a **NEUTRAL REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:

- The Parish Council have no comments to make on the application

Reference: 16/05418/FUL (validated: 29/11/2016)

Address: Pentreclawdd Farm, Pentre Clawdd, Gobowen, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7AE

Proposal: Erection of an amenity building and all associated works

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a **NEUTRAL REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:

- The Parish Council have no comments to make on the application.

Reference: 16/05257/VAR106 (validated: 05/12/2016)

Address: Residential Development Land Adj Willow Bank, Hengoed, Shropshire

Proposal: Variation of Section 106 for planning application number 15/04481/REM to reduce the level of affordable housing

It was **RESOLVED** to submit an **OBJECTION** with the following comments:

- Support from Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council for the initial application was forthcoming on the grounds that there were 8+ affordable houses.
- Until there has been a Housing Needs Survey, this application should not be progressed. The Parish Council have contacted Housing Enabling to action this.
- The site/portal in its current form does not enable you to collect data and information on areas where there are not currently any affordable housing. People need to have the ability to be able to express an interest in an area, even where there are currently no affordable homes, to help evidence that there is a demand for them in the area.

544 Road Safety

- White Lining** – Agree to send a letter of thanks. **RESOLVED** that a letter of thanks be sent to Highways for the work recently completed on the Oswestry to Selattyn and Oswestry to Orthopaedic Roads.
- St Martins Road, Gobowen** – Discuss and receive an update on proposed meeting with the crime commissioner. Cllr Macey reported that he is liaising with the Crime Commissioner to arrange a date. It was **RESOLVED** to note this information and await publication of a date.
- Submissions to Shropshire Council** – Discuss items for possible submission at the end of February. It was **RESOLVED** that the request for a sign at Bryn Y Castell Gardens to be submitted to Highways as a request and the rest to be noted for reconsideration again in February before submission. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a request be made to the contractors completing the work at Gledrid Roundabout for signage from both Oswestry and Wrexham directions to inform HGV drivers that there is no through access to Selattyn via Weston Rhyn.

Cllr Jones left the meeting at 20.28

- 545 Streetlights** – Consider proposal and quote for LED upgrades. A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Highline Electrical to upgrade the following lights to LEDs: SG111, SG112, SG113, SG114, SG115, SG31, SG32, SG33, SG34, SG36, SG37, SG38 and that SG136 and SG137 in Selattyn also be added to the order.
- 546 BT Kiosk Consultation** – Discuss now that usage figures have been supplied. It was **RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation stating that it is the Parish Council's view that as there have been no phone calls from the phone boxes in the last 12 months then the equipment is not required. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would look into the potential adoption of the Red Kiosk in Hengoed and that an article has been placed in the Winter edition of the roundabout to seek ideas from residents for a potential use.
- 547 Selattyn Wall** – Discuss recent correspondence from Shropshire Council.

The letter from Shropshire Council was discussed and noted. It was noted as a positive development that

Shropshire Council have claimed responsibility for the maintenance of the wall and it is a step in the right direction. However, concerns were raised that it will be monitored for 12 month. It was **RESOLVED** to write to Shropshire Council stating that the Parish Council are grateful that you have taken responsibility and that the community will be monitoring the continuing condition of the wall with photos that will be forwarded on. A copy of the condition survey to be requested. The barriers were discussed as they are a hindrance as they are blocking the footpath for people using buggies etc. Request that these be removed and the contractors give the path a clean and tidy up before the start of school after Christmas. The deterioration and debris can then be better monitored.

- 548 A&E** – Consider the letter from Cllr Paul Milner and consider making a representation to the Shropshire & Telford & Wrekin CCGs.

Cllr Lloyd provided a update following recent developments and news that has appeared most recently in the press. Shropshire is the largest inland county in the country and the travelling distance is the difference between life and death.

The point was raised that if the issue is staffing, why not tackle it from this end? Tackle what is required to get staff into the county to live in Shrewsbury and surrounding rural areas. Staff that need to be deployed to hospitals around Telford including Stoke and Wolverhampton are not going to locate themselves in the rural parts of the county i.e. around Oswestry.

It was **RESOLVED** to echo the points made in Cllr Milner's letter and send a letter that also make the case to highlight the recent revelations including that the financial SDP said that the facility should remain in Shrewsbury. Cllrs Lloyd and Macey to share information from the meeting on Friday with the Clerk and any new information be added into the letter.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that an Item on the NHS Re-organisation and the impacts this will have on the RJAH Hospital be included on the January Agenda

- 549 New Play Equipment** – Funding update from the Clerk and consider quotes for supplying and installing the new unit. The Clerk provided an update and informed councillors that there is still one outstanding funding application. It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the January meeting as the Clerk is still awaiting a respond from one of the funding applications.

550 Surveys / Consultations

- a) **Public Open Space Review** – **RESOLVED** to submit the survey response prepared by the Clerk.
- b) **Freight Strategy Survey** – **RESOLVED** to defer this item for discussion at the January meeting
- c) **Shropshire Local Plan Review** – **RESOLVED** to defer this item for discussion at the January meeting.

21.00 – It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to enable the rest of the agenda to be discussed.

- 551 Transfer of Services** – Discuss the recent report from Gobowen Central and proposal in relation to Oswestry Racecourse.

It was noted that Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council have taken on a lot of services. It was **RESOLVED** that this would be revisited again in the Summer 2017 when the new council is in office and further information is available from Shropshire Council including whether they are going to apply for a continuation of the Stewardship Programme and for a larger amount which could reduce the shortfall. Also, the position of Oswestry Town Council in the matter will need to be given. These factors will all affect the Parish Council's position.

- 552 Finance and Executive Committee** – Agree the following recommendations from the committee meeting held on 06.12.16

- a) **Mayor visiting the Parish** – Agree that a letter be sent to Parish Organisations expressing an interest in attending their events
- b) **Earmarked Reserves** – Agree the quote to complete the Cavity Wall and Loft Insulation work using the Pavilion earmarked reserves
- c) **Internal Auditor** – Agree to appoint Bernard Townson as Internal Auditor for the 2017/18 Financial

Year

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the committee Recommendations.

553 Amenities and Services Committee – Agree the following recommendations from the committee meeting held on 06.12.16

- a) **Playing Field** – Agree that Duncan Royce tends to Mole Hill as and when they arise

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the committee Recommendations.

554 Roundabout Newsletter – Discuss request to do a leaflet drop in the Spring edition. It was **RESOLVED** that a leaflet drop is not appropriate and an advert would be better suited to the roundabout.

555 Correspondence forwarded to Councillors for consideration and information

To note:

- a) E-Newsletters - Public Sector Executive, Rural Services Network, Rural, NALC and SALC Bulletins, Shropshire Campaign for Better Broadband, NHS Future Fit Digest, 3 Parishes Big Local Messenger
- b) NALC Newsletter and Bulletin on National Developments and Meetings
- c) November edition of the Drug and Alcohol Action Team Newsletter
- d) Proposed Work at Gledrid Roundabout
- e) Shropshire Health and Wellbeing News Flash
- f) Pensions Regulator – Acknowledgement of Declaration of Compliance
- g) Shropshire Housing Group – Annual Report 15/16
- h) Rural Services Network – Spotlight on Rural Health
- i) Connecting Shropshire
- j) NALC Bulletin – Update on Referendum Principles and announcement of new auditors
- k) Shropshire Council - Notification of Road Closure – 7th January
- l) Post Office – Changes to the Orthopaedic Hospital – Letter informing of the changes followed by a letter dated 29.11.16 to advise that they will not be proceeding with the changes at this time
- m) Buzz Magazine (Produced by Shropshire Rural Communities Charity) – Copy presented at the meeting
- n) SP Energy Networks Newsletter – Copy presented at the meeting
- o) Shropshire Council – Publication of the New Register of Electors – Cllrs to complete a form if they wish to receive a copy
- p) Shropshire Council – Managing Planning Enforcement Enquiries
- q) Historic England - Gobowen War Memorial – Awarded Listed Building Status
- r) NHS - Shropshire Telford and Wrekin Sustainability and Transformation Plan
- s) NHS - Pharmacy Opening Times over Christmas and New Year
- t) Severn Dee News – Newsletter to be presented at the meeting

For Discussion

- b) Planned Road Works near Ebnal Lodge Solar Farm – It was **RESOLVED** that no further comments are required.

556 a) Date of meeting - To note date, time and location of the next meeting – **Wednesday 11th January 2017. 7.00pm Gobowen Pavilion.**

- b) **Date of budget meeting** – Agree date, time and location – **Wednesday 26th January 2017 – 7.00pm. Gobowen Pavilion.**

Meeting closed at 21.16