

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at Selattyn School, Selattyn at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Cllr Macey

Present: Councillors Bird, Broom, Clare, Crow, Davies, Ellis, Emery, Evans, McKenna, Morgan, Worthing

In attendance: SALC Officers D Dorrell, Locum Clerk and G Power, Locum RFO

Also present: 12 members of the public

1164	To receive apologies and reasons for absence Cllr Broom – injury Cllr Westwynn - unwell
1165	Appointment of Locum Clerk Cllr Macey explained that it had not been possible to proceed with the appointment through the SLCC as a reference had not been forthcoming. He had therefore taken up the offer from SALC to provide limited cover. D Dorrell reported that she had since sourced a CiLCA qualified Clerk who was able to provide locum cover until a new Clerk was recruited. Cllr Macey had taken advice from Peninsula who had confirmed that a contract could be issued on a casual, based upon hours worked. The arrangement would provide the Council with more cover than SALC was currently able to provide. The Chairman would discuss the possibility of working more than the 21 hours previously agreed when meeting with the new locum next week. RESOLVED: To approve the appointment of the Locum as discussed.
1166	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests a) None b) There were no considerations for dispensation.
1167	To confirm the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12 February 2020 Cllr McKenna reported an amendment to ‘Henley’ on line 16 of minute 1154, which should be replaced with ‘Hengoed’. The spelling of Henley Hall on the 9 th line should be corrected to Henlle Hall. Proposed by Cllr Bird, Seconded: Cllr Morgan. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 February, 2020 be approved, subject to the above amendments.
1168	Public Participation session The 12 members of the public present reported that they wished to bring to the Council’s attention traffic issues at Lower Lane between Hengoed and Weston Rhyn. The Chair reminded the meeting of Council’s Standing Orders (3e) which stated that items should be in respect of business on the agenda. However, at the Chair’s discretion on this occasion, he was prepared to suspend Standing Orders. Members of the public in turn reported the issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industrial traffic was using the single track lane all day long and at unsocial hours, as early as 5.20 am leaving excess mud in the lane

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large tractors with slurry tankers were travelling at speed along the lane early in the morning, decimating the verges, disrupting households with noise and causing windows to shake • The damage to verges was causing a danger to walkers and cyclists • One resident reported an alarming crack on the gable end of the house which had appeared recently and his cottage was also spattered with mud and cow faeces • Sides of the lane were breaking away and deep potholes were noted • Questions were asked about planning matters, traffic routing and the movement of silage <p>The Chair thanked the residents for bringing the matters to his attention. He would respond via email and include the item on the 8 April agenda.</p>
1169	<p>Councillor Vacancy Update</p> <p>The Chair reported that permission had been received from Elections, Shropshire Council to co-opt a new parish councillor. The Locum Clerk had prepared co-option notices for notice boards. Applications were invited for consideration by Council on 8 April.</p>
1170	<p>Reports</p> <p>a) Progress Report: A report would be available for the next meeting.</p> <p>b) Shropshire Council: Cllr Macey reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He had responded to the Chair of the Governors, Selattyn School adding that he would be writing to Shropshire Council’s Highways now that it was clear who owned the wall and asking what their plans now were for the repair and maintenance. • An Economic Growth Strategy had now been adopted which he would forward to councillors for future consideration as the impact of the strategy would affect the Council area. • SC were implementing changes regarding the provision of youth support by redirecting funding to employ mobile facilities in rural areas. SC would be providing some funding again this year for the Youth Café and some holiday activities and the New Saints FC Foundation would be submitting a grant request to the PC for £2000 to cover a shortfall of the amount needed for the full year 2020/21. No further funding would be available from SC after March 2021. SC’s three-year budget was currently indicating a £50M overspend. This may reduce depending upon government funding. • SC’s housing company, Cornovii was making further developments • Finally a free tree scheme will be reinstated this year. <p>c) Other Reports</p> <p>i) Tree Planting: Cllr McKenna reported that this had been postponed for 6 – 8 weeks. The trees had been delivered.</p> <p>d) Police Reports</p> <p>Reports had been circulated and were noted.</p> <p>e) Selattyn Retaining Wall</p> <p>Item covered in b) above.</p>
1171	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Monthly statement: Transaction lists and bank statements against bank reconciliation for January 2020 to be circulated once completed with front sheet for signature by financial signatories</p>

	<p>b) Payments – Outstanding Payments listing was set before financial signatories at the meeting for signing and duly approved. RESOLVED: To approve the payments as tabled and appended to the minutes.</p> <p>c) Income -Income received since the last meeting and a report on outstanding income to be circulated once completed.</p> <p>d) Playground equipment - Recommendation from A&S Committee to repair cable, £195 plus VAT following inspection report. The figures of £195 plus VAT had been quoted by email from Shropshire Council in an email dated 8 November 2019. Final figures would depend upon the number of councils signing up to the service and would be available in April 2020 once SC established those Councils expressing interest.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from Shropshire Council of £195 plus VAT for cable repair.</p>
1172	<p>Planning Items</p> <p>a) Planning Decisions – To note Reference: 19/03453/FUL (validated: 08/08/2019) Address: No 1 The Old School, Pantglas, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7HS Proposal: Roofworks to include insertion of dormer windows in connection with creation of additional first floor accommodation Decision: Grant Permission</p> <p>b) Planning applications for consideration</p> <p>i) Reference: 20/00577/FUL (validated: 12/02/2020) Address: The Lodge, No 3 Oakhurst Cottages, Oakhurst Road, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7BY Proposal: Erection of detached garage and store Applicant: Mr R Parry RESOLVED: No Comment.</p> <p>ii) Ref: 20/00828/TCA Tree Application Address: Brogyntyn Home Farm Amendment to original proposal: ‘Fell 1no Ash and 2no Sycamore & fell trees within mixed woodland that are within 15m of conductor within Pant Glas and Brogyntyn Park Conservation Area’. RESOLVED: No Comment.</p> <p>iii) Reference: 20/00499/VAR (validated: 05/02/2020) Address: Bridleway Caravan Park, Henlle, Gobowen, Shropshire, SY10 7AX Proposal: Variation of condition no. 6d (caravan occupation) pursuant to 19/04570/FUL to allow for greater flexibility in occupation Applicant: Mr R Roberts (C/O Agent)</p> <p>RESOLVED: To make the following representation: To object on the basis that variation of 6d would compromise the underlying premise of the condition 6d in its entirety. We reiterate this site should be for the holiday use only and support the original Shropshire Council conditions that were set for the lifetime of the site.</p> <p>iv) Reference: 20/00922/FUL (validated: 02/03/2020) Address: Ty Gwyn, 3 Sarn Holdings, Henlle, Gobowen, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7AU Proposal: Erection of detached garage/store following demolition of existing Applicant: Mr P Eccleston RESOLVED: No comment.</p>

	<p>c) Shropshire Council Place Plan The Chair stated this was a live document and that councillors collate their comments for the next agenda. RESOLVED: To be April agenda item.</p> <p>d) RHRP – Post Survey housing options The Chair suggested this item be brought to a future meeting once all seats on the Council had been filled and that the RHRP Team be asked for their opinion on what schemes were available before a formal response was submitted. RESOLVED: More consideration required. Locum Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman to contact Affordable Housing Scheme for further information/advice.</p>
1173	<p>Hengoed Cemetery The Locum Clerk reported that there had been insufficient time to address the outstanding issues and suggested that a Working Group be assembled to identify matters that needed to be addressed by priority. RESOLVED: That Cllrs Craig, Crow and McKenna meet to identify what needed to be addressed and actioned and that these matters be considered as a matter of priority by the Amenities and Services Committee at its next meeting, with other matters carried over. The Council placed on record his thanks to the CFO for her work and contribution to the cemetery service.</p>
1174	<p>VE Day</p> <p>a) Commemorations: None were identified at this stage. b) Lamp Post Poppies: RESOLVED: To purchase 50.</p>
1175	<p>BT Payphones – Proposed Removal RESOLVED: That the Council had no concerns about the removal of the payphone situated at West Place, Gobowen.</p>
1176	<p>Police & Crime Commissioner – Consultation on Road Safety Strategy RESOLVED: The Council had no official comment.</p>
1177	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Training courses from SALC: Courses noted and would be considered. b) Request from St Martins PC to set up a Cluster Meeting to include Weston Rhyn: Members were happy with the principal and the Chair would respond. c) Oswestry Area Committee invitation for nominations to join Oswestry TC in its plans to set up a Community Forest: None identified.</p>
1178	<p>Staff recruitment Update Cllr Bird reported that the Recruitment Panel had met to review recruitment documentation and these with the advertisement were on the Council website and would appear in the Shropshire Star later in the week. Selection would take place week commencing 23 March with interviews taking place at the Lion Quays, booking to be arranged. Cllr Bird thanked all for their input. RESOLVED: To note the update.</p>

1179	Future Agenda Items The following items were raised: Grants; Traffic issues at Lower Lane Hengoed, Siting of Silent Soldier, Flooding, HR Contract Review. Also raised were the flooding issues at Watts Meadow and the sterling work of the Highways team in pumping out.
1180	To note the date and place of next meeting. Wednesday 8 April 2020 at The Pavilion, Gobowen.
1181	Exclusion of press and public <i>RESOLVED: That in accordance with s1(2) Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the following items to be considered involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.</i>
1182	Attendance of Councillors at Meetings Questions were raised about non attendance. Attendance was recorded in the minutes of each meeting and councillors not attending for a period of six months were automatically disqualified. It was noted that principal councils were required to publish attendance figures but this was not a requirement for local councils.
1183	HR Contract Update: Renewal of the Council's HR contract with discussed. More information was being sought.
1184	Planning Enforcement: The Chair reported on a current enquiry.

The Meeting ended at 9:10.