

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 30th June 2020 Via Zoom

Present: Councillors Broom, Clare, Crow, Ellis, Emery, Evans, Macey (Chairman)
McKenna, Morgan, Westwood-Bate, Worthing

In attendance: Ian Cruise-Taylor - Locum Clerk

Also present: 1 member of the public

1182	<p>To receive apologies and reasons for absence</p> <p>Cllrs Bird and West-Wynn - approved absence while using on-line meetings</p> <p>Cllr Davies – unable to access Zoom</p>
1183	<p>Appointment of Parish Clerk/RFO</p> <p>Cllr Macey explained that letters had been sent to applicants explaining the delay in the recruitment process and asking if they were still interested. The selection process would proceed as soon as practicable</p> <p>RESOLVED: To note the update.</p>
1184	<p>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</p> <p>a) None</p> <p>b) There were no considerations for dispensation.</p>
1185	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11 March 2020</p> <p>With the exception of one change (1173 replace “Cllr McKenna” with “The Council”) the minutes were unanimously approved</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 March 2020 be approved, subject to the above amendment.</p>
1186	<p>Public Participation session</p> <p>The 1 member of the public present made a presentation in respect of the planning environmental impact assessment referred to in item 1189 and answered questions from councillors.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the resident for his presentation.</p>
1187	<p>Reports</p> <p>a) Locum Clerk: The Locum Clerk reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the allotments had all been renewed with the exception of number 13, which had been allocated and paid for • the internal audit was underway and hopefully would be completed in time for the July meeting • the Pavilion had been offered to Selattyn Primary School. <p>b) Shropshire Council: Cllr Macey reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shropshire Council had been paying out COVID 19 grants and making the case to Government for additional resources so that more support could be given to frontline services such as community meals, rough sleeping services and the homeless. The Council itself had experienced loss of income and changed its ways of working with many more staff working from home, which may continue into the future.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft Housing Strategy had now been adopted and is now open for public consultation. • 1000's of potholes have been fixed but many more to do, the process has been redesigned to save money and time • The Local Plan Review is due out on the 20th July for consultation, prior to going to Council in December • Future Oswestry Group has received £700,000 towards a planned £2.5m for a Heritage Action Zone, to make better use of empty buildings, improved signage, and communication/transport links to outlying areas such as Selattyn and Gobowen • Cornovii planning a mixed tenure development, with high build standards and occupancy levels • SC joined with rural leaders and other councils to promote a rural areas 'voice' in the climate change debate. <p>c) Street lighting Cllr Emery presented a report on a phased approach to improving street lighting, converting all lights to LED and replacing old columns. The proposal was approved by majority, including £7,756.39 for phase 1.</p>
1188	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Monthly statement: Transaction lists and bank statements against bank reconciliation for April and May 2020 had been circulated</p> <p>b) Payments – Payments listing was also circulated in advance. RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation and payments as tabled and appended to the minutes.</p> <p>c) Income -Income received since the last meeting was also circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
1189	<p>Planning Items</p> <p>a) Planning applications for consideration</p> <p>i) Reference: 20/02058/EIA, Henlle Golf Club, use of part of the land to create Static Holiday park with associated roads, drainage and ancillary works RESOLVED: Object.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway safety – the proposal would result in increased risk to pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle users due to the unsuitability of local roads in relation to the increased volume of traffic. • Traffic the proposal would result in increased traffic on local narrow roads/lanes, which would have a detrimental effect during daytime peaks. The increase in traffic on major highways serving the area also needs to be addressed. • Layout and density of building – the total number of caravans proposed is too high for the capacity of local services and facilities to support. Drainage and flooding risks have not been properly addressed. • Design, appearance and materials – landscaping plans lack information • Disabled persons' access – lack of clear arrangements to accommodate disabled people • Nature conservation – the proposals if put into effect, would remove much needed natural habitat, and detrimentally impact on the environment and local wildlife

1190	<p>Hengoed Cemetery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr McKenna reported that headstone repairs had been completed and letters will be sent to grave owners b) Cemetery land update – no progress due to Covid 19 c) A working group of Cllr Crow, Emery and McKenna was obtaining quotes for other improvements which would be brought back to Amenities and Services Committee
1191	<p>Future Agenda Items</p> <p>The following items were raised: 5-year plan to be considered by Amenities and Services Committee. Councillors were invited to suggest items for inclusion.</p>
1180	<p>To note the date and place of next meeting. Wednesday 29th July 2020 via Zoom.</p>

The Meeting ended at 20.50