

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on **29th July 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom**

Present: Cllrs Tony Broom, Peter Clare, Sue Crow, Allison Davies, Craig Emery, Neil Evans, Robert Macey (Chairman), Erica Morgan, Mike McKenna, Simon Westwood-Bate, Lenny Worthing

1193	Apologies noted for Cllrs Tony Bird, Huw Ellis, Steve West Wynn (Covid Regulations), Cllr Mark Lee (attending another meeting)
1194	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests a) There were no declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest. b) There were no applications for dispensation
1195	The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 30th June 20 were unanimously approved.
1196	Public Participation session – there were no members of the public attending.
1197	Reports a) Locum Clerk – ai) Council approved the recommendation to create a log of resident’s issues to enable follow up and reporting back to residents and Council aii) Council noted the complaint from resident regarding dog owners using playing field without leads, and agreed that the Dog Warden should be consulted on steps to be taken aiii) Council noted the request for improved play facilities and remitted the proposal for consideration by Amenities and Services Committee aiv) OPCC survey – Councillors to provide any comments to the Locum Clerk within 2 weeks b) Shropshire Council - To receive reports from Shropshire Council elected councillors Cllr Robert Macey reported that Shropshire Council (SC) had held a full council meeting online, and that £1.5 of S106 money had been set aside for accommodation for the homeless; the Local Plan would be out for consultation during August and September (agenda item for S&G in September) Cllr Macey will send a note of key issues for consideration; SC has set up Covid workstreams under Task Forces to look at longer term issues. In response to a question, Cllr Macey agreed to investigate the use of the former Fighting Cocks as a possible venue for the homeless. c) Streetlighting – Cllr Craig Emery reported that phase I of the upgrade to LED had now been completed (with one outstanding item) and proposed to Council that the quote of £5780.41 for phase II be approved. Council unanimously approved the expenditure.
1198	Financial Matters a) Monthly statement – Council unanimously approved the monthly bank reconciliation from June 2020. (Appendix A) b) Payments – Council unanimously approved payments made prior to the meeting and outstanding payments. (Appendix A) c) Income -noted income received since the last meeting and receive a report on any outstanding income. (Appendix A) d) Annual Internal Audit – Council noted the outcome and unanimously approved the 2019-20 accounts (Appendix B) e) Council considered and unanimously approved a proposal to purchase 50 poppies for Remembrance Sunday, wreaths and prepare for road closures

	<p>f) Street lighting Joint Energy agreement – Council considered and unanimously approved the agreement (Appendix C) – Clerk to action</p> <p>g) Grant funding – to consider and determine a response:</p> <p>i) Council unanimously approved for the TNS for Youth café rent to be funded by the Council via grant arrangements, subject to the café running in 2020-21, up to a maximum of £800</p> <p>ii) Council considered the application and voted by majority to grant £500 to Preeshenlle United Reformed Church – food bank (Appendix D)</p> <p>iii) Council considered the request for grant aid by Selattyn new Cemetery and agreed that the Interim Clerk should look at previous grants given and re-consider at the September Council meeting</p> <p>It was also unanimously agreed that the opportunity to apply for grants should be promoted on social media. Clerk to action</p>
1199	<p>Hengoed Cemetery –</p> <p>a) Update: Cllr Mike McKenna reported that the Amenities and Services Committee continued to maintain and make improvements to the cemetery and that arrangements for interments were continuing to be made satisfactorily.</p> <p>ai) Council unanimously approved a proposal to renovate cemetery gates, estimated cost £350 plus cost of removal – Clerk and councillors to action</p>
1200	<p>Resolution proposed by Cllr Peter Clare – regarding speed limits. To ask the Highways Authority to institute, without delay, a 25-mph speed limit on the lanes of Middle and Lower Hengoed and to ensure that such a restriction is enforced. See Appendix E</p> <p>Councillors considered the motion and voted on an amendment which removed the words “25-mph speed limit” and replaced it with “review of speed limits”. The vote was carried by majority, with one against and one abstention.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the motion should be sent to Shropshire Council/Highways and West Mercia Police – Interim Clerk to action</p>
1201	<p>Future Agenda Items</p> <p>Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.</p> <p>Councillors identified:</p> <p>Local Plan Hedge maintenance Grant applications, including Selattyn new cemetery Cemetery management arrangements – Cllr McKenna Progress towards recruiting Parish Clerk</p>
1202	<p>To note the date and place of next meeting. Wednesday 9th September 2020</p>