

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on **9th September 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom**

Present: Cllrs Tony Broom, Peter Clare, Sue Crow, Allison Davies, Neil Evans, Robert Macey (Chairman), Michael McKenna, Erica Morgan, Lenny Worthing

In attendance: Ian Cruise-Taylor – Locum Clerk

1203	Apologies and reasons for absence were noted from Cllrs Tony Bird (Covid/Zoom), Huw Ellis (technical difficulties, Craig Emery (work commitments), Mark Jones (another meeting)
1204	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests a) No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests were made. b) No applications for dispensation were made.
1205	The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 29 th July 20 were unanimously approved.
1206	Public Participation session – there were no members of the public.
1207	Reports a) Locum Clerk – the Locum Clerk reported that he had established that there was no dog warden at present, and he would be pressing the officer responsible at Shropshire Council to appoint as soon as possible. b) Shropshire Council – Cllr Robert Macey reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that Shropshire Council (SC) had set up a support service for bereaved families working with Crane Consulting, Cruse and Severn Hospice, accessed via the Covid helpline number • there is a new grant scheme available for SC for hard pressed families assisting with food and other essentials via the SC Welfare Support Team • grants were available to market towns (including Oswestry) to help attract visitors • new system for reporting potholes which is resulting in work being done more quickly. c) Progress with recruiting Parish Clerk – The Chairman reported that the Locum Clerk wished to cease at the end of September and he had emailed the recruitment panel asking for thoughts on the selection process, as there were still 3 candidates who expressed interest in the role. The recruitment panel was to move the matter forward.
1208	Financial Matters a) Council unanimously approved the financial information provided b) Grant funding – to consider and determine a response: bi) Council unanimously approved a grant of £250 1 st Gobowen Scout Group bii) Council agreed that the Clerk should discuss the request from Shropshire Council for support to youth provision by TNS with their representatives to establish what might be needed. biii) Council unanimously approved a grant of £200 for Selattyn burial ground, on condition that a grant application form be completed biv) Clerk to contact the food bank to complete an application form in support of the grant agreed at the last council meeting
1209	Planning (i) Report back on Henlle Golf Club application – Requested by Cllr H Ellis – the Clerk reported that the application was still under consideration

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	(ii) 20/03382/FUL: Holly Farm, Selattyn, SY10 7HU. Proposal: Part conversion of single storey barn into ancillary accommodation. Council agreed unanimously to 'no comment'
1210	Environmental matters: (i) Hedge Maintenance (requested at July meeting) – to be chased up by locum Clerk
1211	Hengoed Cemetery – (i) Update – Cllr Michael McKenna explained that various site improvements including the renovation of the gates was in hand. He also explained that the ICCM issued helpful guidance to parish and other councils and held seminars and trainings sessions which were very valuable. Payments were now mainly done by BACS which was very helpful, and forms were being standardised. (ii) Cemetery Management arrangements – Cllr M McKenna proposed that the volume of work was such that a separate job role should be re-introduced, which he would be willing to do as a volunteer, if suitably trained at the Council's expense. It was agreed that the recruitment process for the Clerk was too far advanced for this to be altered but invited Cllr McKenna to work up a full proposal for consideration at a later date. Cllr McKenna proposed that the Council become members of the ICCM – to be considered at the October Council meeting. Cllrs Crow and McKenna were thanked for their work on the cemetery.
1212	Shropshire Housing Strategy and Local Plan – to consider and determine a response. Councillors noted the development areas and numbers of houses to be built in Gobowen (360 by 2028) and the proposals in the vicinity of Derwen College which impact on Selattyn and Gobowen Parish (240 houses, incl those for key workers). Councillors were concerned that proper steps be taken regarding the quality of houses and the development of suitable infrastructure, and that 'social housing' be integrated within a development. Cllr Macey confirmed this would be covered by the 'Shropshire Test'. Councillors wanted developments to be council led, not developer led. Councillors were keen to stress the importance of developments in broadband, sustainable rail and bus services, footpaths, cycle routes, and green corridors as well as drainage, flooding, and sewerage improvements. The need for suitable amenities should also not be overlooked. Councillors also expected that the Parish Council would be consulted directly on the Oswestry indicative master plan when it emerged. It was agreed that the proposed changes to national planning guidance would be considered at the October meeting
1213	Future Agenda Items 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.

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	<p>Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• recent report from the Place Overview Committee• Policy for commercial/private use of public spaces (e.g. playing field)• Remembrance Day – poppies and wreathes• War memorial flowers – remit to A & S
1214	<p>Council noted the date of future meetings.</p> <p>Wednesday 14th October 2020 Wednesday 11th November 2020 Wednesday 9th December 2020 Wednesday 13th January 2021 Wednesday 10th February 2021 Wednesday 10th March 2021 Wednesday 14th April 2021 Wednesday 12th May 2021</p>
1215	<p>Closed Session if required – not required</p>