

Llanyblodwel Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Llanyblodwel Parish Council held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute.

Present: Cllr A R Beckett (Chair), Cllr R Argyle (Vice-Chair), Cllr D Counsell, Cllr T Lewis, Cllr H Dixon, Cllr P Shellard and Cllr B Cross.

In attendance: The Clerk (Mrs Amy Jones). Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt. 1 member of the public joined the meeting at 19.40-19.55. Police attended 19.45-55

MINUTES

58.23 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

It was **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** apologies from Cllrs Williams and Edwards.

59.23 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. **None declared.**

b) To consider applications for dispensation. **None received.**

60.23 Public Participation Session

A period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public to speak on any items on the agenda.

A member of the public spoke regarding the restrictions on the bridge as the bollards have moved and is restricting access more than was initially agreed. Cllr Hunt to follow up.

61.23 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th May 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th May 2023 and a copy was signed by the Chair as a true record.

62.23 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions, Updates and Appeals – To note

I. **Reference:** 23/01115/COU (validated: 14/03/2023)

Address: Cynhynfa, Llyncllys, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8LW

Proposal: Change of use of dwelling (C3 use) into children's home for two young persons (between the ages of 8-18) with associated members of staff (C2 use)

Decision: Grant Permission

II. **Appeal on Planning Application 21/00524/OUT:** Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling East Of Nantgoch, Pen-y-bont Llanerch Emrys, Shropshire. Outline application (access and layout for consideration) for the erection of one agricultural worker's dwelling (all previous comments have been submitted as part of the appeal).

RESOLVED to note.

b) Planning Applications for consideration (Please view Shropshire Council Planning Register online prior to the meeting)

I. **Reference:** 23/01777/FUL (validated: 15/06/2023)

Address: Hillcrest, Pen-y-bont Llanerch Emrys, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 9JF

Proposal: Extensions and alterations to dwelling

It was **RESOLVED** to **MAKE A REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:

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

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- c) Consider Planning applications not listed above that are received after the issue of this agenda and are included on Shropshire Council's website. None received.

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Reports

- a. Clerk's Report – **NOTED**.

Matter reported to Clerk / matters ongoing / update	Action Taken
When you leave the A495 at the Quarry Entrance signposted for Sweeney Mountain, go over the bridge and then at the entrance to Quarry / Sweeney mountain where you would turn left to go up to the Quarry, the white line road markings have totally disappeared.	Reported to Sept 2021. Logged on Fix My Street 01.03.22. Re-logged 03.01.23.
Llyncllys Crossroads Speed concerns Bryn Melyn to Llyncllys crossroads Email SC to ask for an assessment and solutions. Possibly signage to warn motorists of children at play area, narrow bridge and elderly residents crossing road, possibly reduce speed to 30mph. Highways England – awaiting a further report following the meeting.	Improved signage included in 2022/23 SC Highways Budget. Requested an update and date for installation. VAS being moved from Dolgoch to Bryn Melyn once post in installed. Delay with post being installed – being chased up. On-going.
Streetlights 2 x new brackets installed at Morton (minute 51.b refers)	To note.
VAS Still waiting on the post to be installed in Bryn Melyn to move the VAS there from Dolgoch.	On-going.

- b. **Councillor Reports** (Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas)

Covered under item d.

- c. **Police Report**

SNT Newsletter for Oswestry Rural (South) received and June Police report **NOTED**. Two Officers attended the meeting and agreed to have a presence with the speed gun whenever possible.

- d. **Shropshire Councillor Report**

Cllr Hunt reported on matters from Shropshire Council including Shropshire Council's Financial position and how they have seen an increase in the use of electric charging points across Shropshire. Cllr Hunt mentioned that a resident had raised with him speeding concerns in Dolgoch and that they had been passed to the Police, who had advised that all reports of speed concerns are to come through the Parish Council. The PC download data from the VAS regularly and it is fed to the Police for them to consider. To date, the data has not reached the 'violation' criteria where the police would take action, however they continue to have a presence whenever possible. **NOTED**.

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The following matters were raised with Cllr Hunt, to take back to Shirehall to follow up:

- **Blodwel Bank** – The visibility in the mirror at the bottom is so poor. Could this be looked at please? The side of the road towards the bottom (before The Gatehouse) has totally fallen away. It was marked out months ago with cones to deter vehicles from coming off the road but nothing has been done. Can this please be followed up? The heavy use of farm machinery on this stretch of road has caused the verges to be pushed back, the sides of the road to collapsed and the ditches and drains damaged.
- **White lines at the Llansantffraid junction** – faded (reported on Fix my street a number of months ago).
- **Llanyblodwel Bridge** – the temporary bollards have been shifted and are now causing further restrictions which is affecting businesses.

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Finance

a) To approve the following payments. **RESOLVED** to approve.

Cheque No/BACS ref	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
7	A Jones	Clerks Salary (9 weeks), mileage, HOA, Ink Cartridge	£679.62
8	HMRC	PAYE Payments	£156.40
9	Highline Electrical	Replacement of 2 Pole Brackets in Morton (as per quote approved min 51.23 refers)	£432.00
10	ICO	Annual Data Protection Fee	£40.00
11	Med UK Group Ltd	2 x new defibrillator batteries (Minute 51.f.23 refers)	£506.40
12	J Gallagher Insurance	Insurance Premium 31.08.23 – 30.08.24	£445.02
DD	Unity Trust Bank	Quarterly Bank Charges (debited 30.06.23)	£18.00

b) To note income received.

Oswestry Rural Parish Council - £581.00 (Morton Contribution)

Bank Interest (paid 30.06.23) - £109.21

NOTED.

c) To approve the bank reconciliation up to and including 30th June 2023.

APPROVED.

d) To consider the 1st Quarter Budget Report.

APPROVED and no issues raised.

e) **Insurance** – Consider quotes and authorise payment for insurance commencing 31st August 2023 (BACS 12).

The three quotes were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from A J Gallagher and it was **FURTHER AGREED** to enter into a 3 year LTA.

f) **Internal Controls** – Review the Parish Council's system of internal control and appoint a councillor to carry out an internal review of the accounts at the 2nd Quarter.

The system of Internal Control was reviewed and **AGREED** that the system is adequate to mitigate risk. Cllr Counsell agreed to continue to do the half yearly internal checks on the accounts.

g) **Exercise of Public Rights** – To note the inspection period is 5th June – 14th July 2023 and the notice has been published.

NOTED.

h) **Notification of Exempt Status** – To note that this has been logged with the Ext. Auditor.

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NOTED.

- i) **Direct Debits** – To sign the DD form to pay the S/Light Energy to Shropshire Council by Direct Debit.
The Direct Debit form was signed by two signatories and will be sent to Shropshire Council for processing – **NOTED.**

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Asset Management / Parish Maintenance / Parish Matters

a) Closed Churchyards

- I. **Wall repairs** – Receive an update on the ordered work and consider further work (within budget / earmarked reserves).
It was **NOTED** that the work at Llanyblodwel Church has been completed and the work ordered at Morton has not yet commenced.
- II. **Ivy – discuss.** It was noted that Ivy is growing on the wall which borders a residents property. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Beckett and Argyle assess the situation and report back at the September meeting.
- III. **Gates at Morton – discuss.** Concerns were raised regarding the potential risk to injury on the main gates at Morton as they do not join properly. It is likely that they require new hinges. It was **RESOLVED** that The Grove be approached to quote for the work to rectify the issue and a quote be brought to the September meeting.

b) Streetlighting

- a. **Two Heritage Lights in Bryn Melyn (last 2 lights that are not LED)** – minute 51.b.c.23 refers – To note that work has not progressed due to increased cost. Discuss options.
It was noted that the order had not been placed to replace the lights as the Scottish Power service transfer costs had doubled and the project cost would exceed the budgeted amount. A site meeting has taken place with the Electrical Contractors and Councillors considered whether the substantial cost to replace the lights was justified as the light on the bridge lights more hedge than pavement and the one on the corner could be replaced by adjusting/reconfiguring the light by the play area. As the Parish Council cannot afford to replace both lights this financial year and taking into consideration the poor condition of the brackets, it was **RESOLVED** to remove both lights and request that the one next to the play area be adjusted so that light shines on the road. There is also almost a £100 difference in the running costs of the heritage lanterns, compared to the LED so removing these lights will help to reduce energy charges.
- c) **Bench and Noticeboard in Bryn Melyn** – Receive an update on the funding application made to STAR Housing.
The clerk reported that there is still no update and they have been contacted several times.
- d) **Noticeboard at Dolgoch** – Receive an update.
The Clerk reported that delivery of the new noticeboard is expected at the end July and Evans of Oswestry have agreed to install this FOC. The current noticeboard is out of use due to its condition rendering it unusable. **NOTED.**
- e) **Llyncllys Bomber Memorial** – Discuss.
The following points were discussed as matters that would need to be considered should this project progress:
 - Planning permission
 - Owning a monument on land the Parish Council doesn't own
 - Project cost / expenditure would double the PCs expenditure
 - Time spent managing the projectConcerns were raised regarding the scale of the project, financing and whether the size of the sculpture is appropriate. It was **RESOLVED** to await further information from the project leaders.
- f) **Bus Shelter Cleaning** – Discuss.

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Councillors considered a proposal to implement cleaning of the Bus Shelter at Llyncllys Crossroads quarterly for a cost of £5 per clean. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quote and the shelter will now be cleaned 4 times a year.

g) West Mercia PCC Safer Roads Funding – Discuss and consider a project.

The Chair asked that Councillors consider any possible projects that may be eligible for funding and, if identified, they can be considered at the September meeting. **NOTED.**

h) Celebration of 150 years of Morton Church - October 15th – Consider representation from the Parish Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Edwards and Beckett attend.

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Place Plan Review

Agree submissions as part of the Place Plan Review.

The following projects were approved for submission as part of the review:

1. Improvements to the Road Infrastructure and Drainage along Blodwel Bank (Transport and Accessibility)

Brief outline of the Project

The development of the Yareal site at Trefonen (off the Coed-y-go road), which sits in Oswestry Rural Parish, has impacted on the highway infrastructure of Blodwel Bank, which is predominantly in Llanyblodwel Parish. The road has been subjected to a significant rise in vehicles, predominantly large farm vehicles, due to the transportation of materials to the site. This has had a detrimental impact on the infrastructure. Large farm vehicles have pushed back the sides of the road, damaging drainage pipes, verges and the road edge, leading to subsidence in places and fields flooding.

Cost of the project

Not known

Who will be the lead

Shropshire Council

Funding the Project

CIL

Priority Rating

High

When is the project expected to be delivered

1-5 years

2. Improvements to the Road Infrastructure and Drainage up Turners Lane (Transport and Accessibility)

Brief outline of the Project

The road is subsiding in places and has insufficient drainage systems in place so water currently runs down the lane and into residents gardens, flooding cesspits. Development has been granted permission towards the top of Turner's Lane and these issues will only be exacerbated by further traffic on the lane.

Cost of the project

Not known

Who will be the lead

Shropshire Council

Funding the Project

CIL

Priority Rating

High

When is the project expected to be delivered

1-5 years

3. New Bridge in a new location at Llanyblodwel (Transport and Accessibility)

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Brief outline of the Project

In order to protect the Heritage Asset that is Llanyblodwel Bridge, a new bridge is required to cross the River Tanat at Llanyblodwel. When the Bridge is closed due to damage, it affects the quality of life for residents and businesses who operate from the village.

Cost of the project

Not known

Who will be the lead

Shropshire Council

Funding the Project

CIL / external funding

Priority Rating

Medium

When is the project expected to be delivered

1-5 years

4. Improved Play Facilities (Community Infrastructure)

Brief outline of the Project

There is not currently a fully equipped Play Area in the Parish of Llanyblodwel. The Parish Council wish to support with the purchase of equipment (swings, slide) to be placed in the Bryn Melyn Play Area.

Cost of the project

Approx £5000.

Who will be the lead

Parish Council

Funding the Project

Neighbourhood Fund

Priority Rating

High

When is the project expected to be delivered

1-5 years

5. Speed Limit through Nantmawr (Transport and Accessibility)

Brief outline of the Project

There is not currently a speed limit through the hamlet of Nantmawr as it was missed when the 30mph zones were put in and then funding was removed. Nantmawr is split between Oswestry Rural and Llanyblodwel.

Cost of the project

Unknown,

Who will be the lead

Shropshire Council and Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Funding the Project

Neighbourhood Fund (Oswestry Rural)

Priority Rating

High

When is the project expected to be delivered

1-5 years

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Correspondence - To note:

- a. SALC and NALC Newsletters and Bulletins
- b. Freedom Fibre councillor information webinar invitation (Mon 26 June, 12:30-13:30) and Freedom Fibre webinar additional information documents.
- c. Cost of living: latest data from Citizens Advice Shropshire
- d. PCC Newsletter – June 2023

RESOLVED to note.

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To consider:

- a) Police and Crime Commissioner T&PC Survey 2023. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk complete the survey.

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Next Meeting

To note that the date and time of the next meeting.
Thursday 7th September, 7.30pm at the Institute.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55