

Llanyblodwel Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Llanyblodwel Parish Council held on Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute.

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

In attendance: The Clerk (Mrs Amy Jones).

MINUTES

76.23 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received and **ACCEPTED** from Cllr N. Williams.

77.23 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.**

78.23 Public Participation Session

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

No members of the public present.

79.23 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th July 2023 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 10th August 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th July 2023 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 10th August 2023 be confirmed as true records of the meetings and were signed by the Chair.

80.23 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions, Updates and Appeals – To note

I. **Reference:** 23/03023/FUL (validated: 12/07/2023)

Address: Proposed Dwelling To The South Of, Llanyblodwel, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of 1no. Detached Dwelling and Garage

Decision: Refuse

RESOLVED to note.

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

I. **Reference:** None received.

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.

81.23 Reports

a. Clerk's Report (attached)

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.
Llynclys Crossroads Speed concerns Bryn Melyn to Llynclys crossroads	Improved signage included in 2022/23 SC

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<p>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.</p> <p>Highways England – awaiting a further report following the meeting. Followed up 15.08.23 and Highways England are still researching options to try to improve the junction. The PC will be provided with an update as soon as the research and investigations are complete.</p>	<p>Highways Budget. Requested an update and date for installation.</p> <p>On-going.</p>
<p>VAS Still waiting on the post to be installed in Bryn Melyn to move the VAS there from Dolgoch.</p>	<p>On-going.</p>
<p>The following matters were raised with Cllr Hunt at the July meeting, to take back to Shirehall to follow up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>The following update has been provided by Cllr Hunt, following a site visit by a technician:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llansantffraid junction - The give way road markings have deteriorated to less than 50% so instructions have been given to renew them. • Mirrors have been cleaned which has improved the visibility. • An emergency temp fill has been called as the defect on the edge of the carriageway had deteriorated. There were more edge defects half way up the bank, which also required temporary filling and these have been called. • The ditches were going to be completed at the same time as the road closure, however, this wasn't possible. An order has been raised for the in-house drainage team to complete this before winter. • The Bridges and Structures Team are responsible for the bridge, but whilst on site, he was able to move the bollards back into place. 	<p>On-going.</p>
<p>Turner's Lane A site meeting took place on 16.08.23 with The Clerk, Cllr Hunt, a Highways Technician, Cllr Counsell and a resident. The source of the issue is on Llyncllys Hill which is owned by Shropshire Wildlife Trust. Shropshire Council to liaise with them</p>	<p>On-going</p>

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to discuss a possible solution as when the water reaches Turner's Lane and runs down the lane, it becomes a Highways issue. SC to also liaise with ROW as the Bridleway is now barely rideable.	
Place Plan Submissions made. Awaiting a response from Shropshire Council regarding projects that have successfully received CIL funding.	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).
- No reports received.
- c. **Police Report**
Apologies received as there was not an officer available to attend. The following written report was **NOTED**.
09/08/2023 – 2 vehicle Road Traffic Collision. The rider of the bike was checked over by Ambulance.
16/08/2023 – Dropped 999 call. A call back to the person and further checks made and all in order.
29/08/2023 – A Drain/Manhole cover has been dislodged between Blodwel Bank and The lime Kiln Pub. Police attended and awaited for Highways to fix the cover due to the dangerous hazard.
- d. **Shropshire Councillor Report.** Apologies received from Cllr Hunt as he was unable to attend the meeting.

82.23

Finance

- a) **To approve the following payments.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Cheque No/BACS ref	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
15	A Jones	Clerks Salary (8 weeks), mileage, HOA	£595.54
16	HMRC	PAYE Payments	£139.00
17	The Parish Noticeboard Company	Noticeboard – Dolgoch	£747.00
18	Webhosting UK Com Ltd	Annual hosting charges	£59.26
DD	Shropshire Council	S/Light Energy Charges – 2 nd Quarter	£205.54
Direct Payment	Unity Trust Bank	Quarterly Bank Charges – payment to be taken 30.09.23	£18.00

- b) **To note income received.**

£ 1,752.17 donation to The Community Fund (Community Events - £1,452.17 via BACS, Miller Insurance Services LLP £300.00 via BACS) – consider allocation to Earmarked Reserves.

The donations were noted and it was **RESOLVED** to earmark the funds accordingly:

£1752.17 – Closed Churchyards Wall Repairs

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- c) **To note a letter of thanks has been sent on receipt of the recent donations.**
NOTED and Miller Insurance Services thanked for their generous donation.
- d) **To approve the bank reconciliation up to and including 31st August 2023.**
RESOLVED to approve.
- e) **Neighbourhood Fund (CIL) Monitoring Form** – To note the information on the form, to be signed by The Clerk, The Chair and The Shropshire Councillor.
The form reports to Shropshire Council that all of the Neighbourhood funds the Parish Council currently hold are earmarked for Play Equipment. The form was duly signed.

83.23

Asset Management / Parish Maintenance / Parish Matters

a) Closed Churchyards

- I. Receive a resume from the Clerk on the Closed Churchyards Training run by the SLCC.
The resume of the training was **NOTED**. The Clerk will carry out the annual memorial testing with the PCC in November.
- II. Consider booking a place on Memorial Testing Training on 19th March 2024.
RESOLVED not to book as the Clerk has previously been on the training and has a certificate.
- III. Wall repairs – Receive an update on the ordered work and consider placing an order for further work (within budget / earmarked reserves).
The following financial information was noted and considered:

The Parish Council currently have:
£5000 in Earmarked Reserves for Wall Repairs
£700 in the 23/24 Budget
£1700 in 23/24 donations which have been Earmarked for Wall Repairs.

£5000 of work has been ordered this financial year but not yet paid for.

It was **RESOLVED** to order the work for Item 3 to be completed at Morton (£880.00 + VAT), which will complete all works at Morton.

- IV. Ivy – discuss removal on the boundary wall (Cllr Argyle).
The Ivy covering the boundary wall was discussed and **RESOLVED** to meet the Grounds Maint. Contractors on site to assess the situation. The Clerk was delegated responsibility to order the works required to clear the area, up to the value of £500.00.
- V. Gates at Morton – discuss and consider possible solutions / associated costs (Cllr Beckett). Cllr Beckett reported that that the issue is with the pins on the hinges and they are too small. Cllr Counsell agreed to assess the gates and report back at the next meeting. **RESOLVED** to defer to the November meeting.

b) Streetlighting

- a. **Theft of Streetlight in Porthywaen** – Receive an update from the Clerk on the insurance claim and reinstating the light.
The Clerk reported that the insurance claim has now been settled and £1675.00 will be transferred to the Parish Council. This is the total cost of the work required minus the VAT which can be reclaimed by the Parish Council and minus the £400 excess. The Clerk has queried how this will affect the Parish Council's LTA for the new policy which started 31/08/23 and whether it will increase the premium. Awaiting a response. The order has been placed with Highline to replace the column and has been added to their job sheet to be completed as soon as possible. **NOTED**.

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- c) **Bench and Noticeboard in Bryn Melyn** – Receive an update on the funding application made to STAR Housing. Consider other funding options and purchase. The Clerk reported that there has still not been a response from STAR Housing. It was **RESOLVED** to follow this up one final time with STAR, expressing the Parish Council's disappointment that they have been waiting 18 months for a response.
- d) **Noticeboard at Dolgoch** – Receive an update on installation. The Clerk reported that the new noticeboard has now been delivered and installation is being arranged. Llyncllys Aggregates have arranged for the cost to be transferred to the Parish Council as a donation and the Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks for their generous donation.
- e) **Red Phonebox at Llanyblodwel** – Discuss renovation and possible uses (Cllr Cross). **RESOLVED** to defer to the November meeting.

84.23

Highways

- a) **Vehicle Activated Speed Signs** – Receive and consider the latest data downloads and receive an update on the re-location of the Dolgoch VAS to Bryn Melyn. The data reports were **NOTED** and the issue regarding the speed of traffic between 7am – 7.30am (as per the data) has been passed to the Police to investigate.
- b) **Llyncllys Crossroads** – Receive an update from Highways England (if available). The Clerk reported that there is no update to provide at present as the study is still being carried out. **NOTED.**
- c) **Blodwel Bank** – Discuss the recent RTAs at the Coopers Lane/Cefn Lane crossroads. The recent RTAs were **NOTED.**

85.23

Correspondence - To note:

- a. SALC and NALC Newsletters and Bulletins
- b. Invite to the 2023 SALC AGM
- c. PCC Newsletter – August
- d. The Marches Forward Partnership – information sent on behalf of the Leader of Shropshire Council.
- e. SNT Policing Newsletter – September 23
- f. Invitation to Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (RSVP) conference to be held on FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER at Montford Village Hall. **NOTED.**

To consider:

West Mercia Police Local Policing Community Charter - Contact Contract – Review and Agree top 3 policing priorities for next quarter. Current Priorities are:

- a) Drugs
- b) Speeding
- c) Thefts (Farms)

It was **RESOLVED** to reconfirm these as the top 3 policing priorities for the next quarter.

The PC would welcome quarterly attendance at meetings.

Consultation on new substation and overhead line in Powys and Shropshire (6th Sept – 18th Oct) – **RESOLVED** to respond as individuals.

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Next Meeting

To note that the date and time of the next meeting.
Thursday 9th November, 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.29