

# Llanyblodwel Parish Council

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## Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Llanyblodwel Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.0pm in the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute.

**Present:** Cllr A R Beckett (Chair), Cllr N Williams, Cllr T Lewis, Cllr H Dixon, Cllr D Counsell, Cllr B Cross.

**In attendance:** The Clerk (Amy Jones). 12 members of the public. Cllr Vince Hunt.

## MINUTES

### 24.25 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Argyle, Cllr Shellard and Cllr Edwards.

### 25.25 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.**

### 26.25 Public Participation Session

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

Members of the public spoke on the following matters:

- Concerns about Blodwel Bank were raised, in relation to the damage already caused by the heavy traffic using it and it's unsuitability for large HGV vehicles due to the winding nature and narrow sections of the road, as well as poor visibility at junctions.
- Blodwel Bank is well used by cyclists and walkers – no pavements.
- Today's vehicles are significantly larger than the ones used when the quarry was in operation.
- The ambiguous, vague nature of the application and lack of specific details concerns residents as the noise and visual impacts are unknown and leaves the door open for possible further development on the site.
- The Quarry site is a wetland and marsh habitat for great crested newt and questions were raised about ecology surveys and why these have not been conducted.
- The applicant spoke with regards to the reason for choosing Blodwel Bank as the preferred route and discussed the suitability of possible alternatives (going through Trefonen).

### 27.25 Planning Matters

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

- i. **Reference:** 25/00900/FUL  
**Proposal:** Use of land for open storage of HGV trailers (use Class B8)  
**Address:** Nantmawr Quarry Nantmawr Shropshire

Despite this application being situated outside of the Parish Boundary the Parish Council decided to consider this application and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following response (**NEUTRAL**):

Although this application lies outside the boundary of Llanyblodwel Parish, the Parish Council wishes to make the following comments due to the significant impact the proposed development could have on infrastructure within our parish, specifically the access route via Blodwel Bank.

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Blodwel Bank is a narrow, steep and winding road that already presents challenges for regular traffic, particularly during adverse weather conditions. It is not designed to accommodate increased traffic volumes or larger vehicles, all of which this application could generate. Due to the ambiguity of the application, it is difficult to determine the impact it could have.

Local residents have raised valid concerns regarding:

- Highway safety risks, including limited visibility, poor road conditions and the potential for increased accidents.
- Existing issues on the road being exacerbating which could lead to further road damage and pose hazards to existing users, including pedestrians and cyclists.
- Potential Disruption to the local community, particularly for residents living along Blodwel Bank who would be directly affected. However, this is difficult to determine due to the ambiguous nature of the application and insufficient detail contained within.

The Parish Council shares these concerns and urges the planning officers to give due weight to the unsuitability of Blodwel Bank as an access route and to consider potential alternatives to using Blodwel Bank, before any decision is made on the application.

**b) Consider Planning applications not listed above that are received after the issue of this agenda and are included on Shropshire Council's website.**

- I. Reference: 25/01227/VAR (validated: 28/03/2025)  
Address: Prospect Farm, Llanyblodwel, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8NE  
Proposal: Variation of condition no.4 (Demolition) attached to 24/03289/PMBPA

It was **RESOLVED** to **MAKE A REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:  
The Parish Council has no comments to make on this application.

- II. Reference: 25/01228/FUL  
Proposal: Change of use of an agricultural building to part domestic storage and part agricultural storage  
Address: Prospect Farm, Llanyblodwel, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8NE.

It was **RESOLVED** to **MAKE A REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:  
The Parish Council has no comments to make on this application.

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**Next Meeting**

To note that the Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7.00pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council at 7.30pm.

**NOTED.**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.51**