

Llanyblodwel Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Llanyblodwel Parish Council held on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.30pm in the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute.

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

In attendance: The Clerk (Mrs Amy Jones). PCSO Iremonger (left the meeting after item 92.c)

MINUTES

87.23 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence received and **ACCEPTED** for Cllr Hollie Dixon. Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt also gave his apologies.

88.23 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.**

89.23 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.

90.23 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th September 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th September 2023 and a copy was signed by the Chair as a true record.

91.23 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions, Updates and Appeals – To note

- i. **Reference:** 23/03308/FUL (validated: 27/07/2023)
Address: Lyncroft, Rodney View, Llyncllys, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8AQ
Proposal: Demolition of existing garden room and erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling, together with ancillary internal alterations
Decision: Grant Permission
NOTED.

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

- i. **Reference:** 23/04551/PMBPA (validated 24/10/2023)
Address: Prospect Farm, Llanyblodwel, Shropshire
Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: change of use of agricultural buildings to dwelling houses (use Class C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion.
It was RESOLVED to MAKE A REPRESENTATION with the following comments:
The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

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.

d) Ratify Planning Comments submitted by the Clerk through the Scheme of Delegation:

- i. **Reference:** 23/04095/FUL (validated: 18/09/2023)
Address: Garage South West Min Y Dwr, Llanyblodwel, Shropshire
Proposal: Conversion and change of use of existing garage, office and storage building, into a 2 bed holiday let for tourism purposes.

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Comment submitted by The Clerk on 12.10.23 – The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

NOTED and ratified by the Council.

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Reports

a. **Clerk's Report** (attached). The following report was **NOTED**:

Matter reported to Clerk / matters ongoing / update	Action Taken
<p>Llynclys Crossroads Speed concerns Bryn Melyn to Llynclys 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.</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. Follow up email sent 30.10.23.</p>	<p>Improved signage included in 2022/23 SC Highways Budget. Requested an update and date for installation.</p> <p>On-going.</p>
<p>VAS Order has now been placed for the post to be installed in Bryn Melyn. Once installed, the Clerk will arrange for the VAS to be moved.</p>	<p>On-going.</p>
<p>The following update has been provided by Cllr Hunt, from the Technician on 21st Sept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llansantffraid Junction - still waiting for the lining order to be finalised, so we have chased this with the contractor. Update on Fix my street – this work is now scheduled as part of the maintenance programme. • Blodwel Bank - The edge of carriageway defects should be done by end September and the local technician will monitor this. • The ditching should be done by or carried out in November. <p>The give way lines at the entrance to Llynclys Quarry have now been completed.</p>	<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 Llynclys Hill which is owned by Shropshire Wildlife Trust. Shropshire Council to liaise with them 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.</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>Streetlights The light in Porthywaen has now been re-installed. Insurance Claim: Due to the claim that was submitted before the renewal date the insurers have advised that they have applied a 5% claims load to the renewal premium which has increased the annual</p>	<p>To note.</p>

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<p>premium to £410.93 incl IPT plus the £50 administration fee which makes a revised renewal premium of £460.93.</p> <p>As the additional increase premium only amounts to £15.91 they have waived this but the correct premium of £410.93 is to be noted as the premium at the next renewal. The 3 Year LTA is unaffected as the claim was made before the new policy started.</p>	
<p>Llynclys Bomber Memorial</p> <p>Update – Unfortunately they have hit a snag with funding. The RAF and Royal British Legion no longer fund small local community projects like this one so they are looking elsewhere for funding at the moment. If anyone on the parish council has any ideas then please do get in touch.</p>	<p>To note.</p>

- 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.

- c. **Police Report**

PSCO Iremonger provided a verbal report covering:

- RTA on the A495. No injuries.
- Theft of farm machinery

NOTED.

- d. **Shropshire Councillor Report**

Cllr Hunt was not present to provide a report but submitted an update on **Llanyblodwel Bridge:**

Shropshire Council are looking to install the temporary CCTV camera for a short trial period of 3-4 months. They need to install the CCTV to capture evidence that larger vehicles are potentially still crossing the bridge and scraping the temporary vertical concrete barriers (TVCBs).

The concrete base for the CCTV camera and mast has now been installed on site. Unfortunately there have been some delays and they are currently waiting for the supplier who will be installing the CCTV to give them an installation date.

It is likely the CCTV will be installed before the end of December 2023. They will then review the evidence gathered and the success of the trial with restrictions and signage. Following this, they will then be in a position to consult back with Llanyblodwel Parish Council.

If the decision is then to install permanent width restrictions at the site, Shropshire Council will have to go down a formal TRO consultation process which could take up to 3 to 6 months.

The informal consultation was a 50:50 split and the trial was a compromise between the requirements of the local farming community needs and a wish to preserve heritage of the structure from future bridge strikes.

A decision to install permanent width restriction barriers at the bridge will be subject to Heritage England consent. Advance width restriction signing for the bridge will only be taken if it is feasible, benefits the community and protects the bridge in the longer-term.

RESOLVED to share this update on the Llanybodwel Facebook page.

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Diversion signage for Road Closure in Llanyblodwel -

Cllr Hunt raised the issues with Highways who have liaised with SP to correct the issues.

NOTED.

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Finance

a) To approve the following payments. **RESOLVED** to approve the following accounts for payment.

Cheque No/BACS ref	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
19	A Jones	Clerks Salary (9 weeks), mileage, HOA, 2 poppy wreaths	£685.75
20	HMRC	PAYE Payments	£159.70
21	Highline Electrical	Replacement Streetlight – Porthywaen (insurance claim)	£2490.00
22	Phillips & Curry	Repairs to retaining wall – Llanyblodwel (as per quote)	£1152.00
23 – cheque no 300006	Cefnblodwel Methodist Church	Hire in July 2023	£40.00
24	Highline Electrical	Light in Bryn Melyn – light repositioning	£54.00
25 – cheque no 300007	Whittington Pc	Contribution towards recent training costs	£30.00

b) To note income received. None received.

c) To approve the bank reconciliation up to and including 31st October 2023. **RESOLVED** to approve.

d) 2nd Quarter Budget Report – Consider.

The 2nd Quarter Budget Report was considered and no issues raised. **NOTED.**

It was **NOTED** that the NJC Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023/24 has been published and this will be applied to the next staff salary payment to be in made in January along with the backdated pay, backdated to 1st April 2023.

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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 allocating unspent funds to further fund this project. Consider allocating not utilised S/Light Earmarked Reserves to the Wall Restoration Project (up to £2479.22). The Clerk reported that the repairs at Morton have not yet commenced. Councillors considered the possible re-allocation of Earmarked Reserves and it was **RESOLVED** to move £2479.22 into the Wall Repairs EMR.
- II. Headstone Inspections – Receive a report from the Clerk following the latest health and safety checks in the Closed Churchyards. The Clerk reported that the checks have been completed at Morton and Llanyblodwel will be completed on 14.11.23. A report for Llanyblodwel will be provided at the January meeting.

Morton

- Moss on the paths is bad again – could be scrapped off? It was **RESOLVED** to ask Contractor if they can remove it – grit/scraping as spraying last year only worked as a temporary measure.
- Could the contractor do a cut in the back Eco section now? **NOT APPROVED** this year but suggestion that next year they add this area to the last cut of the season.

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- Wall repairs not completed – Clerk to follow up with Phillips & Curry
- The Church are struggling with the cost of grasscutting – may have to drop to monthly. **NOTED.**

Headstones

- Laid Flat – Thomas Edward – joints failed the hand test, unsecure at the base. Notice to be placed on the memorial.
 - Resting on the back wall – Edward Pope (cross), failed at the joint. Notice to be placed on the memorial
 - Bush on the east side is very overgrown with an ash tree growing in it that needs removing.
 - Ivy is getting out of control in the back part of the churchyard.
NOTED.
- III. Ivy removal from walls – To note that this work has been ordered (delegation to the Clerk - £450.00).
It was **NOTED** that the work required to clear the Ivy from the boundary wall has been approved by the Clerk (delegated powers).
- IV. Gates at Morton – discuss and consider possible solutions / associated costs (Cllr Beckett) – Cllr Counsell was formally thanked by fellow Councillors for fixing the hinges on the gates to ensure they now close fully. **RESOLVED.**

b) Bench and Noticeboard in Bryn Melyn – Receive an update on the funding application made to STAR Housing.

The Clerk reported that a formal apology for the applications having gone missing has been given by STAR and that the Council were encouraged to re-apply. New applications have now been submitted for a noticeboard and a bench. Applications acknowledged, awaiting the outcome. **NOTED** and Clerk to chase up.

c) Noticeboard at Dolgoch – Receive an update on installation. The Clerk reported that the board has now been installed and that thanks must be passed to Evans' of Oswestry who installed it FOC. A letter of thanks and pictures have been sent to Llyncllys Aggregates and currently awaiting their grant to cover the cost of purchasing the new board. **NOTED.**

d) Other New Noticeboards – Discuss Locations and Funding.

- **Llanyblodwel** – It was suggested that the Clerk contact Lloyds Animal Feeds to see if they would consider sponsoring the purchase of a new noticeboard. The re-location of the board was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that the V in the road (left over the bridge, right to the Church) would be a suitable location. Clerk to seek Highways permission.
- **The Bryn** – It was suggested that the Clerk contact Lloyds Animal Feeds to see if they would consider sponsoring the purchase of a new noticeboard – Location TBC.

e) Red Phonebox at Llanyblodwel – Discuss renovation and possible uses (Cllr Cross). Cllr Cross informed fellow Councillors that painting the phonebox would request approx. 2.5l of paint and a new door frame is required. It was **RESOLVED** that Café Blodwel be approached to fund this as a possible project and to ask whether they would have a use for it in the future, once renovated. (cost approx. £500).

f) Printing – To note issues with the Clerk's printer and consider proposal from the Clerk in relation to printing.

The Clerk reported that the printer has now stopped working and the Clerk has tried to fix it with no avail. Concerns were raised as printing costs are quite high and it does not seem economical to run. The Clerk suggested making a proposal to Whittington Parish Council where Llanyblodwel make a quarterly contribution towards printing costs. The proposal of a quarterly donation of £25 to cover ink and wear and tear on Whittington's resources, paper etc was **APPROVED.**

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Remembrance

Discuss arrangements.

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The Clerk has purchased 2 Wreaths and these were given to Cllrs Beckett and Edwards for laying at Llanyblodwel and Morton War Memorials. The informal service at Llanyblodwel War Memorial will take place at 11am on Saturday 11th. **NOTED.**

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Correspondence - To note:

- a. SALC and NALC Newsletters and Bulletins.
- b. Road Closure: A495, Road through Porth-y-waen, Rural Oswestry. 15th October 2023. Purpose: Road Closure - New water connection. Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water.
- c. Invitation to 150 years of Morton Church celebration.
- d. Road Closure: The Horseshoe Inn Junction To Powys County. 6th November - 13th November 2023. Works Promoter: Scottish Power Renewable Energy
- e. Streetscene, grass cutting- briefing note
- f. Shropshire Council - Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station Review 2023.
- g. Local Govt Boundary Commission - Final recommendations for Shropshire published
- h. SNT Newsletter – October
- i. Road Closure: B4396 Llyncllys to Knockin. Start Date: 21st November - End Date: 1st December 2023. Purpose: Bridge Parapet Repairs following RTC Road Closure will be in place 09:30-16:00 Temporary Lights will be in place 16:00-09:30. Works Promoter: Shropshire Council
- j. Road Closure: B4396 Llyncllys to Woolston Bank junction. 17th November 2023. Purpose: Carriageway repairs. Works Promoter: Shropshire Council
- k. Shropshire Council Polling District Consultation
- l. Road Closure: A495 county boundary to B4396 junction, Llanyblodwel. 13th – 18th December. Multevo Carriageway repairs.
- m. North Shropshire Project Gigabit Update - 30th November 1pm (Freedom Fibre)
NOTED.

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Next Meeting

To note that the date and time of the next meeting and meeting dates for 2024.

- Thursday 11th January – 7.30pm
- Thursday 14th March – 7.30pm
- Thursday 9th May – Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council at 7.30pm
- Thursday 11th July – 7.30pm
- Thursday 12th September – 7.30pm
- Thursday 14th November – 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30