

Llanyblodwel Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Llanyblodwel Parish Council held on Thursday 11th July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Cefn Blodwel Methodist Chapel.

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

In attendance: The Clerk (Mrs Amy Jones). 1 member of the public.

MINUTES

49.24 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Hunt gave his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

Apologies were received from the Local SNT as an officer was not available to attend.

Apologies for absence received and **ACCEPTED** from Cllr B Cross, Cllr B Edwards and Cllr N Williams.

Absent – D Counsell.

50.24 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.**

51.24 Public Participation Session

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

No matters raised.

52.24 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th May and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 25th June.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th May and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 25th June and copies were signed by the Chair as a true record.

53.24 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions, Updates and Appeals – To note

- I. **Reference:** None received.

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

- II. **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.

54.24 Reports – To consider

- a. **Clerk's Report.** The following report was received and **NOTED**.

Matter reported to Clerk / matters ongoing / update	Action Taken
Llynclys Crossroads Speed concerns Bryn Melyn to Llynclys crossroads Possibility of improved signage to warn motorists of children at play area, narrow	Although the PC was told this was included in the 2022/23 budget, the May 2024 update from SC was:

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<p>bridge and elderly residents crossing road, possibly reduce speed to 30mph.</p> <p>Highways England – awaiting an update following the announcement that they have submitted a request to fund a reduced speed limit and the installation of a speed camera.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, with reduced budget spend over the past years and with changing priorities this is still on our list to do. Our current focus is on accident and high priority sites with Bryn Melyn not having an accident history. Not on this year's programme, but still assessing in detail the budgetary changes/ impacts for this year and will see what I can do. Suggest the Place Plan process is considered and that utilises other funding opportunities.</p> <p>On-going.</p>
<p>Outstanding Highways maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llansantffraid Junction – re-lining at junction was not done on 14th March – followed up. • Bottom of Blodwel Bank – Junction needs re-lining. • Overgrown Hedge – Coopers Lane – reported on fix my street 10.06.24. Completed. 	<p>On-going.</p>
<p>Turner's Lane</p> <p>A site meeting took place on 16.08.23 with The Clerk, Cllr Hunt, a Highways Technician, Cllr Counsell and a resident.</p> <p>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>Residents have been contacted Meetings to be arranged to discuss how the issues can be addressed.</p>
<p>Porthywaen Playing Field</p> <p>More enquiries received and passed to Shropshire Council.</p>	<p>To note.</p>
<p>Defibrillators</p> <p>4 x new pads are required in 2024 as the current ones expire Sept 2024. To be ordered by the Clerk in August.</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.

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c. Police Report and Policing Priorities for the next quarter

Monthly newsletter and the following report relating to the Parish Priorities were **NOTED**.

Community priorities:

1. Drugs
2. Thefts
3. Speeding

Priority 1.

Nothing to report. No reports of any drug use or dealing.

Priority 2.

Nothing to report. No reports of any thefts.

Priority 3.

I'm glad to say that we have only had one report of speeding and dangerous driving. This report came via Dyfed Powys police. We attended the area of the A483 at Llynclys X roads but the vehicle did not come through, having turned off at an earlier junction.

Although not speeding, we did have a report of a cyclist being very disorientated. I attended the area and found the gent. He is suffering from early onset dementia and has lost the ability to map read. He was taken home and given the details of a local cycling club so that he can continue his sport for as long as possible.

There have also been two reports of road traffic collisions at the crossroads. There were no injuries at either incident.

Emerging trends - Requests for information - other.

West Mercia have received concerns for the safety and security of some birds at an upcoming festival in a nearby disused quarry. We have worked with our wildlife officer and the group looking after the birds. The experts have said that the fledglings nor the adults will be in any danger from the event, but it is always better to be safe than sorry. Hopefully we will soon see these birds on the wing and thriving.

d. Shropshire Councillor Report. Cllr Hunt was not present to provide a report.

55.24

Finance

a) To approve the following payments. The following payments were **APPROVED**.

Cheque No/BACS ref	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
7	A Jones	Clerks Salary (9 weeks), mileage, HOA, expenses	£694.12
8	HMRC	PAYE Payments	£177.75
9	Bethan Cross	Reimbursement – APM Refreshments	£12.90
10	Whittington PC	Contribution towards Printing – 6 months (Feb – July)	£50.00
11	ICO	Annual Data Protection Fee	£40.00
12	AJ Gallagher	Insurance	£470.74
DD	Shropshire Council	S/Light Energy Charges – 1 st Quarter Paid 20.06.24	£193.87

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DD	Unity Trust Bank	Quarterly Bank Charges (debited 30.06.24)	£18.00
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b) To note income received.

Oswestry Rural Parish Council - £581.00 (Morton Contribution)
 Bank Interest (paid 30.06.24) - £152.32
 Neighbourhood Fund (paid 31.05.24) - £2102.12
 SALC – Reimbursement for overcharge of Affiliation Fees - £249.81
 Community Fund (£500) and Miller Insurance (£500) – Grants

Consider Earmarked reserves.

Income was **NOTED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the £1000 donation be allocated to EMR – Wall Repairs. It was **NOTED** that a thank you letter has been sent to Miller Insurance for their generous and kind donation.

- c) **To approve the bank reconciliation up to and including 30th June 2024. APPROVED.**
- d) **To consider the 1st Quarter Budget Report. APPROVED with no issues or queries raised.**
- e) **Insurance** – Authorise payment for insurance commencing 31st August 2024 (Year 2 of a 3 Year LTA) (BACS). Review cover to include the new noticeboards and benches. The cover was reviewed and **AGREED** that there is already sufficient cover in place to cover the new Assets. The policy was approved and payment authorised.
- 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 Council’s system of Internal Control was reviewed and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Counsell carry out the internal review of accounts at the 2nd Quarter.
- g) **Exercise of Public Rights** – To note the inspection period was 3rd June – 12th July 2024 and the notice was published accordingly. **NOTED**.
- h) **Notification of Exempt Status** – To note that this has been logged with the Ext. Auditor. **NOTED**.
- i) **Financial Regulations** – To approve and adopt the new, updated Financial Regulations. **REVIEWED** and **ADOPTED**, following the updated version being published by NALC.
- j) **Scheme of Delegation** – Review. **Reviewed** with no amendments.

56.24

Asset Management / Parish Maintenance / Parish Matters

- a) **Closed Churchyards - Wall repairs** – Receive an update on the ordered work. The Clerk reported that the ordered work in Morton (items 2 and 3) are now in progress and work will then commence on Item 5 at Llanyblodwel. **NOTED**.
- b) **Bryn Melyn Play Area** – Discuss the possible installation of Play Equipment. The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council will not adopt any equipment installed in the play area at Bryn Melyn, beyond the MUGA that is currently installed. The proposition of replacing equipment that has been removed in Dolgoch was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk put this suggestion to Shropshire Council.
- c) **West Mercia PCC Safer Roads Funding** – Discuss and consider whether the road signage at Bryn Melyn would be a suitable project for funding. In light of the recent correspondence from Shropshire Council informing the Parish Council that there is no funding in the budget for the signs, request a meeting to ascertain whether the signs could be purchased by the Parish Council and installed and adopted by Shropshire Council. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk seek clarification and if applicable, draft a grant application.
- d) **Noticeboards and Bench** – PR to thank businesses for their support – Receive an update. The Clerk reported that business have all been contacted but no date has been agreed for a photo opportunity. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with some PR, without a photo and do a post to go on Facebook, the Website and Newsletter. A notice is already in place on the noticeboards.

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57.24 D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024

Receive a report on the event.

The event was deemed a success, it was well attended and the profit made was donated to the Parish Council, on behalf of the Llanyblodwel Community Fund. Those who supported were thanked for their generous and kind support.

58.24 Correspondence - To note:

- a. SALC and NALC Newsletters and Bulletins.
- b. Shropshire Council Town and Parish Council Post Interim Findings Consultation Slides
- c. Community Climate Connections Project
- d. Press Releases – Sath NHS Trust
- e. Freedom Fibre Update May and proposed Pole Transfers for Llanyblodwel
- f. SNT Newsletter – June 2024
- g. INVITATION TO SEVERN TRENT'S SHROPSHIRE STAKEHOLDER ROADSHOW! - Thursday 20th June, between 4:30pm-6:00pm at Abbeygate Hall at The Shropshire Wildlife Trust, 193 Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6AH
- h. PCC Special Newsletter – June 2024
- i. Road Closure: Nantmawr Bank, Nantmawr. 31st July 2024. RENEW 2X POLE IN VERGE. Enforcement pattern for Nantmawr Bank, Nantmawr: 9.30 - 16.00hrs
- j. Shropshire Lieutenancy Newsletter
- k. PPC Newsletter – July
- l. Shropshire Project Gigabit Stakeholder Update - July 2024
- m. RAF Shawbury Helicopter Liaison Group

NOTED.

To consider:

- a) PCC – Town and Parish Council Survey 2024. **RESOLVED** that the survey be delegated to the Clerk to complete.

59.24 Next Meeting

To note the date, time and location of the next meeting.

Thursday 12th September, 7.30pm in the Institute.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.14