

# Llanyblodwel Parish Council

## Minutes of a Meeting of Llanyblodwel Parish Council held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute.

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

**In attendance:** The Clerk (Amy Jones). 3 members of the public (2 left the meeting at 19.45), Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt.

## MINUTES

### 13.25 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr N Williams – Absent.

### 14.25 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.**

### 15.25 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:

- Debris on the A495 between Llynclys Crossroads and Whitehaven – the road and pavement was and still remains caked in mud. Reported to Shropshire Council via the Shropshire Councillor to the Highways Officer. No response received from the Officer at present. Process is that the contractor is given a period of time to clean the road. If not carried out, Shropshire Council will clean the road and bill the contractor. **RESOLVED** to contact the farmer to pass on the parish council's dismay and disappointment at the mess the road and pavement has been left in.

### 16.25 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 including Appendix A (2025-26 Budget).

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 including Appendix A (2025-26 Budget) be approved and a copy was signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### 17.25 Planning Matters

#### a) Planning Decisions, Updates and Appeals – To note

- Site Address:** Land Adjacent To White House , Coopers Lane, Porth-y-waen,  
Description of development: Application for Permission in Principle for construction of between 2No. dwelling and 4No. dwellings  
Application reference: 24/04199/PIP  
Planning Inspector ref: APP/L3245/W/25/3358745  
Appeal reference: 25/03327/REF  
Appeal start date: 27 January 2025  
**The Parish Council's comments made on the application were submitted as written representation.**
- Reference:** 24/04661/FUL (validated: 13/12/2024)  
**Address:** Cefn Lane Farmhouse, Cefn Lane, Nantmawr, Oswestry, SY10 9JD  
**Proposal:** Removal of first floor front dormer and replacement with gable extension  
**Decision:** Grant Permission

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

III. **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.

18.25

## Reports – To consider

a. **Clerk's Report** (attached) including details on the May 2025 elections.

Matter reported to Clerk / matters ongoing / update	Action Taken
<p>Llynclys Crossroads Speed concerns Bryn Melyn to Llynclys crossroads Possibility of improved 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 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>Awaiting response from SC regarding project cost.</p> <p>On-going.</p>
<p>Outstanding Highways maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Llansantffraid Junction – re-lining at junction was not done on 14<sup>th</sup> March – followed up.</li> <li>• Bottom of Blodwel Bank – Junction needs re-lining.</li> </ul>	<p>Update via Cllr Hunt - orders have been raised with Kier to refresh the road markings at both locations. Unfortunately, due to the time of year we have deferred any outstanding road markings renewals until the Spring when the weather is more conducive for this type of work.</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. Update 03.10.24 - have spoken to the Wildlife Trust and residents effected and have agreed a way forward. Funding available and works are due to be implemented. No indication of start date can yet be given.</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>Defibrillators – no issues to report.</p>	<p>To note.</p>
<p>Streetlights 3 Lights glowing blue (bottom of Turner's Lane, 2 in Dolgoch). Waiting on contractor to replace.</p>	<p>To note.</p>
<p>Nantmawr – Speed Limit Both Llanyblodwel and ORPC have indicated to Shropshire Council that the implementation of a speed limit through Nantmawr would have a high impact. Shropshire Council Traffic Engineer to now carry out their own impact assessment and report back to parish council on the next steps (e.g. if an ATC is required).</p>	<p>On-going. Followed up with Highways 24.02.25</p>

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## 2025 Elections

A dedicated page '2025 May Elections' has been created on the website. More to be added as information about the forthcoming elections is released, including all election notices.

### Key Dates for an Election on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

- Purdah period begins when the Elections Notice is published – **10th March** and runs until the end day of poll. During this period the Parish Council should be mindful not to publicise controversial issues or report views or proposals in such a way that identifies individuals or groups of members. This includes council newsletters, magazines, press releases and social media. Any quotes made during this period should come from the Clerk/Proper Officer.
- Current councillors retire on the 4th day after the elections. It is on this day that the new councillors take office. The annual meeting of the council must take place within 14 days of the new councillors taking office.
- A meeting summons must be issued 3 clear days before a meeting.
- All councillors must sign their declaration of acceptance of office before the May Annual Meeting of the Council commences.

Nomination papers can be:

- Downloaded from the Electoral Commission's website
- Provided by the town / parish clerk. Please note that town / parish clerks will have a limited number of paper copies of the nomination packs available; or
- Provided by Electoral Services at Shropshire Council. Send an email to elections@shropshire.gov.uk providing your name, address and the area you wish to stand in.

- 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**

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the priorities for the next quarter as follows: 1. Drugs, 2. Theft from Farms, 3. Speeding

- d. **Shropshire Councillor Report**

**Cllr Hunt read out a written report, providing a resume on the recent activities from Shropshire Council:**

- Recent Budget Meeting
- New Leisure Centre opened in Whitchurch
- The Report was **NOTED**.

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## Finance

- a) To approve the following payments. **APPROVED.**

Cheque No/BACS ref	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
Direct	Unity Trust	Bank charges – Jan (paid 28.02.25)	£6.00

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29	A Jones	Clerks Salary (9 weeks), mileage, HOA, Homeworker Insurance.	£742.62
30	HMRC	PAYE Payments and NI (15.37)	£189.37
31	Whittington Parish Council	Contribution towards printing – 9 months	£75.00
32	Webhosting UK Com Ltd	Domain renewal – 1 year	£24.59
DD	Shropshire Council	S/Light Energy Charges – 4 <sup>th</sup> Q	£172.31
Direct	Unity Trust	Bank Charges – Feb (paid 31.03.25)	£6.00

- b) **To note income received.** None received.
- c) **To approve the bank reconciliation up to and including 28<sup>th</sup> February.** **APPROVED.**
- d) **To note the Neighbourhood Fund Payment due April 2025.** No information received at date of meeting.
- e) **Internal controls** – receive a report from Cllr Counsell. Cllr Counsell reported that the internal checks on the accounts have been completed and there were no issues or queries to raise. **NOTED.**
- f) **Donations Budget** – Consider donations. It was noted that there is £60 in the donations budget. It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation to Cefn Blodwel Methodist Church. Cheque No 300010 - £60.00.

## 20.25

### Asset Management / Parish Maintenance / Parish Matters

- a) **Closed Churchyards - Wall repairs** – Discuss. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Beckett, Shellard and Argyle meet with the Clerk to put a plan together for the next schedule of work. Clerk to circulate a copy of work completed and the work still outstanding from the original quote. Report to be provided at the May meeting.
- b) **Play Equipment, Bryn Melyn** – Receive an update from Cllr Edwards following the community consultation, re-consider quotes and consider funding options. It was reported that the consultation with residents has not yet been carried out and it was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the May meeting.
- c) **Ponderous Sign - Llanyblodwel Bridge** – Receive an update on installation and discuss possible adoption of the sign by the Parish Council (Cllr Argyle). **NOTED** that the sign has now been reinstated in its original location.
- d) **Dolgoch Noticeboard** – To note that an RTA took place on 18.02.25 that destroyed the noticeboard. Consider options for perusing a claim.  
The Clerk reported that despite efforts to try to make a claim directly against the offenders insurance, to date, this has not been possible. It was **RESOLVED** not to pursue a claim through the Parish Council's insurance at present due to the £250 excess and it was agreed that the Clerk speak to Llyncllys Aggregates to explain what has happened to the noticeboard they originally funded and ask whether they would consider funding another. Clerk to provide an update at the next meeting.

## 21.25

### Statutory consultation s42 of Planning Act: Green GEN Cymru Vyrnwy Frankton Project

Discuss and consider a response to the consultation.

It was **RESOLVED** that The Parish Council have no comments to make on the consultation.

## 22.25

### Correspondence - To note:

- a. SALC and NALC Newsletters and Bulletins.
- b. PPC Newsletters
- c. SALC – Training Events 2025
- d. Shropshire Council – Fly Tipping Briefing Note
- e. Briefing notes via the Oswestry Area Committee
- f. Severn Trent Councillor Newsletter
- g. Planned surface dressing work - A495 - B4396 to County Boundary, Porth-Y-Waen
- h. Planned surface dressing work - B4396 - Llyncllys Cross Roads to Lloyds, Llyncllys

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- i. Planned surface dressing work - A495 - Whitehaven to B4396, Porth-Y-Waen
- j. Shropshire Project Gigabit Stakeholder Update - February 2025
- k. Road Closure: Unnamed road, Porth-y-waen. 30th April 2025. Road Closure - Working on poles. Works Promoter: Scottish Power Renewable Energy. Enforcement pattern for Unnamed road, Porth-y-waen: 8.00 - 17.00hrs
- l. Parish & Town Council Survey – Completed by the Clerk
- m. Road Closure: A495 Porth-Y-Waen. Start Date: 24th April. End Date: 29th May 2025. Purpose: Site N01 Surface Dressing including sweeping, and lining works as follows:- Stud Removal:- 24/04/2025-25/04/2025 Dressing (Incl w/e):- 08/05/2025-10/05/2025 Lining (excl w/e):- 23/05/2025-29/05/2025 Please note that these works are weather dependent and subject to change. Works will not take place at the same time as sites N03/N05/N06. Enforcement pattern: From Monday to Friday 09:30 - 16:00 (excluding Bank Holidays). From Saturday to Sunday 06:00 - 18:00
- n. Road Closure: B4396 Llyncllys. Start Date: 26th April. End Date: 21st May 2025. Purpose: Site N04 Surface Dressing including sweeping, and lining works as follows:- Stud Removal: 26/04/2025 Dressing: 12/05/2025-14/05/2025 Lining: 21/05/2025 Please note that these works are weather dependent and subject to change. Works will not take place at the same time as sites N02/N03/N05. Enforcement pattern for B4396 Llyncllys: From Monday to Friday 09:30 - 16:00. From Saturday to Sunday 06:00 - 18:00
- o. Road Closure: A495 Porth-Y-Waen to County Boundary. Start Date: 23rd April. End Date: 21st May 2025. Purpose: Site N02 Surface Dressing including sweeping, and lining works as follows:- Stud Removal:- 23/04/2025 Dressing (incl. w/e):- 08/05/2025-10/05/2025 Lining:- 21/05/2025 Please note that these works are weather dependent and subject to change. Works will not take place at the same time as sites N01/N03/N04/N05/N06/C04. Enforcement pattern: From Monday to Friday 09:30 - 16:00. From Saturday to Sunday 06:00 - 18:00

## **NOTED.**

**To consider:** BT consultation on plans to remove 61 payphones in Shropshire: views sought from local communities

It was noted that the phonebox in Nantmawr is on the list for removal. It was **RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation saying the Parish Council have no objections to the removal of the telephone and that the Parish Council would be interested in adopting it with the view of installing a defibrillator in it in the future. Clerk to discuss this with Oswestry Rural Parish Council and suggest a possible collaboration on the installation of a defibrillator due to the phonebox being very close the parish boundary..

## **23.25**

### **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. Annual Parish Meeting – Discuss agenda items.

Meeting dates noted and **RESOLVED** that a speaker be invited to the APM to talk about the Woodland Management Project for the Quarry.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.52**