

# Llanyblodwel Parish Council

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Llanyblodwel Parish Council held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00pm in the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute.

**Present:** Cllr A R Beckett (Chair), Cllr R Argyle (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Williams, Cllr P Shellard, Cllr T Lewis, Cllr H Dixon and Cllr B Cross.

**In attendance:** The Clerk (Mrs Amy Jones). Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt.

## MINUTES

### 27.23 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies for absence be accepted from Cllr Counsell and Cllr Edwards.

### 28.23 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.**

### 29.23 Public Participation Session

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

### 30.23 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 including the Budget (Appendix A).

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 including the Budget (Appendix A) be approved and a copy to be signed by the Chair when they are returned from the Internal Auditor.

### 31.23 Planning Matters

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

I. **Reference:** 22/05695/FUL (validated: 21/12/2022)

**Address:** Proposed Conversion Of Garage SW Of 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

**Decision:** Refuse

**RESOLVED to note.**

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

II. **Reference:** 23/01002/VAR (validated: 07/03/2023)

**Address:** Land East Of Kilnside, Porth-y-waen, Shropshire

**Proposal:** Variation of Condition No. 2 (approved plans) attached to Planning Permission 21/04296/FUL dated 03 November 2021

It was **RESOLVED** to **MAKE A REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:

- The Parish Council have no comments to make on this variation.

III. **Reference:** 23/01115/COU (validated: 14/03/2023)

**Address:** Cynhynfa, Llynclys, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8LW

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**Proposal:** Change of use of dwelling (C3 use) into children's home for two young persons (between the ages of 8-18) with associated members of staff (C2 use)

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.

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## Finance

a) **To ratify approval of the following payments (09.03.23 meeting cancelled):**  
**RESOLVED** to approve the following payments that were made 09.03.23.

Cheque No/BACS ref	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
Direct Payment	Unity Trust	Bank Charges – due 31.03.23	£18.00
29	Turtle Engineering	Emergency Bleed Control Kit – approved minute 10.f.23 refer – paid 24.01.23	£107.94
30	The Parish Noticeboard Company	A0 Poster Noticeboard Case – 50% payable on delivery – paid 24.01.23	£367.98
31	A Jones	Clerks Salary (8 weeks), backdated pay (minute 53.c refers), mileage, HOA and Home Office Insurance (50%)	£633.00
32	HMRC	PAYE Payments	£131.40
33	Web Hosting UK	Domain Renewal (1 year)	£23.99
34	Shropshire Council	S/Light Energy Charges – 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment	£158.04

b) **To note income received (Interest - £70.50 received 31/03/23)**  
**RESOLVED** to note.

c) **To approve the bank reconciliation up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.**  
**RESOLVED** to approve.

d) **Internal controls** – Receive a report from Cllr Counsell following the internal review. Cllr Counsell was not in attendance, however, the internal checks report was completed and returned with the Audit File. No issues reported.

e) **Neighbourhood Fund 2023 Allocation** – To note amount to be received. It was **NOTED** that Llanyblodwel Parish Council is due to receive £2,381.69 in Neighbourhood Fund in April. These funds are to be transferred into Earmarked Reserves and allocated to a project at a future date.

f) **Internal Transfer** – To agree that the Clerk transfer funds into the savings account once precept is received to optimise interest.  
**RESOLVED** to approve the transfer when the funds are received, leaving £8,000 in the Current Account.

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**Noticeboards** – Discuss the issue with supply of the 2<sup>nd</sup> sponsored board and insurance.

The Clerk reported an issue with the supply of a 2<sup>nd</sup> noticeboard, which Llyncllys Aggregates had agreed to pay for. The supplier of the 1<sup>st</sup> noticeboard is not responding to any communication so Llyncllys Aggregates have been advised to request a return of their funds

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and then other suppliers will be investigated to fund a 2<sup>nd</sup> noticeboard to replace the one in Dolgoch which is beyond repair.

## **34.23 Llynclys Crossroads – Consider the Highways England Safety Study.**

Llanyblodwel Parish Council were grateful to recently have the opportunity to meet with representatives of National Highways to discuss the outcomes of the recent safety study. Llanyblodwel's Clerk, Amy Jones, attended the meeting, along with Helen Morgan MP, Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt and the Clerk and Chair of Llanymynech and Pant Community Council.

The meeting focused on the Safety Study which was commissioned by the National Highways Route Manager for Shropshire to assess possible traffic signal or roundabout options for consideration at A483 Llynclys junction following requests from stakeholders. Whilst the study is a confidential document, for use internally by National Highways, the outcome of the study was shared and concluded that the four options developed and modelled do not represent a value for money investment via the SAR and it is recommended that no further development of these options is undertaken. They confirmed that the junction continues to be monitored via the annual collision analysis for the Midlands region and if the collision numbers or severity increase further investigation be undertaken to see if further improvements are justified.

The meeting gave stakeholders an opportunity to raise questions about these findings and to push for alternative options to be explored.

The safety of the bus stop at the junction was raised and this has been a long standing concern for the Parish Council, as it is used by secondary school children on a daily basis. National Highways confirmed that there is work currently in the pipeline to improve this. The issue of reduced visibility when exiting the B road was also raised and National Highways confirmed that a further safety study would need to be carried out to look into how this could be improved, now that larger scale projects have been ruled out.

The following points were put forward to National Highways for consideration:

- Improved signage and road markings to help drivers understand the junction more clearly.
- Addressing the risk that undertaking and flashing poses.
- The speed of traffic travelling on the A495 through the junction and whether this could be dropped to 30mph?
- Engineering options including the possibility of a raised area where pedestrians can safely cross.
- The possibility of a speed camera.
- Improved lighting around the junction.

National Highways confirmed that these are all things that they will now go away and explore as the aim is to find a solution that is achievable and will reach the desired outcomes.

National Highways confirmed that the information being fed into them over the years, from the community and stakeholders, has been integral to getting the project to this point, as the data alone would not have instigated a Safety Study to be conducted.

A new study will be conducted in the new financial year and it is hoped that by Summer 2023, there will be another report available for discussion.

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The report was noted, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will continue to push for the improvements needed to make this junction safer for both road users and pedestrians and await the findings of the new study.

- 35.23**      **Coronation of King Charles III** – receive an update from the Community Group.  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Beacon Lighting, BBQ and Music at the Institute.  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Garden Fete in Llanyblodwel.

**NOTED.**

**36.23**      **Correspondence - To note:**

- a. Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation
- b. Road Closure: Schoolhouse Bridge, Long Lane, Crickheath. 20th March - 30th September 2023. Purpose: Road Closure - Reconstruction of a bridge over the Montgomery Canal. S278 Agreement with Shropshire Council is presently under discussion. Enforcement pattern for Schoolhouse Bridge, Long Lane, Crickheath: All the time
- c. Shropshire Council Leader's Update - January 2023 Levelling Up Funding
- d. Road closure: Llan farm/the bungalow, Llanyblodwel, SY10 8NQ on 17/04/23 till 19/04/2023. There will be no interruption to the water supply. A diversion route will be in place for the duration of the works and advance warning signs will be put out 2 weeks before to inform local residents.
- e. Road Closure: The Horseshoe Inn Junct To Powys County Boundary - 17th April 2023 - 19th April 2023. Purpose: Road Closure - Boundary Box Install. Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water
- f. PCC - Budget to boost community policing in West Mercia.
- g. Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill - Amendments supported by NALC and its President.
- h. Capital Highway maintenance scheme- C1013- Sweeney Mountain Rd – essential maintenance in 2023/24

**NOTED.**

**37.22**      **Police**

To note the most recent report and local policing priorities for the next quarter:

1. Drugs. 2. Speeding. 3.Theft (Farms)

**NOTED** and the priorities for the next quarter were confirmed as unchanged.

**38.22**      **Next Meeting**

To note that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 11/05/23 and will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council at 7.30pm. Annual Parish Meeting – Discuss agenda items.

- APM – Llynclys Bomber Memorial – Presentation.
- September meeting to be moved to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.33**