

Llanyblodwel Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Llanyblodwel Parish Council held on Thursday 14th March 2024 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 T Lewis, Cllr P Shellard, Cllr H Dixon, Cllr D Counsell.

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

MINUTES

14.24 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

It was **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** apologies for absence from Councillor Bethan Cross.

15.24 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.**

16.24 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.

17.24 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th January 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th January 2024 and a copy was signed by the Chair as a true record.

18.24 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. **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.**

d) **Development East of Kilinside – 21/04296/FUL (permission granted)** – Receive an update from Shropshire Council (minute 5.d.24 refers) (if available).

Shropshire Council have now carried out a site visit. Their findings were that the property under construction was consistent with approved drawings. This is in terms of location on the plot, scale of the build and detail which includes window and door positionings. The only slight difference observed was the property and garage were positioned slightly further away from the boundary with the neighbouring property. In summary there is no Planning Enforcement action necessary and the case has now been closed. **NOTED.**

19.24 Reports

a. Clerk's Report. **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 bridge and elderly residents crossing road, possibly reduce speed to 30mph. Highways England – awaiting a further report following the meeting. Followed up 15.08.23 and Highways England are still	Improved signage included in 2022/23 SC Highways Budget. Requested an update and date for installation as no progress. No update given – chasing up.

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<p>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 and Feb 24 but no response.</p> <p>Helen Morgan MP has provided an update in the press stating that a reduction in speed limit has been agreed and installation of a speed camera is being discussed.</p>	On-going.
<p>VAS Post now installed and VAS to be moved from Dolgoch to Bryn Melyn. Data to be obtained.</p>	To note.
<p>Outstanding Highways maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llansantffraid Junction - work is now scheduled as part of the maintenance programme – due to be done 14th March. • Blodwel Bank - The edge of carriageway defects should have been done by end September – being followed up by a technician. • The ditching should be done by or carried out in November – Done March 2023. 	On-going.
<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 Llyncllys 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>	On-going – no update. FOLLOW UP as there has been no progress since August.
<p>Porthywaen Playing Field</p> <p>Enquiry from a new football team hoping to join the Sunday Shrewsbury League, looking for a pitch. Enquiry passed to Shropshire Council.</p>	To note.
<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>	To note.
<p>Water running down Sam's Lane</p> <p>Clerk to ask Highways for advice about water being discharged from the property which is ending up on the Highway. Write to the resident expressing the Parish Council's concerns.</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 received.**
- c. **Police Report – Receive monthly report and consider top 3 policing priorities for the next Quarter. Currently: 1. Drugs, 2. Speeding, 3. Thefts (farms)**
No monthly report. It was **RESOLVED** to adjust the priorities to 1. Drugs 2. Theft (farms), 3. Speeding.
- d. **Shropshire Councillor Report**
Councillor Hunt reported on the following matters:

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- Shropshire Council have had to make £41m of savings in the 2024/25 budget. Considering a reduction in recycling facilities. Concerns raised with regards to the impact this will have on fly tipping.
- The North West Relief Road has been approved through planning and now the business case is to be sent to Government for funding.
- Shirehall costs Shropshire Council £1.5m a year to run so they are looking to relocate to save money.
- The University of Chester are withdrawing from Shrewsbury as recently reported in the press.

Report **NOTED**.

20.24

Finance

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

Cheque No/BACS ref	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
31	A Jones	Clerks Salary (9 weeks), mileage, HOA, expenses, reimbursement for Home Office Insurance (divided between 3 councils)	£731.92
32	HMRC	PAYE Payments	£177.95
33	The Parish Noticeboard Company	2 x Noticeboards – Bryn Melyn and Llanyblodwel	£1590.00
34	Webhosting UK Com Ltd	Website Domain Renewal 1 year	£24.59
35	Shropshire Council	S/Light Energy – 4 th Quarter	£178.51
36	Glasdon	Bench	£721.43
DD	Unity Trust	Quarterly Bank Charges – to be paid 31.03.24	£18.00

b) To note income received. **NOTED**. Businesses were thanked for their generous support funding new noticeboards in the Parish and once they are installed a photo will be arranged and some PR.

- Lloyds Animal Feeds – Donation for Noticeboard in Llanyblodwel - £620.00
- Star Housing Grant - £623 (noticeboard), £300 (bench) - £923.00

c) To approve the bank reconciliation up to and including 29th February 2024. **APPROVED**.

d) To note the Neighbourhood Fund Payment due April 2024.

It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council are expecting £2102.12 in Neighbourhood Fund in April. It was **RESOLVED** to hold this in Earmarked Reserves for 'Play Equipment'.

e) Internal controls – receive a report.

Councillors Counsell will now take the accounts to carry out a review before Year End, when they will be sent to the internal Auditor. **NOTED**.

21.24

Asset Management / Parish Maintenance / Parish Matters

a) Closed Churchyards

Wall repairs – Receive an update on the ordered work and discuss further work for the new financial year.

The Clerk reported that there has been some confusion with the contractor and they are now working on Item 10 in Llanyblodwel Churchyard (the retaining wall on the path opposite the Church Tower). This work was not ordered by the Parish Council and the Contractor has taken responsibility for the confusion. As a result, Items 2 and 3 at Morton

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have been delayed (ordered May and September respectively). The mistake was accepted as item 10 would have been the next repair to be ordered and in agreement with the contractor, the Parish Council will pay for the work as the funds become available. Clerk to follow up with the contractor a completion date for all ordered works.

NOTED.

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

The Clerk reported that the funding applications have now been approved, funds received and the bench and noticeboard ordered. Once installed (kindly being done free of charge by Evans Construction), a photo with all businesses who have supported the project will be arranged. **NOTED.**

- c) **Noticeboard** for Llanyblodwel – Receive an update on funding, location and installation. The Clerk reported that Lloyds Animal Feeds very kindly agreed to fund the new noticeboard for Llanyblodwel. Highways have confirmed the location next to the salt bin at the junction for the bridge/church and the noticeboard has been ordered. Installation is being done free of charge by Evans Construction and a photo will be arranged once installed. **NOTED.**

- d) **Red Phonebox at Llanyblodwel** – Discuss renovation and possible uses – receive an update from Cllr Argyle following discussions with Café Blodwel. No update. **RESOLVED** to remove this item from future agendas.

- e) **Llanyblodwel Bridge** – Discuss recent updates.

It was reported that the temporary concrete blocks are being nudged and the pole for the CCTV camera has been installed but not the Camera. Cllr Hunt asked if there is an update available and it was reported that the installation of the Camera is in progress.

22.24

Highways

Llynclys Crossroads – discuss the update received via Helen Morgan MP.

It was **NOTED** that Helen Morgan MP has reported in the press that National Highways is now recommending the speed limit for the crossroads is reduced to 30mph over the junction, with a progressive reduction in speed on the approach (60mph to 40mph to 30mph). As well as cutting the speed limit, the scheme being put forward for the junction also includes an enforcement camera (speed camera).

The Clerk reported that National Highways had not been in touch with the parish Council directly to update Councillors on this development and this was due to a staffing change. Contact has now been made with the Route Manager for Shropshire and he will keep the Parish Council updated in regards to their progress obtaining funding for the scheme.

NOTED.

23.24

D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024

Discuss.

Cllrs Argyle and Shellard reported that plans are being put in place for an event on Thursday 6th June. This will be an evening function in the Institute – lighting of the Beacon (playing of the national anthem), Food, Entertainment, Community Event. Plans also being discussed for a Duck Race in the Summer – details TBC.

NOTED.

24.24

Correspondence - To note:

- a. SALC and NALC Newsletters and Bulletins.
- b. PCC Newsletters
- c. Information on 'Digital Shropshire'
- d. Shropshire Food Partnership – Right to Grow
- e. Helen Morgan MP – 2024 Winter Update
- f. Vyrnwy Frankton - phase one consultation feedback summary
- g. Project Gigabit Stakeholder Update – February 2024
- h. Awel y Môr Newsletter

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- i. Road Closure: Nantmawr Bank, Nantmawr. 1 May 2024. Purpose: Renew Pole in Verge. Works Promoter: Openreach
- j. Shropshire Council Medium Term Financial Strategy & 2024/25 Budget Proposals
- k. North Shropshire Project Gigabit - progress update webinar and Freedom Fibre: wayleave and permission to work agreements
- l. Lezley's Leader Update
- m. Webhosting UK - price increase notification (6%).
- n. A483 Mile End to Upper Sweeney drainage work
- o. Road Closure: Unnamed Road B5069 to Nuttree crossroads, Llyncllys. 3rd June 2024. Works Promoter: Severn Trent Water
- p. Free Portrait of His Majesty King Charles – ordered.

NOTED.

To consider:

Public Space Protection Order, dog constraints – consultation deadline 15th March. **RESOLVED** not to respond.

25.24

Next Meeting

To note that the Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7.00pm and will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council at 7.30pm. Annual Parish Meeting – Discuss agenda items.

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 9th May at 7.00pm, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council. **RESOLVED** to invite a representative from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust to give a talk at the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50.