

# Llanyblodwel Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Meeting of Llanyblodwel Parish Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 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 N Williams, Cllr B Cross.

**In attendance:** The Clerk (Amy Jones). 2 Members of the Public. Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt.

## MINUTES

### 72.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr P Shellard. Apologies **ACCEPTED**.

### 73.24 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**.

### 74.24 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 present spoke on the following matters:

- A query was raised regarding Freedom Fibre. Is there a definitive map for the Parish of Llanyblodwel and where the poles are going to go. If not, when could it be expected? Why can't existing poles be used? The Clerk will feed these questions back and share the response.

### 75.24 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and a copy of the minutes were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### 76.24 Planning Matters

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

- I. **Reference:** 24/03125/VAR (validated: 14/08/2024)  
**Address:** Hillcrest, Pen-y-bont Llanerch Emrys, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 9JF  
**Proposal:** Variation of condition no. 2 (approved drawings) attached to planning permission ref 23/01777/FUL to alter the design of the approved drawings to make better use of space and the views  
**Decision:** Grant Permission
- II. **Reference:** 24/03476/LBC (validated: 10/09/2024)  
**Address:** Brynyfedwen, Llanyblodwel, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8NG  
**Proposal:** Removal of modern internal partition walls and internal modern doorsets at first floor. The removal of an existing modern rooflight and infill of aperture.  
**Decision:** Grant Permission

#### **NOTED.**

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

- III. **Reference:** 24/03805/FUL (validated: 04/10/2024)  
**Address:** Proposed Conversion Of Garage SW Of Min Y Dwr, Llanyblodwel, Shropshire  
**Proposal:** Conversion and change of use of existing garage and office/storage building into a holiday let  
**It was RESOLVED to make a representation with the following comments:**
  - The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

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- IV. **Reference:** 24/04199/PIP (validated: 06/11/2024)  
**Address:** Land Adjacent To White House , Coopers Lane, Porth-y-waen, Shropshire  
**Proposal:** Application for Permission in Principle for construction of between 2No. dwelling and 4No. dwellings  
**It was RESOLVED to OBJECT with the following comments:**
- Whilst the Parish Council are willing to accept development in the Parish, the Parish Council Object to this application for Permission in Principle on the basis that it is outside of the development boundary.
  - The Parish Council consider two properties to be an overdevelopment of the site.
  - There have been multiple applications on this site previously that have been refused, indicating the site's unsuitability for development.
- c) **Ratify comments submitted on Planning Applications outside of a meeting (Scheme of Delegation refers)**
- I. **Reference:** 24/03570/FUL (validated: 25/09/2024)  
**Address:** The Yard, Porth-y-waen, Oswestry, Shropshire  
**Proposal:** Erection of commercial building for B8 use, following relocation of existing timber building, erection of boundary palisade fencing and 2No containers  
Comment submitted 11/10/24: **OBJECT** with the following comments:
- The Parish Council raise their concerns regarding ingress and egress and the sites unsuitability for vehicles over a certain length due to the lack of turning facilities.
  - There is currently no passing place, should two vehicles meet on the narrow lane.
  - The Yard is sited on a wet land and the wet land runs into an SSI leading to the potential for contamination.
  - The sites proximity to an SSI prohibits it being used for certain commercial enterprises.
  - If Officers are minded to approve the application, the Parish Council strongly request that mitigation is taken, through conditions placed on the consent, stipulating improvements for the provision of vehicles arriving at and exiting the site. An increase in vehicles will only increase the risk to local residents and measures would need to be put in place to mitigate this risk.
- NOTED and RATIFIED.**
- d) **Consider Planning applications not listed above that are received after the issue of this agenda and are included on Shropshire Council's website.**
- I. **Reference:** 24/04277/FUL (validated: 08/11/2024)  
**Address:** Rose Cottage, Bryn, Nantmawr, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 9EQ  
**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear sunroom extension
- It was RESOLVED to MAKE A REPRESENTATION with the following comments:**
- The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application.

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## Reports – To consider

### a. Clerk's Report (attached)

Matter reported to Clerk / matters ongoing / update	Action Taken
<b>Llyncllys Crossroads</b> Speed concerns Bryn Melyn to Llyncllys 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.	On agenda to be discussed.
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.	On-going.

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<p><b>Outstanding Highways maintenance:</b></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>	On-going.
<p><b>Turner’s Lane</b></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><b>Update 03.10.24</b> - 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>	On-going
<p><b>Defibrillators</b></p> <p>4 x new pads replaced Sept 24.</p>	To note.
<p><b>Streetlights</b></p> <p>Streetlight at bottom of Turner’s Lane and in Dolgoch glowing blue – reported to Highline. Waiting for some replacement parts from manufacturer and unsure when they will be delivered.</p>	To note.
<p><b>Llanyblodwel Bridge</b></p> <p>Need for a sign indicating that the bridge is wide enough for emergency vehicles.</p>	Request made to Highways Engineer.

- 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)

**Cllr Beckett – North Shropshire Council’s meet with MP – 20<sup>th</sup> September**

20 Chairs and Vices present from around North Shropshire.

Various topics covered.

A resume of the meeting was **NOTED**.

- c. **Police Report and Policing Priorities for the next quarter – currently drugs, thefts from farms and speeding. RESOLVED** that these remain unchanged and the following report was noted.

**Parish – Llanyblodwel**

**For the calendar month October 2024**

**Community priorities:**

1. Drugs
2. Theft / farm
3. Speeding

**Priority 1.**

No reported incidents of drugs during this time frame.

**Priority 2.**

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No reported incidents.

## Priority 3.

Various highway/driving related incidents, including a drink driver, sheep on the road, RTC's etc but non mention specifically speeding as a factor.

## d. Shropshire Councillor Report.

**CLlr Hunt reported on the following matters not already covered as part of the agenda:**

- Booking slots for the household recycling centres. Reference to Kent Council and how it has been a resounding success. ID must be shown on arrival to prove residency in the County.
- The majority of staff have now left Shirehall and are working from home in the interim. Phased move to new locations for departments.
- Veolia Grants available for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running.

**NOTED.**

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## Finance

- a) **To approve the following payments.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments and those paid outside of the meeting were **NOTED** and **RATIFIED**.

Cheque No/BACS ref	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
16	Llanerch Arboriculture (David Woodhouse)	Tree Inspections (paid 25.10.24 outside of meeting)	£230.00
17	WEL Medical	4 x defib pads (paid 25.10.24 outside of meeting)	£299.70
18	Highline Electrical	VAS Bryn Melyn (	£39.60
19	A Jones	Clerks Salary (9 weeks), mileage, HOA, expenses (2 wreaths), back dated pay 23 weeks.	£695.27
20	HMRC	PAYE Payments	£177.95
21 – Cheque No 300009	Cefnblodwel Methodist Chapel	Room Hire – July Meeting	£40.00
Direct	Unity Trust	Bank Charges (paid 31.10.24)	£5.40
		Bank Charges (to be paid 31.11.24)	£6.00

- b) **To note Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25. NOTED.**

- c) **To note income received.** Bank Interest paid 30.09.24 £178.82. **NOTED**

- d) **To approve the bank reconciliation up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. APPROVED.**

- e) **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Report – Consider.** No issues or queries raised. **APPROVED.**

- f) **2025/26 Budget – Discuss projects ahead of budget planning.** To note National Insurance Employer Payments are now applicable (Autumn Budget). It was **NOTED** that the rate of employer NICs will increase from 13.8% to 15% from 6 April 2025. The Secondary Threshold is the point at which employers become liable to pay NICs on employees' earnings and is currently set at £9,100 a year. The government will reduce the Secondary Threshold to £5,000 a year from 6 April 2025 until 6 April 2028 so this will affect the Parish Council. This is to be taken into consideration when the Clerk drafts the budget for consideration at the January meeting. No new projects were put forward due to tight financial constraints. It was agreed that the parish council's General Reserve needs to be increased so this needs to be incorporated into the budget.

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## Asset Management / Parish Maintenance / Parish Matters

- a) **Closed Churchyards - Wall repairs** – Receive an update on the ordered work. Ongoing. No update available from the Contractor.
- b) **Closed Churchyards** – Tree Inspections – Consider Reports. The reports were **NOTED** and no work has been identified from the inspections.
- c) **Closed Churchyards** – Annual Headstone Inspections – Consider report from the Clerk. The Clerk reported that the Headstone Inspections will be completed in the coming weeks and a report will be given at the next meeting. Deferred to January.
- d) **Play Equipment for the Parish** – Receive an update following a site meeting at Bryn Melyn and consider quotes for possible installations. The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council have now given permission for equipment to be installed in the Bryn Melyn Play Area and a site meeting has taken place. Options put forward by suppliers were considered and it was **AGREED** that a Slide and Swings (cradle and flat) are a priority. It was **RESOLVED** deferring considering quotes until the Clerk has explored options for external funding (National Lottery, Veolia, Star Housing, Quarry) to increase the budget for the projects.
- e) **Signage for Bryn Melyn and West Mercia PCC Safer Roads Funding** – Receive an update following discussions with Shropshire Councils Highways Traffic Engineer. On hold as Shropshire Council have not confirmed whether they would take on ownership of the signs.
- f) **Nantmawr** – Discuss the process for pursuing the request to have a speed limit introduced through Nantmawr. Consider the perceived impact (H/M/L) the implementation of a speed limit would have. Councillors discussed the perceived Impact and it was **RESOLVED** that this be: High. The Clerk will now report this back to the Traffic Engineer and the project will be assessed for feasibility.
- g) **Bulb Planting** – Consider proposal from Cllr Cross. Cllr Cross proposed planting bulbs around the bases of the Noticeboards. **AGREED** and a working group be set up.
- h) **Accessibility of Emergency vehicles via the Llanyblodwel Bridge** – Discuss. **There was a perceived accessibility issue which resulted in a lengthy delay in the Emergency Services reaching the property.** The Clerk reported that this has been passed to Highways but no response has been received. To be followed up with Cllr Hunt.

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## Shropshire Council – Survey – Partnering to provide Services in the Parish

To note the response from Shropshire Council following the consultation.

It was **NOTED** that the proposals from Shropshire Council to partner to support with the providing of services in the County are no longer being pursued.

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## Correspondence - To note:

- a. SALC and NALC Newsletters and Bulletins.
- b. PPC Newsletters
- c. Shropshire Project Gigabit Stakeholder Update - October 2024
- d. Freedom Fibre - North Shropshire Project Gigabit - progress update webinar
- e. Shropshire Council - Meverley Bridge - 7.5t Restriction – Update
- f. Shropshire Council - New recycling centres booking system
- g. Shropshire Council - Fix my street improvements update
- h. Shropshire Council - Road Closure: Unnamed road from Horseshoe Inn to Powys boundary. 6th February 2025. Purpose: Road Closure - Provide new pole in verge. Works Promoter: Openreach. Enforcement pattern: 8.00 - 17.00hrs
- i. Shropshire Council - Road Closure: Unnamed road Tynycoed to Nantmawr. 17th February 2025. Purpose: Road Closure - Renew Pole in Verge. Works Promoter: Openreach. Enforcement pattern for Unnamed road Tynycoed to Nantmawr: 8.00 - 17.00hrs  
**NOTED.**

## To discuss:

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- a) Consultation on legislation changes to enable remote meeting. **RESOLVED** not to respond.
- b) Lord-Lieutenant's Shropshire Garden Party 2025 – Consider a possible nomination. It was **RESOLVED** that Bethan Cross be nominated for her considerable contribution to the local community.
- c) Shropshire Council - Review of Banners, Bunting and Festive lighting Policy and Process. **RESOLVED** not to respond.

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**Next Meeting**

To note the date, time and location of the next meeting.  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.46**