

Llanyblodwel Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Llanyblodwel Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute.

Present: Cllr P Shellard (Chair), Cllr B Cross (Vice-Chair), Cllr K Bell, Cllr T Lewis, Cllr A Beckett, Cllr B Edwards, Cllr D Counsell, Cllr N Williams, Cllr H Dixon.

In attendance: The Clerk (Amy Jones). 2 members of the public.

MINUTES

22.26 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

All present. Apologies from Shropshire Councillor Duncan Borrowman were noted.

23.26 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.**

24.26 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.

25.26 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th January 2026 (which included the 2026-27 budget) and Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd February 2026.

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th January 2026 (which included the 2026-27 budget) and Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd February 2026 and copies were signed by the Chair as true and accurate records of the meetings.

26.26 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions, Updates and Appeals – To note

I. **Reference:** Reference: 26/00214/PIP (validated: 20/01/2026)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land To The North Of, Porth-y-waen, Shropshire

Proposal: Permission in Principle for the construction of between 2No. and 8No. dwellings

Decision: Refuse

II. **Reference:** 25/03393/OUT (validated: 24/09/2025)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land East Of, Brynmelyn, Llyncllys, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline application (access, layout, scale and landscaping for approval) for the erection of 5No dwellings and associated works

Decision: Grant Permission

NOTED.

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

II. **Reference:** 26/00722/FUL (validated: 24/02/2026)

Address: Abertanat Farm, Llanyblodwel, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8NA

Proposal: Erection of a Silage Clamp and All Associated Works

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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- 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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Reports – To consider

- a. Clerk's Report. **NOTED.**

Matter reported to Clerk / matters ongoing / update	Action Taken
<p>A - Bryn Melyn 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.</p> <p>B - Llyncllys Crossroads National Highways – Public Meeting with Helen Morgan MP, Shropshire Council and National Highways took place on 27th November to update on plans to improve safety along the A483.</p> <p>C - ASB on Llyncllys Crossroads. Reported to Police to reiterate residents concerns (minute 76.25 refers)</p>	<p>A - Awaiting response from SC regarding project cost before being able to pursue alternative avenues for funding the signs. Followed up but no response. Passed to Shropshire Councillor to follow up. This is likely to now fall under the jurisdiction of 'Partnership Working'. Further details on this process to be shared by Shropshire Council in due course.</p>
<p>Defibrillators – no issues to report.</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). Update 05.01.26 - It will be including the speed order request in the proposed programme for the 26/27 ITP works. Any inclusion will be subject to scheme estimates and priority allocation, but it will be raised for inclusion in the new financial year schemes.</p>	<p>On-going. Email sent to DB on 05.01.26 to request an update. Responded with update from Traffic Engineer.</p>
<p>Llanyblodwel Bridge No update regarding whether the width restriction is to be made permanent.</p>	<p>Passed to Shropshire Councillor to follow up – Sept 25. Email sent to DB on 05.01.26 to request an update.</p>
<p>Nantmawr Phonebox Still being pursued by Shropshire Council.</p>	<p>On-going.</p>
<p>Blocked Culvert – Bottom of Blodwel Bank Issue has been getting progressively worse over the last 18 months-2 years with the edge of the highway collapsing, verge pushed back and culvert blocked meaning water is running down a large section of the road, pooling in places and creating bad pot holes.</p>	<p>Reported on Fix My Street. Email sent to Cllr Borrowman 21.11.25 to request that this be dealt with. Cllr Borrowman following up with Highways.</p>
<p>Dolgoch Noticeboard</p>	<p>Complete.</p>

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Now installed.	
Play Equipment – Bryn Melyn Installation scheduled to start on Monday 16 th March. Plaque to be ordered from the National Lottery and arrange PR when installation complete.	Ongoing.
Website Parish Online are still trying to gain access to the old site to point the domain at the new website. New transfer code now requested. Now complete.	Completed
Streetlights As per asset inspection schedule – electrical checks and condition survey required. Ordered. Awaiting reports from Highline.	Tests ordered.

- 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)

It was **NOTED** that a great day had been had in Llanyblodwel Churchyard – Community Morning clearing ivy, overgrowth and tidying.

- c. **Police Report.** Consider the Police Report and Agree Policing Priorities for April-October. The report was **NOTED** and the following Policing Priorities **AGREED**:

1. **ASB – At Llyncllys Crossroads and fly tipping in Llanyblodwel/Porthywaen area.**
2. **Speeding – A495 - bottom of Blodwel Bank through to the band hall.**
3. **Thefts**

- d. **Shropshire Councillor Report.** No report received.

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Finance

- a) **Internal Transfer** – Agree a transfer of £20,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account. A Transfer of £30,000 was **APPROVED**.

- b) **To approve the following payments.** The following payments were approved and it was **AGREED** that the invoice from Ray Parry Playgrounds for the Play Equipment at Bryn Melyn be paid outside of the meeting, when received, providing it is in accordance with the quote.

Cheque No/BACS ref	Payee	Details	Amount (inc VAT)
28	A Jones	Overtime – paid in February (minute 20.26 refers)	£139.71
29	HMRC	PAY Payments – paid in February (minute 20.26 refers)	£34.80
DD	Ocean Telecom	Phone services – E-SIM (paid 23.02.26)	£15.60
DD	Unity Trust	Bank Charges – Jan (paid 28.02.26)	£6.00
30	A Jones	Clerks Salary (10 weeks), mileage, HOA, homemaker/home office insurance reimbursement Final payment	£849.67
31	HMRC	PAYE Payments and NI	£286.63
DD	Shropshire Council	Streetlight Energy – 4 th Quarter	£182.38

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32	Evans Construction	Installation of Dolgoch Noticeboard	£526.75
33	Whittington Parish Council	Printing contribution – 6 months	£50.00
-	Ray Parry Playgrounds	Play equipment for Bryn Melyn	£Invoice not yet received
DD	Ocean Telecom	Phone services – E-SIM	£15.60
Direct	Unity Trust	Bank Charges – Feb	£6.00
		Bank Charges - March	£7.00

- c) **To note income received.** None received.
- d) **To approve the bank reconciliation up to and including 28.02.26. APPROVED.**
- e) **Internal Controls** – Receive a report from Cllr Counsell following an internal check on the accounts. Report **NOTED**. No issues raised.
- f) **Signatories** – To discuss banking arrangements and signatories on the accounts. It was **RESOLVED** that all signatories remain unchanged:
 Cllr Shellard
 Cllr Williams
 Cllr A Beckett
 Cllr T Lewis
FURTHER RESOLVED that the locum clerk to be added as the key contact if they are agreeable.

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Grounds Maintenance Contract

Exclusion of Press and Public

That in accordance with s1(2) Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press be excluded from this agenda item on the grounds that the following items to be considered involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

Consider quotations and appoint a contractor for the contract running April 2026 – March 2029.

It was **RESOLVED** that this item be dealt with at the end of the meeting, as the last item on the agenda.

The Clerk reported that despite inviting 4 contractors to quote for the contract, only 2 quotes have been received.

The quotes were considered and it was **RESOLVED** to award the contract to A.G. Royce Garden and Property Maintenance.

It was **FURTHER NOTED** that the PCC have written to the Parish Council regarding the snowdrops in the area between the lych gate and the east front. This work complements the planting of daffodils. For the snowdrop bulbs to recover their strength after flowering the plants need to be left in the green for a few weeks. Can the Parish Council ensure the contractor is agreeable to leaving the section with snowdrops fallow providing the PCC then undertake to cut and rake that area in preparation for them to continue with the contract for the rest of the year.

AGREED.

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Asset Management / Parish Maintenance / Parish Matters

- a) **Bryn Melyn Play Equipment** – To note progress on installation and asset transfer to Shropshire Council. To note that the equipment will not be registered as a Parish Council Asset.

The Clerk reported that installation started in on 16th March and is due to be completed by Monday 23rd. It was **NOTED** that the equipment will not be registered as a Parish Council Asset as the arrangement is in place and in writing with Shropshire Council, that once installed, they will automatically take ownership of it as it is on their land. They will

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be responsible for ongoing safety inspections ongoing and minimal maintenance but will not replace items, should they be rendered unusable in the future.

It was **FURTHER AGREED** that once installed, some publicity be arranged to acknowledge the new installation. The Clerk was also asked to order a Plaque from the Lottery to acknowledge their financial contribution.

- b) **Llanyblodwel Red Phonebox** – Receive an update on the possible installation of a Defibrillator cabinet and Defibrillator, funded by Llanyblodwel Community Group. A defibrillator has been found that does not need to be housed a cabinet powered by electricity. Research remains ongoing. **RESOLVED** to provide a further update at a future meeting.

- c) **30mph Speed Limits** – Discuss
It was **AGREED** that the following roads are the priorities in the parish in regards to reducing speeds.

- Blodwel Bank – from bottom to top
- Nantmawr
- Bryn Melyn – change from 40mph to 30mph

RESOLVED to submit these suggestions to Cllr Borrowman.

31.26 Community Consultation / Parish Plan Refresh

Discuss.

RESOLVED to defer to later in the year.

32.26 Recruitment of Clerk/RFO

Discuss

The Chair reported that a Locum is in place in the short term and will take over from the Clerk on 26th March on a temporary basis. An interview has taken place and it was **RESOLVED** to offer the position to the applicant. Salary point and start date to be agreed.

33.26 Correspondence - To note and consider (where stated):

- SALC and NALC Newsletters and Bulletins.
- PPC Newsletters
- SALC – Training Schedule 2026
- Verge Restoration Project Conference
- Broadband & Mobile Phone Connectivity Briefing
- Shropshire Council – New Asset Transfer Policy
- MP Helen Morgan – Letter to the Secretary of State for Roads and Transport re: Llyncllys Crossroads and the A483.
- Correspondence from Residents.
- From the Llanyblodwel PCC – Thanks for the recent work undertaken.

NOTED.

34.26 Next Meeting

To note that the date and time of the next meetings.

Thursday 21st May - 7.00pm – Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council. A possible speaker was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to invite Ken Owen (Oswestry Borderland Heritage).

Thursday 16th July - 7.30pm

Thursday 17th September - 7.30pm

Thursday 19th November - 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30