



The Pantlan Reporter

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BYPASS

All our hard work towards gaining a Bypass for Pant and Llanymynech resulted in the A483 being included in the Targeted Improvement Roads Programme. Presentations were given at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2002 from the Consultants and the Highways Agency on how they planned to research, consult and design our Bypass. Work has been continuing and consultation on the route is awaited, but appears to have been delayed. The Highways Agency will be involved in the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2004 to update the residents on their progress with the project.



LLANYMYNECH HERITAGE PARTERSHIP



the new Project Officer, every Fund for improvements to a consultation exercise was carried out. The Consultation Event was held in April 2004. The Parish Council had over 200 people. All the organisations of the area, such as the County Council etc all had representatives. They are now preparing final



British Waterways continue with their plans for the restoration of the Montgomery Canal and have just published their Conservation Management Strategy for consultation.

IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Whenever possible the Council like to improve the appearance of the village or help the ecology of the area.



To commemorate the Queen's 50th Anniversary of the Coronation year it was decided to plant 50 trees in the Llanymynech Heritage Area. Circumstances prevented this happening in 2003 but the project was completed on the 24th January, when an enthusiastic group planted a further 50 trees donated by the Countryside Project. A plaque is being made at Ironbridge Museum which will be sited in the area to mark the community project.

The entrance to Llanymynech Playing Field was greatly in need of refurbishment and because of the problem of vehicles being taken onto the field, the entrances had to be secured. A group of Councillors from Llanymynech were responsible for installing new gates in keeping with the site and replacing the King George V plaques. This has made the field secure and much improved the appearance of the entrance.



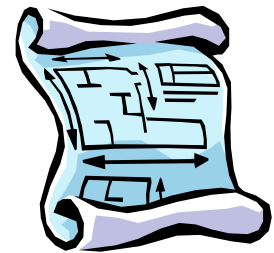


FIRST RESPONDERS [SAFER]

The Council supports the Shropshire Ambulance First Emergency Responder Scheme and has tried to initiate a group in the area. A demonstration was given at the Parish Meeting in 2003 with the Youth Club taking part. Volunteers are needed to train as Responders in medical emergencies until a paramedic or ambulance arrives. The Council is keen to have this wonderful service available in Llanymynech and Pant and would support any efforts to put a scheme in place.

A PARISH PLAN

A public meeting was held on the 10th March 2004 to form a group to carry out a Parish Plan with assistance of funding from the Countryside Agency. The Appraisal carried out by the Parish Council with volunteers in 1998 now requires updating. Most of the 33 recommendations contained in the Appraisal have been met or addressed. The Parish Plan can form the basis of the community's aspirations for the next 5 years. 18 volunteers have come forward to carry out the Plan and held their first meeting on the 7th April.



WHAT DOES THE PARISH COUNCIL DO?

The Councillors make representations on planning matters, they can only pass on their comments to the Planning Authority, but these are taken into account when the application is being determined.

The Council has been pressing the Highways Agency [HA] to install a crossing in Pant. The HA assessed the road in 2003 and reported by telephone that the village did not seem to have a need for a crossing. The Council reiterated the need and said that the assessment should be done at a busy time of day when children are using the road. The Officer promised to include this in the report; a response is still awaited.

Both Pant and Llanymynech Playing Fields have play equipment, which is inspected and maintained and when necessary old equipment removed and replaced. The toddler swings at Llanymynech have been found to be beyond economical repair and will have to be removed. The Council cannot afford to replace them without grant aid, so are investigating a source of funding.

Traffic problems – speed limits, crossings etc; name signs, litter, street lighting, pot holes and hedges are among other items that the Council has dealt with during the year. The Council, jointly with Carreghofa Community Council, operates the cemetery. Meetings between the two Councils are held regularly.

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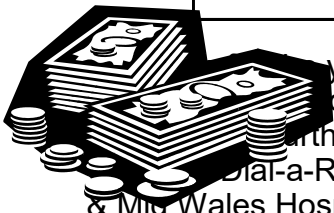
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A Footpath Walk is a popular activity organised by the Parish Council every year. This year the date coincided with a bad storm so the walk had to be postponed to the 29th August. An interesting route was planned and the walk led by Cllr Adam Brown.

Llanymynech Village Hall Committee has plans to enlarge the building and improve the facilities. The Parish Council made time at meetings for residents to bring forward their comments. Then special meetings were convened with the residents and the Hall representatives to aid negotiations and smooth the planning application process. The Council are doing as much as possible to assist the Committee with their proposals.

A site for recycling is still under investigation, the Council has the agreement of Oswestry Borough Council to provide the facility, who are even willing to place bins just across the Border if a site can be found. Does anyone have any ideas for a site?

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY



The year 2002/2003 have been audited. The Precept amounted to £12 on 137 of the Local Government Act the Council is able to make a further donation of £150 was given to Llanymynech Youth Club. £75 to a Bial-a-Ride, £75 each to Talking Newspaper for the Blind, The Shropshire & Mid Wales Hospice and Shropshire Wildlife Trust for purchase of land on Llyncllys Hill. A donation of £80 was given towards the maintenance of the village clock on the tower of St. Agatha's Church.

WHO ARE THE PARISH COUNCILLORS?



The Chairperson is Cllr Terry Mason Other Councillors are Adam Brown, Mrs. Jennie Crosier, Mrs. Dilys Gaskill, Bob Jones. Mark Keaveny, Peter McConville, Ian Pollitt and Mrs. Janet Smith. Cllr Mrs. Dilys Gaskill is also the County and Borough Councillor for the Ward. Mrs. Vivien Byrne is the Clerk.

Elections took place in May 2003. There are 11 seats on the Parish Council. This time only 9 seats were filled by election. If all seats are not filled, co-option can take place, with candidates putting their name forward to the Clerk. Cllrs Les Griffiths and Leigh Hammond were co-opted onto the Council in 2003 to fill the two vacancies.