



The Pantlan Reporter

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BYPASS

The Bypass remains at the forefront of the Parish Council Agenda and this was very evident at the Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2002. The Consultants and the Highways Agency gave presentations to a packed Pant Memorial Institute, on how they planned to research, consult and design our Bypass. The sod transplanted from the Nesscliffe Bypass is now growing vigorously on Pant Village Green as a reminder of our need for a Bypass.



CELEBRATION, COMMEMORATION AND PRIDE



Oswestry Borough Mayor, Cllr Mrs Dilys Gaskill, greets Cllr Stan Brown before the Borough Council's Civic Service at Pant Methodist Church

CELEBRATION

The Council was delighted when Cllr Mrs. Dilys Gaskill was elected as The Mayor of the Borough of Oswestry. For the first time in history Pant Methodist Chapel was the setting of the Civic Service on Sunday, 28th July 2002. Further cause for celebration was the award of an MBE to former Mayor and Councillor Stan Brown of Pant for his 40 years of service to local government. Cllr Stan Brown retired from the Parish Council at the end of 2002 after 40 years service and a Red Book was presented to him containing a version of 'This is Your Parish Council Life'

COMMEMORATION

It was decided to commemorate the Queen's Coronation Jubilee by planting 50 trees in the Llanymynech Heritage Area. The trees were donated by the Countryside Project and all the village organisations were represented when over 40 people took part in the planting on the 15th March 2003.



PRIDE



Pant Village Green was entered by the Clerk for a Community Pride Award in July. Judges from the Environment Agency visited in September and were shown the now completed Village Green. The prize money was intended for the 'finishing touch' of a notice board at the edge of the Green. In December Cllr Bob Jones attended the Prize giving ceremony and was given a plaque for a Commendation, a book on walks and an umbrella – we will have to try again for the notice board.

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WHAT DOES THE PARISH COUNCIL DO?

The Councillors have made very many representations on planning matters, particularly about the development at Briggs Lane. These matters are still unresolved and petitions have been made about some issues, so the Parish Council will continue to press for resident's wishes until there is a satisfactory conclusion. The change of use of Llanymynech Corner Shop was supported and tree preservation orders were requested on the Tregarthen Lane field, which was the subject of a planning application.

In 2003 the Council have agreed to help form a Steering Group to carry out a Parish Plan with assistance of funding from the Countryside Agency to allow residents to determine their Action Plan for the village's future

The play equipment is inspected and maintained and when necessary old equipment removed and replaced. Traffic problems – speed limit, 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.

The problem of dog fouling continues as in all parishes and is a threat to the health of children as well as being an obnoxious nuisance. Notices are in place to remind people of the bylaws – Fines of £1,000 can be imposed if dog owners are prosecuted for not clearing up after their pets. The Council is also concerned about the nuisance of cars driving onto Llanymynech Playing Field. A scheme to prevent this is being planned and will be in place shortly. The Concrete Works site has caused concern and site meetings have been held there.



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MONEY, MONEY, MONEY



Under new regulations the Council now has an independent Internal Auditor and an external Audit. Accounts for the year 2001/2002 have been audited. The Precept amounted to £9200 Under section 137 of the Local Government Act the Council is able to make donations. This year a donation of £100 was given to Llanymynech Youth Club with a further £150 pledged for April 2003. Llanymynech Village Hall was given £100 towards the cost of rewiring. £50 to Qube for DialaRide and Care provision, with £25 each to Samaritans, CAB and CCS

WHO ARE THE PARISH COUNCILLORS?



The Chairperson is Cllr Bob Jones. Other Councillors are Adam Brown, Mrs. Jennie Crosier, Mrs. Dilys Gaskill, Mark Keaveny, Peter McConville, Terry Mason, Ian Pollitt Mrs. Janet Smith and Dave Tomley. Cllr Mrs. Dilys Gaskill is also the County Councillor for the Ward. Mrs. Vivien Byrne is the Clerk. Cllr Dave Tomley was co-opted in May 2002 to replace Cllr Robin Morris who retired to Kent in February 2002. Cllr Stan Brown retired in at the end of 2002. There are 11 seats on the Parish Council and when the elections take place on the 1st May if all seats are not filled, co-option can take place, with candidates putting their name forward to the Clerk.