

CHILDS PLAY

The Council's Play Sub-Committee worked very hard to raise funds for the installation of new play equipment for Llanymynech. The King George V playing field now has swings, a slide, stepping stones and a very popular spinning dish, all on a safe surface and fenced off from the rest of the field. The Committee continued with their fund raising to enable equipment for older children to be installed and this was achieved with a rolling log and a twister. The addition of a kicking wall for games of football, cricket and basketball all on a hard all weather surface completed the Committee's efforts. All their hard work was recognized at the Annual Parish Meeting in Llanymynech in April 2009.

The Youth Club members applied to the Local Joint Committee fund of Shropshire Council and were awarded £1,500 for a youth shelter, which has also been installed on Llanymynech playing field.

Finally, the Council applied for a grant from the final reserves held by Oswestry Borough Council in order to replace the well loved and much used wooden aerial ride. They were awarded £9,000, which fully covered the installation of a new metal aerial ride.

Pant playing field has also been completely refurbished, mostly with the money from a loan which the Council took out for 10 years to cover the cost, as well as to match fund some of the equipment for Llanymynech.



Pant now has a multi play unit, a springy rider as well as junior and toddler swings and new benches. The wooden trim trail remains.

The two playing fields are now up to standard and will shortly have the finishing touch of proper signage.

Llanymynech Bowling Club has also been considerably upgraded by the Members themselves with the support of the Council and now has a smart fence enclosing the green and is a great sporting asset to the village, as well as the successful Tennis Club.



THE BYPASS



Llanymynech and Pant needs a bypass more than it ever did, but it can never succeed while the benefit has to be measured by the West Midlands Regional Transport Board. Llanymynech and Pant come a long way down the list of priorities when viewed against other large scale improvements benefiting huge conurbations. However, we keep Owen Paterson MP up to speed on our need; he meets with the Minister

and tries to keep the bypass at the forefront. Meanwhile we gather data on accidents and pressure appropriately for information on air quality, statistics etc and take every opportunity to raise the issue when possible. Although the A483 has required a very costly repair at the north end of Pant where the embankment was collapsing, a bypass was not seen as a solution.

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL

It is not always easy, but the Parish Council works hard to keep both villages spick and span as well as accessible.

A few of the items that have been dealt with during the year have been – The Council tried to get the new pavement from Pant to Llyncllys designated as a dual footpath/cycle way. The access ramp at the top of Station Rd southern end had been reported for correction since last June (2009). Succeeded in getting the new mirror and signs at the top of Tregarthen Lane following a site meeting. Held site meetings with Highways Agency regarding problems on A483. Rockwell Lane storm drain repairs initiated and the remainder to be completed this summer. Started the campaign to get the mini island at Badgers Green, Llanymynech made safer. Pilot Speed Watch carried out through the village. The equipment stolen from the red phone box in Pant replaced and changed to a card operated phone, cards available for purchase from the shop opposite, put a notice in box to that effect. Lion Hotel, Llanymynech ensured that the fence was repaired.



The Dog Control Orders now in place - failure to clean up after a dog is an offence



punishable by a fixed penalty fine of £80 which can be issued by a Community Support Officer. All dogs have to be on leads in areas open to the air to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access, which includes roads subject to a 30mph speed limit or canal towpaths. Dogs are not permitted in children's play areas. Shropshire Council have provided dispensers for dog waste bags to help dog owners.

The Rights of Way (or footpaths) in the Parish are monitored by the Council and reported for waymarking or clearance as necessary.

The Parish Council have successfully claimed a right of way at the bottom of the Tramway in Pant to be marked on the Definitive Map and this will shortly be cleared and waymarked, it provides a suitable alternative route to the shop. The claim went to Appeal and was recommended for approval by the Inspector at the hearing in October.



The Council are particularly keen to have someone act as a paths liaison volunteer, someone who regularly walks the paths around the village and could act as the 'eyes' for Shropshire Council's maintenance team, unfortunately not a paid role, but there may be some social benefit.



Planning applications in the village are always commented upon by the Council and these comments passed to the Planning Authority. The Parish Council were very disappointed to find that the Llanymynech toilet site appeal decision contained a number of glaring errors, not least that the Inspector mentioned that the junction had traffic lights.



Planning Appeals have very strict laws, and although strong representation was made it was impossible to have these errors corrected without applying to the High Court, a costly exercise which the Parish Council could not possibly undertake.



The Inspectorate apologized and admitted that they had not performed to their usual standard.

LLANYMYNECH LIMeworks



The Limeworks restoration has been one of the most exciting events for the village and continues to attract visitors from far and near. The Limeys (the support group) have held a number of events for children and families and everyone is welcome to join them. Shropshire Council who own the site also employ the Ranger who looks after the site. Although now accessible to wheelchair or pram users and there are plenty of seats to take a rest or sit and enjoy the bird song. The paths have been newly laid, but there are some areas that are prone to mud. To overcome this, a boardwalk is to be installed to make an all weather circular route, which will be another exciting addition. Information on events and activities is available on notice boards or from the website www.llanymynech.org.uk.

ALL CHANGE TO UNITARY

Shropshire County Council held their last meeting on the 26th March 2009 and the County became a Unitary Authority with the election of the new Shropshire Councillors on the 4th June 2009. This ended the 3 tier structure with District and Parish Councils, hence Oswestry Borough Council ceased to exist in March 2009. Cllr Mrs. Dilys Gaskill had decided not to stand for the new Unitary Council and ended her 16 year service to local government. The new Shropshire Councillor for the area is Arthur Walpole.



WHO ARE THE PARISH COUNCILLORS?



The Chairman is Cllr Mrs. Dilys Gaskill. Other Councillors are Adam Brown, Les Griffiths, Leigh Northcott-Hammond, John Jaffrey, Peter McConville, Terry Mason, Mike Melling, Ian Pollitt, Barry Robinson and Mrs. Janet Smith. Cllr Arthur Walpole is the Shropshire Councillor. Mrs. Vivien Byrne is the Clerk.

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Accounts for the year 2008/09 have been audited by Mazars. The Precept for 2008/09 amounted to £15,800. Under section 137 of the Local Government Act the Council is able to make donations. Donations £25 each to CAB, Llanymynech Youth Club, WS Talking Newspaper and Marie Curie Nursing and half the cost of the maintenance of the village clock on the tower of St. Agatha's Church is paid by the Council.