

## ALL ABOUT POWER

Wind Farms and Pylons are still high on the agenda in our area. The Public Inquiry into the Wind Farm applications was held during 2014 and is due to report after the Election. The proposals for a power line from Wales, across Shropshire connecting these wind farms to the National Grid, has met with serious opposition. The Parish Council has had representatives of National Grid at meetings, and put forward peoples' concerns, as well as to gaining an insight into what was planned for this area. Joint meetings were held with Carreghofa Community Council to ensure a joined up response.

The final Consultation period began with drop in exhibitions at Llanymynech Village Hall by National Grid. The Parish Council's formal response letter read as follows - Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council strongly oppose the erection of the proposed pylons across the Parish by National Grid, due to the visual impact on the area, also the amount of concrete necessary for the construction of the bases on the flood plain, and the issue of increased traffic to construct and service the installation. It is the unanimous opinion of this Parish Council that the National Grid cabling should be installed under ground.

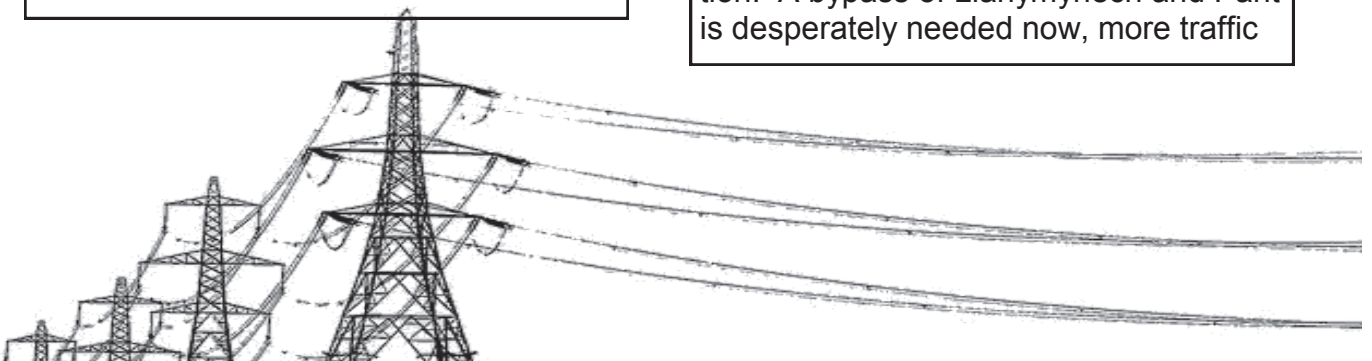
It was also agreed that the Parish Council's earlier comments be re-iterated in this formal consultation period.



The route through Shropshire must have less impact on the environment, which may mean a mixed under and over ground project. It is recognised that a connection is required, but the Council would ask that the route is not selected merely as the cheapest option.

There are also other issues to be taken into account for the route proposed in Shropshire. The serious flooding problems in this area, it is used for low flying aircraft and helicopter training. Main routes for gas and water must also be taken into account, and the sterile land that surrounds these utilities.

Finally, this Parish will be affected by the transportation of the turbine traffic as well as any other paraphernalia the project requires, on a substandard trunk road (A483), which has been denied a bypass despite a 40 year campaign. There are 19 hazardous junctions through the village, with footways less than .75m wide. The impact of the National Grid project on villages like Pant has not been given enough consideration. A bypass of Llanymynech and Pant is desperately needed now, more traffic



## YOUNG ADVENTURES



Following on from last year's innovation of a Skate Park in Llanymynech, the Council were planning on further improvements. A new youth shelter was wanted and the skate ramps were recognised as only having a short term use. The necessary funding was dependant on the completion of the Badgers Green estate. This development would produce a levy for the community payable only when the estate was finished. Some of the money was to provide a small play area on the estate for the very young children and the remainder can be used on a local play area for the older children. The money for the young play area could be spent by Shropshire Council, or given to the Parish Council if they wished to adopt the area and maintain it in the future.

Councillors decided to adopt the Badgers Green play area and install equipment suitable for under 6 year olds. A drop in Consultation was held in March in the Village Hall. Quotations are being obtained from play equipment companies and the residents will be involved in the final decision. When the

equipment is installed the children can play in safety near their homes.

The decisions on the Skate park and youth shelter will involve the Youth Club, the Police Community Support Officer and a small committee who were involved in the earlier project. The Tennis Club have requested the old metal shelter for their courts, so that will not go to waste. Llanymynech playing field has also had the old rubber surface removed from where the wooden multiplay unit once stood, and the area reseeded. During the summer a Quidditch tournament was held on the field. This game was invented for the Harry Potter books, and now has a following.

Pant QE11 field and the Village Green now have plaques displayed, one on a specially made plinth for the village green. The recreation field at the rear of Bryn Offa School owned by the Parish Council, now has a specific area for use as a Forest School.

## YOUR COUNCIL AND COUNCILLORS

The Chairman is currently Cllr Mrs. Dilys Gaskill. The Councillors are Adam Brown, Peter McConville, Terry Mason, Mike Melling, Ian Pollitt, Peter Roberts, Barry Robinson and Mrs. Janet Smith. These Councillors were joined by Cllrs Ken Allcock and Robin Hitch who were co-opted following the Election held in 2013. Mrs. Vivien Byrne is the Clerk. The Shropshire Councillor for the area is Cllr Arthur Walpole.



## TRAFFIC MATTERS

Following an inspection of the pavements with representatives of the Highways Agency, it was agreed to map the problems. Large scale maps were produced and the Councillors given sections to notate. However, before this could be completed the Officer concerned was moved elsewhere, so the project was not completed. The Council then decided to ask for a meeting with their MP Owen Paterson to find out progress on a Bypass for the village. The meeting was held in October and Owen agreed he would raise the matter with the Roads Minister as he was due to meet him about other road matters. In February, Councillors, Bypass Action representatives, met with Glyn Davies MP and had telephone input from Owen Paterson MP.

They learned that a cross border Roads Forum was being set up, which would look at main roads that were affected by a border. The Council are in the process of finding out what this Forum will consist of and the terms of reference, but the General Election has stalled the process.

Other road matters dealt with have been complaints about the B4396, such as speeding, use of the restricted bridge by HGVs etc. and action has been taken. The junction of Red Lane has been improved by more visibility with the removal of the hedge.



## VILLAGE MATTERS

The Centenary of the 1914 -18 war was marked by the refurbishment of the war memorial and research was carried out on the names of the fallen, the results were published on the Llanymynech.org website. The Chairman of the Parish Council laid a wreath on the Memorial at the Remembrance Sunday ceremony in Llanymynech.

The light in Rectory Lane, Llanymynech has been a real problem to sort out, as the pole was moved taking up valuable space in the Burial Ground and losing the light from the lane. Much time and effort has been expended trying to gain a solution, but it is nearing a conclusion. Lighting will be improved as funding allows, with more efficient led lights being installed.



## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Parish Council have sent in comments or made representations on Hillside Barn next to the Methodist Chapel. Building on land at Inglewood on Hillside Pant, land west of Rockwell Lane, Pant and land adjacent to Shirley Gorse, Pant. Smelt House, Pant. Maple House, Station Rd, Pant. Objections were made to Well Cottage barn and The Grove land, both outside the Development Boundary for Pant. Comments were made on The Lion Hotel Llanymynech and Beechfield Farm, Llanymynech. Consultation was held last year on plans to develop land east of Barley Meadows. The planning application was made this year and the Council made their comments.

The Parish Council supported the Cross Guns Inn, Pant application for larger kitchen facilities and wrote to the brewery in support of these plans. Approval was granted but the building work has not been commenced.

Under the Localism Act communities can nominate Assets of Community Value, which gives the community the right to bid for the asset and allows a 6 month pause in proceedings to enable their bid. The Cross Guns Inn was nominated in this way and is now designated an Asset of Community Value.

SAMdev, part of Shropshire Council's Local Development Framework has been out for consultation and planning applications which have gone to Appeal have been supported by this document.



The Parish's Place Plan review resulted in some additional items - Bryn Offa Primary School should reinstate 6 classes with an additional teacher appointed, due to the extra housing now in place and planned for the future. A designated safe route for a Walking Bus to Bryn Offa School, with a suitable crossing of the A483. Alternatively, provision at the planning application stage, for additional school transport to Bryn Offa School because of the dangerous walking route for small children and families. A Bus Stop with a pull in and shelter between Pant Institute and Station Road for buses travelling south. Improved lighting in the Parish.

## MONEY MONEY MONEY



**Accounts for the year 2013/14 have been audited by Mazars. The Precept for the year amounted to £23,700. Donations were a total of £150 - £50 to the Brownies and Guides and £100 to Llanymynech Village Hall towards their Broadband charges and £82 is paid each year towards maintenance of the village clock on St. Agatha's Church**