

LLANYMYNECH AND PANT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28.3.2024 at Pant Memorial Hall.

PRESENT Chairman, Cllr A. Bond, Cllrs A. Brown, S. Brown, C. Hadfield, R. Hitch, T. Mason, P. Roberts, the Clerk and Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt, plus 3 members of the public

24/038 Apologies Received from: D. Catmur-Lloyd, I. Pollitt and B. Robinson (illness and other engagements) these apologies were accepted.

24/039 Police Report. Apologies for non-attendance tendered and report emailed as follows:

24/040 Shropshire Council Report. Cllr Hunt report began with the mention of the Queen's visit to Shrewsbury as he was a member of the Welcoming Party, such visits raise the profile of Shropshire. Canal School House bridge is now open. The BBC tv had a piece on the Barley Meadows estate, Meadowdale roads adoption and as soon as they get the report from the inspection that will be done. Porthywaen field was being pursued by James Clacton, to be used for the under 12's football and that will be progressed. Shropshire Council CEO won an award of the west midland sector for showing Good Leadership skills. The Council started a campaign on the names being up to date. The programme Holiday Activities and Food is running again, which is for preschool children and others of a suitable age. Those over the age of 40 can get their blood pressure tested at the local pharmacy for free. Severn Trent have been taken to court over the water quality. Questions were taken from the Chairman on the Meadowdale roads, as the 3P Group when the culvert floods. The future of the waste facility in Oswestry was queried, this was unlikely to change as it was long contract with Veolia, but the facility is used by people from other authorities to avoid their charges, as Oswestry is free, so this may be altered to limit it to local use.

24/041 Matters Raised by the Public. Item 11 Llanymynech Village Shop was brought up the agenda to enable the members of public to speak on the subject. The Chairman spoke about the sale of the building housing the village shop in Llanymynech, and the effects the loss of the shop would impact the community. This would affect the village, particularly the elderly or those who do not drive. There are many valuable services, e.g. the post office, the cash service, grocery and staple items such as milk or bread. It was suggested that a small area of the KGV field in the SW corner could be used to erect a shop, a portion of the hedge removed so the access could be from the Village Hall car park. This could be a community owned asset. The Clerk had researched funding and planning, e.g. the Community Right to Build and types of structures. The public present were invited to speak. Chris Tidridge said it would get a lot of support from the community, and he offered his services to the project. It was said that not just the village shop would be lost, because Duncan Borthwick, (the shop owner) is an asset to the community, he helps people fill in forms and goes above and beyond his role behind the counter. Mr. Borthwick spoke about running the Post Office and mentioned the PO requirement for a bond of £20k and it must be a paid position not a voluntary one. Types of construction were discussed. The Clerk suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in April would be the best way to involve the community with a speaker on the subject. Sean Bish suggested a Speaker from the Plunkett Foundation and thought the Village Hall Committee should be involved. It was Proposed, Seconded and RESOLVED that the project should go forward following the Launch at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 25.4.2024. It was further RESOLVED that a Vote of Thanks be recorded to Duncan Borthwick for his work at the Llanymynech Village Shop.

24/042 Disclosure of Interests. None.

24/043 Highway Matters. A question was raised about the damaged surface of Stargarreg Lane. The Clerk answered with details of the unadopted status of the lane, as well as the Bronwylfa estate. The lighting for the unadopted lanes was taken on by the Parish Council as it has the Power to do so.

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24/044 Bus Shelter in Pant. Sean Bish said the need for a bus shelter in the centre of Pant had been raised in the Pant Memorial Hall Committee. At their last meeting it was agreed that they would have a shelter, and this could be on their land where people could wait for the bus, as the bus stops outside the hall. It was suggested that the Parish Council bid for the funding and the PMH could put money towards the project. The railings could be removed, and the shelter put on the land which belongs to the PMH, so not on the highway. The base would cost £2k, the shelter approximately £3 - £4k, so approximately £5/6k in total. It would be a Perspex panel design, and some sort of legal document would be needed to recognise the ownership of the land. The Clerk gave details of the Cil and Neighbourhood Fund money in hand. It was Proposed, Seconded and RESOLVED to progress the bus shelter project for Pant using the remaining Cil funding.

24/045 Minutes of the meeting held on the 22.2.24 were Proposed, Seconded and Approved as a correct record.

24/046 Planning. There were no applications to consider. Helen Morgan MP has arranged a public meeting to be held in Pant Memorial Hall on the 19.4.2024 at 4.00pm concerning the Green GEN plan to build a 132kv power line from Cefn Coch to Welsh Frankton.

24/047 Financial Matters. Statement of expenditure versus budget to March 2024 was circulated and noted. Payments amounting to £3,375.71 were authorised. Notice of the internal audit by JDH Business Services in May and the External Audit by PKF Littlejohn deadline of 1.7.2024

24/048 Rockwell Wildflower Meadow. The Land Agent had visited the site and confirmed the fence was correct to the measurements. The Clerk was thanked for the letter sent confirming the reason for the Land Agent’s visit. A site visit due on the 2.5.24 by SWT for the Management Plan.

24/049 Annual Parish Meeting. To be held on 25.4.24 at Llanymynech Village Hall at 7.30pm.

24/050 Parish Council Domain Name. SALC/Government advice to Parish Councils to use gov.uk for security, professionalism and trustworthiness. It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that the Council have their own website using the gov.uk domain name with the Councillors having their own email addresses. The community website of Llanymynech.org holding historic information, photographs and visitor information to remain in place.

24/051 Local Issues. The Clerk had been reporting an abandoned horse box on Heritage Way since December. The Police 101 have now said it is a Highways Department issue, and it had been again reported as such because it was causing concern as children were now climbing on it.

Cheq	Payee	Amount	Supply
1949	V E Byrne	1267.93	Salary paid
1950	HMRC	220.57	Tax & NI “
1951	Highline Ltd	952.56	Lighting Maint Inv 6391
1952	S. Power	181.81	Lighting energy Inv 6804
1953	M & T Pritchard	240.00	Grounds Maint Feb plus hedge trim
1954	Shropshire Council	344.84	Bin emptying playgrounds

Meeting Closed at 8.48pm

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