

LLANYMYNECH AND PANT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 23.2.23 at Pant Memorial Hall.

Present Cllrs Bond (Chairman) K. Allcock, S. Brown, R. Hitch, T. Mason, I. Pollitt, P. Roberts, B. Robinson. In attendance were V. E. Byrne, Clerk, Shropshire Councillor Cllr. V. Hunt, and two members of the public.

23/023 Tribute to the late Mrs. Dilys Gaskill. The work and achievements of the late Cllr Mrs. Dilys Gaskill were read out and the meeting observed a silence in her memory.

23/024 Apologies received from Cllr A. Brown (unwell). This apology was accepted.

23/025 Shropshire Council Report. Cllr Vince Hunt expressed his Condolences for the loss of Mrs. Gaskill, and mentioned her Chairmanship of the SC Local Joint Committee. He was pleased to have her assistance in his earlier years as a Shropshire Councillor and said she would be a great loss to the community. The day was Shropshire Day and that morning he had raised a flag at Shrewsbury Castle that morning. A request had been passed to him for the pavements to be swept, which he had raised this with the Highways Department. They had reported that the pavements were inspected regularly and swept accordingly. He was also contacted by a person who wished to find a new pitch for a rounders team. The Clerk had advised her of the playing field at Porthywaen, which had involved Cllr Hunt. Warm Homes discount eligibility scheme ends on the 28.2.23, it only applies to certain people. He warned scammers are using EBSS to try to get money from people, no-one has to apply for this funding support. The street closures for the Coronation celebration was mentioned, applications need to be made for these. A green waste charge had been mooted by Shropshire Council, but was now on hold, as the Government are doing a study on collecting food waste. If this happened the green waste would be included. He mentioned the Welsh Government had put a ban on road building. The L ^ P Bypass is not completely off the table, it is a Project of Interest, projects what have allocated funding will go ahead. The Clerk reported that National Highways had produced their report on Llyncllys junction, and had agreed to meet with Chairmen and Clerks of the Parish Councils. He was due to attend a full Shropshire Council meeting the next day, for the Council to produce a legal budget. Cllr Hunt was thanked for intervening in the need for grid repairs on the A483. He was thanked for his Report.

23/026 Public Participation. A member of the public reminded those present that the 101st GM of the Pant Memorial Hall would take place on the 17.3.23.

23/027 Declarations of Interest. None.

23/028 Casual Vacancy. A person in Llanymynech had expressed interest in the vacancy. The Clerk would make contact.

23/029 Planning Applications. None to hand.

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23/030 Highway Matters. Helen Morgan MP had started a petition for improvements on the A483 at Llynclys junction. Reported that 7 lights on the A483 between the shop and Pant Chapel were not working. The light outside Bron Fyrnwy is still not connected.

23/031 Rockwell Meadow. The quotation for the Management Plan had been received at a cost of £1,262.15. This was Proposed and Approved with all in favour. Dr. Stallwood had given apologies as unable to attend this meeting, but hoped to attend in March.

23/032 Minutes. Minutes of the last meeting held on the 26.1.23 were Proposed, Seconded and Approved as a correct record.

23/033 Statement of expenditure v budget to February 2023 was tabled and approved.

23/034 Accounts. Payments of invoices as listed below totalling £2,123.27 were approved.

23/035 Bank Mandate. Report from the Clerk on the progress of the TSB Bank Mandate form. A 4th form had been completed and emailed to the person in Edinburgh, only a delivery receipt had been received so far.

23/036 Internal Audit. It was agreed to appoint JDH Business Services to carry out the Internal Audit for 2022/23.

23/037 Rights Of Way. Report was given of the well attended meeting held at the Cross Guns, Pant last evening to form a Parish Paths Partnership. Harvey Morgan, Shropshire Council Rights of Way Officer had attended and about 25 people. He had brought forms for completion and explained about the Partnership and insurance cover for volunteers. It was agreed that a map of parish footpaths would be displayed at the village hall...

23/038 Parish Council Website. Cllr Lloyd-Catmur had given the Clerk a template of the website requirements and the names of 3 companies to obtain quotations.- Netwise, PC Websites and Aubergine. Aubergine were prepared to spend a lot of time on the setting up. There would be a need for a new email address for the Clerk and all the Councillors, instead of using their own email addresses, plus a domain name of Llanymynechandpant.gov.uk at a charge of about £100. Aubergine would charge £1,300 for setting up and approx £20 per month for hosting. A spreadsheet of the costs etc. will be circulated to Councillors and set up would take about 2/4 weeks. The former domain name needs to be brought back into the control of the Council. Discussion ensued on the PC logo and it was agreed to gain Councillors opinions.

23/039 Street Lighting. Report from the Clerk on her efforts to get Scottish Power to alter the Certificate for the lights wattage and burning hours, which was ongoing. Suggestion that costs could be reduced by switching off

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alternate lights and reducing the switch off time to 11.00pm. Agreed to gain public opinion on this proposal.

23/040 KCIII Coronation. It was agreed to raise this matter at the joint meeting with Carreghofa CC. Agreed to have the item on the next Agenda, to agree a contribution to an event, also source costs for commemorative items.

23/041 Area Committee Report. Report from Cllr Lloyd-Catmur from his attendance at the Zoom meeting of the Oswestry Area Committee. The Police reported they send out forms for PC's to complete with their preference for policing, but they do not get any returned. Flooding was raised and discussion on the National Flood Forum, and the need for the various agencies to link up. Road Safety policy and the fact that PC's are being asked to pay for things that are not within their remit. Emergency Planning needs to be refreshed and SALC will invite PC's to meeting. ID required for in person voting at elections.

23/042 Llanymynech Village Hall Improvements. The Hall Committee requested a letter of support for their fund raising efforts.

23/043 Burial Committee Report. Cllr Bond gave the report of the meeting of the Burial Committee. It had been agreed to cease the advance purchase of plots, due to concern about future space. The Burial Committee had agreed to waive the charge for the burial of former Councillor Mrs. Dilys Gaskill, who had served as the Chairman of the Burial Committee for many years. It was agreed to re-commence the process of sourcing a future burial ground, and this item to be on the Agenda for the March meeting.

23/044 Date of Next Meeting. Due to an earlier booking of the Hall, the March meeting would be advanced to the 30.3.23 at Pant Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm