

LLANYMYNECH AND PANT PARISH COUNCIL

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PRESENT Chairman, Cllr A. Brown and Cllrs S. Brown, R. Hitch, D. Catmur-Lloyd, T. Mason, P. Roberts, B. Robinson, the Clerk and Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt, plus 1 member of the public

24/001 Apologies, Cllrs A. Bond, C. Hadfield and I. Pollitt (illness and other engagements) these apologies were accepted.

24/002 Police Report emailed as follows 19.12.23 door to door salesman – police called, and male spoken to. 22.12.23 3 vehicles RTC's in Pant police attended. 24.1.23 the theft of tools and other items from vehicle. In addition, 6 domestic incidents and 10 Other.

24/003 Shropshire Council Report. Cllr Hunt reported on items since the Christmas holiday. £51 million must be saved this year, but the Council are not in any financial danger as some local authorities are, but they will have to make similar savings next year. This will impact on some services, such as charging for disposal of green waste. It has never been charged for before, but it is not a given that it will happen, but it might be something they will have to do. The Budget consultation is still open for another few days, so anyone who hasn't responded should do so. The amount Shropshire Council collect in rates, they have to spend the major part on social care, leaving only £1 to spread across remaining items. The Council have converted 16,500 streetlights to led's which has saved 7,000 tonnes of CO2. There will be changes to the communication between the Council and Clerks, so that the communication with PC Clerks will be easier. Cllr Hunt listed some of the Panels and Boards that he is involved with. The Montgomery Canal School House Bridge will be opened on the 31.1.2024, and a formal opening ceremony in June. He mentioned he is also on the Honours Board, which meets 3 times a year, this was set up as Shropshire is seen to be behind other councils in recommending people for Honours. There will be many people who have done a lot for the community, but no-one hears of them. He explained the process and is suggesting to the 5 parish councils in his ward that they recommend people.

24/004 Matters raised by the public. One person present raised the matter of the Cross Guns changing tenants, and there is a Facebook page, which people can visit to leave recommendations to help gain more custom for the pub. Further, as the pub is registered as a Community Asset, it was agreed to send a letter to the brewery, Admiral Taverns, complimenting the food and the service and how valuable the village pub is in the community. The EE mast was raised, and Cllr Hunt reported that the matter is still under discussion with Shropshire Council.

24/005 Disclosure of Interests. None.

24/006 Budget for 2024/25. The Clerk presented a proposed budget which had been arranged differently to previous years to make it easier to read. Councillors were taken through the spreadsheet with explanations for each item with provisional reserves noted. The refund of £4,600 from Scottish Power due to over charge on the unmetered street lighting account had been agreed. Therefore, it was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved to Precept the amount of £28,600 which would equate to £41 per band D property.

24/007 Minutes of the meeting held on the 30.11.23 were Proposed, Seconded and Approved as a correct record.

24/008 Highway Matters. Cllr Hitch reported on the issue of water pouring down the A483 from the County Stone going into the garage car park and drains. Severn Trent Water had been contacted, and he arranged to meet them on site. They discovered it was not rainwater, the manhole was

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inspected, and it was found to be dirty water, so workmen came a few days later and cleared the drains which resolved the problem. He also reported that the sunken trench on the A483 in Pant had been repaired and the new lights are now working. A report had been made that lights on Bronwylfa estate are not working, the Clerk would report this.

24/009 Planning. The application 23/05016/FUL for erection of a two-storey extension at Lwyntidmon Lodge, Llanymynech had been refused.

24/010 Street Lighting Account. The Clerk reported on the resolution of the incorrect charging which had a credit of £4,602 on the account. A refund had now been agreed.

24/011 Financial Matters. Statement of expenditure versus budget to December 2023 was circulated and noted. Payments amounting to £3,085.24 were authorised.

24/012 Shropshire D Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration. A further communication had been received with further information on how to take part in the Commemoration. Instructions for lighting a Beacon, arranging a Lamp Light of Peace and Bell Ringing were now included.

24/013 Rockwell Wildflower Meadow. The Clerk updated on progress. It had been agreed not to use pine posts for the hedge laying, as hazel could be sourced locally. The new section of fencing was awaited. A fallen tree had been removed.

24/014 Rights of Way. There had been 3 trees blown down on the Offa's Dyke path in the recent storms, which Cllr Brown had cleared.

24/015 Vyrnwy Frankton Connection. Scoping Opinion Consultation letter had been received, which would be circulated. Responses will be added to the Scoping Opinion and published on the company's website. Closing date for response is 21.2.24.

24/016 Joint Burial Committee. The Board meeting scheduled for January had to be postponed and had been rescheduled for March 2024. The Clerk had circulated current charges for review.

24/017 Montgomery Canal New Bridge. The newly installed School House Bridge would be opened on the 31.1.24 at midday and Councillors were invited to attend. The formal Opening Ceremony was booked to take place on the 28.6.24.

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Cheq	Payee	Amount	Supply
1877	V E Byrne	1028.10	Salary paid
1878	HMRC	182.48	Tax & NI
1879	S. Power	188.84	Lighting energy Inv 14852
1880	S. Power	194.40	Lighting energy Inv 49767
1881	V E Byrne	1117.73	Salary
1882	HMRC	220.57	Tax & NI
1883	J. Hill	40.00 +	Removal of fallen tree & new notice Bd
1884	Highline Ltd	TBC	Invoice awaited

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