

LLANYMYNECH AND PANT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22.2.2024 held at Pant Memorial Hall.

PRESENT – Councillors S. Brown, C. Hadfield, R. Hitch, D. Catmur-Lloyd, T. Mason, I. Pollitt, B. Robinson, the Clerk and Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt plus 1 member of the public.

24/018 Apologies. Councillors A. Bond, A. Brown, P. Roberts (other engagements) these apologies were accepted.

24/019 Appointment of Chairman. Cllr I. Pollitt was Proposed, Seconded and Appointed as Chairman of the meeting.

24/020 Police Report. Police unable to attend, report emailed as follows: 6.1.24 attempted theft of a vehicle, 19.1.24 report of a person doing doorstep sales in Pant, 22.1.24 dropped 999 call (accidental), 24.1.24 report of livestock on road. Highways incidents x 2, Domestic x 1, Assault x 2, Other x 10.

24/021 Shropshire Council Report. Cllr Vince Hunt reported on the opening of School House Bridge on the Montgomery Canal. Shropshire Council have been nominated for 2 national Awards, the Innovation Award for highway maintenance and the Public/Private Partnerships Award. Their funding for next year will be £62million as the Government have given a small amount extra. They had to make £41.5 million savings last year, which is the same position for many authorities. They will have to look at making savings this year, possible charges for green waste, which may result in fly tipping, but it is not generally the contents of wheelie bins that is fly tipped, so that should not be the case and he had not heard of charges being introduced at tips. Libraries will have to be looked at, particularly smaller community libraries, leisure services will also have to be looked at, but the Oswestry facility is operated with a third party, so will not be affected. Cllr Hunt said he was sad that there will be a negative impact on the people of Shropshire, but they have got to get their Budget through by law. The alternative is calling in Commissioners and they would only ensure that statutory services, e.g. children's services and adult social care would be funded. The problem for SC is the ageing population of Shropshire; 25.3% are over 60, whereas the national average is about 18% and the population is very spread out in the County. Cllr Hunt was thanked for his Report.

24/022 Public Participation. The Member of the public present asked for permission to speak on item 9 on the Agenda, which was granted.

24/023 Disclosure of Interests. None.

24/024 Highway Matters. Letter from Helen Morgan MP confirming the change of speed limits on the A483 was noted, also the progress following the meeting with National Highways. Information was given on the traffic collision in Llanymynech with traffic lights at the site.

24/025 Minutes. Minutes of the meeting held on the 25.1.2024 were Proposed, Seconded and Approved as a correct record.

24/026 Statement of Expenditure v Budget. Period Dec to Jan 2024 was Noted and Approved.

24/027 Payment of Accounts. Accounts for payment amounting to £2,079.02 were Proposed, Seconded and Approved.

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24/028 Appointment of Internal Auditor. It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that JDH Business Services be appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2024/25.

24/029 HMRC Payments. The Clerk gave a Report on the payments of tax and NI incurring penalties. A cheque signed at meetings and posted that evening takes 8/10 days to arrive which misses the due date of the 5th of the following month. It was agreed that the Clerk's salary be paid on the 21st of the month to meet the HMRC deadline. The Clerk had successfully Appealed all penalties.

24/030 Planning. None to hand. The Parish Council's response to the Green GEN Scoping Consultation for the Vyrnwy Frankton connection had been sent to the Planning Inspector and circulated. It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved to record a Vote of Thanks in the Minutes to Cllr Catmur-Lloyd for preparing the response.

24/031 Bus Shelter. The Member of the Public explained how the subject of a shelter for bus users had emanated from the Pant Memorial Hall Committee, and they would be willing to help with fund raising. The shelter could be placed on the area in front of the Hall which was owned by the Committee. The Parish Council was asked for a letter of support for the project, which was Agreed.

24/032 Bus Shelter Cleaning. Cllr Hitch had agreed to clean the bus shelter in Pant when it was installed, but it was proving difficult without power for the washer. Cllr Hunt agreed to bring his generator on a mutually agreed date to clean the shelter, for which he was thanked.

24/033 Rockwell Wildflower Meadow. The fence around the new property had been installed. It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved to contact the Land Agent to verify that this was in accordance with the agreement. The Clerk reported that Shropshire Wildlife Trust had not yet produced a Management Plan as requested. The Clerk agreed to contact them.

24/034 Rights of Way. Nothing to report.

24/035 Colour Run. Request from Carreghofa School to use the KGV field for a fund-raising Colour Run on the 8.6.2024. Permission was granted provided nothing was planned for the use of the field on the Commemoration of the 80th D Day anniversary.

24/036 Burial Board. The revised burial charges were noted. Cllr Mason gave apologies for the Board meeting on the 10.3.24. The issue of land was raised, and mention was made of the field on Station Road no longer being rented for grazing.

24/037 Annual Parish Meeting. Agreed to hold the APM on Thursday, 25.4.2024 at Llanymynech Village Hall and to invite Helen Morgan MP.

1884	V E Byrne	1467.73	Salary + expenditure	
1946	HMRC	220.57	Tax & NI	
1947	Scottish Power	194.40	Lighting Energy	Inv 92464 January
1948	Highline Electrical	196.32	Lights Maint. – Dec & Jan.	

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

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