

LLANYMYNECH AND PANT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.15pm on the 28.9.2023 at Llanymynech Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors, Alice Bond (Chairman) Adam Brown, Suzanne Brown, Colleen Hadfield, Robin Hitch, David Catmur-Lloyd, Peter Roberts, Clerk Vivien Byrne and plus 2 members of the public.

23/123 **Apologies** were received from Shropshire Cllr Vince Hunt and Cllr Terry Mason (hol). This reason was accepted.

23/124 **Police Report.** No attendance, report emailed as follows:

5.8.23 Highway incident report of dangerous driving

10.8.23 Concern for safety (medical) Pant

13.8.23 Suspicious circumstances Report of discarded gas canisters – increased patrols

22.8.23 Highway incident, vehicles broken down, recovered

24.8.23 Highway incident, report of dangerous driving

29.8.23 Highway incident, report of damaged manhole cover, Highway Agency fixed.

29.8.23 Highway incident, report of dangerous driving.

Other incidents omitted due to data protection – domestics = 3

23/125 **Matters Raised by the Public.** A member of the public mentioned the Pant Memorial Hall Fete on 14th October. Also the issue of parking at the village shop and the speed limit.

23/126 **Declarations of Interest.** None were declared.

23/127 **Highway Matters** Letter received from National Highways concerning the speed limit change on the A483. The proposal for the speed limit between Pant and Llanymynech to be lowered to 30mph was welcomed and agreed with. Furthermore the Council were agreed that they favoured the A483 between Llyncllys and Pant be altered to a continuous 40mph limit until the 30mph sign in Pant.

Letter received from a resident concerning the parking on the B4398, Station Road, Llanymynech. The parking of vehicles on the footway when a football match is being played on the KGV Field restricts pedestrians' access and particularly causes difficulties for people with children, prams or users of wheelchairs. The parking on the road makes it dangerous for vehicles trying to overtake the parked cars and vans. It was agreed that the hedge should be cut back to the boundary, as it had been that day, to leave a full width of the footway. It was Resolved that the Highways Department of Shropshire Council be approached with the support of the Shropshire Cllr Vince Hunt, to obtain traffic calming on the B4398, which had been requested since 2014. Further to request the Llanymynech Football Club to use Parking Marshalls when the adult games are played.

The change to the speed limit on the A483 at The Gro was noted. A collision on the A483 at the Cross Guns junction earlier that morning was noted.

23/128 **Resignation.** Letter of resignation from Cllr Allcock due to ill health was received. A Vote of Thanks was Recorded for Cllr Allcock's service and the Clerk to send Good Wishes.

23/129 **Vyrnwy Frankton Connection.** A Consultation Day had been held at Llanymynech Village Hall on the 22.9.23. Cllrs had attended this event, also meetings of local residents' groups. The Clerk queried whether the Area Committee were planning on a joint response from the Parish Councils, as had happened with the previous connection proposals. Agreed to include this item on the next agenda.

23/130 **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting held on the 27.7.2023 were Proposed, Seconded and Approved as a correct record.

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23/131 **Planning.** None to hand.

23/132 **Financial Matters**

- (a) Accounts for Payment as list totalling £4,512.58 were Proposed, Seconded and Approved.
- (b) Statement of expenditure v Budget to September 2023 was circulated and approved.

23/133 **Community Café.** Request for financial support from the Warm Space Community Café held monthly in the Church Hall. A donation of £100 was Proposed, Seconded and RESOLVED.

23/134 **External Audit.** Report from PKF Littlejohn, External Auditors was received. All was correct and the audit was signed off. The Conclusion of Audit had been published and next year the Right to Public Inspection notice must include the first two days of July.

23/135 **King George V Field.** The Llanymynech Bowling Club had been advised that the gate must be locked and they would be advised of the code. They had responded positively. The grounds maintenance contractor and farmer also advised. There had not been any contact from the Football Club regarding the storage container. The planning permission was still awaited for the work on the protected trees. The Clerk had responded to a resident's query on the lime tree adjacent to a property in Barley Meadows.

23/136 **Play Equipment Repairs.** Quotation for repairs to the play equipment at KGV Field, Heritage Way and Pant QE11 Field was received: quotation of £2,270 for KGV Field, £75 for Heritage Way and £1,210 for Pant QE11 field. These were Proposed, Seconded and RESOLVED to accept. The request for swings to be installed at Heritage Way play area had been considered by the play equipment company but they advised the Council that the site was too small to allow sufficient space for legal safety zones around swings.

23/137 **Burial Board.** The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended a meeting of the Joint Burial Board. It was reported that a new burial ground would be needed within the next 6 years and Shropshire Council will be contacted to enquire about funding. There had been a query about the maintenance of the closed churchyard and the Clerk had confirmed with the documents from 1979 that following closure the maintenance responsibility had been passed to Oswestry Borough Council and then in 2009 to Shropshire Council and the public liability remains with St. Agatha's Church Parochial Church Council.

23/138 **Rights of Way.** The 3 P's group had completed the survey work and commenced more path clearances. A member of the public asked if the new property owners of the permissive path from the railway halt to Penygarrag Lane could be contacted to ask if the path could be re-opened. The Chairman responded that as the path was not on the Definitive Map the Council did not have the authority to request this, but suggested perhaps a local person could make this suggestion to the new owners.

23/139 **Remembrance Day.** The Vice Chairman agreed to lay the Council's wreath at the War Memorial in the absence of the Chairman that day. Pant Memorial Hall committee had agreed to free use of the Hall for anyone wishing to book it for a commemoration.

23/140 **80th Anniversary of D Day.** Letter from Bruno Peek, CVO OBE OPR, Pageant Master as the 6th June 2024 being the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings it was proposed that 80 beacons would be lit throughout the county at 9.15pm. It was agreed to place this item on the next Agenda.

23/141 **Memorial Bench.** The Memorial bench was now in place in the QE11 Field in Pant and the plaque designating it in Memory of the late Dilys Gaskill, past Chairman, Councillor and Mayor had been obtained.

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23/142 **Council in Private Session.** Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act and due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that the public and press be excluded.

23/143 **Rockwell Meadow.** The Clerk reported on her efforts to progress the Meadow Project, as the land management plan could not be obtained from the surveyor. Shropshire Wildlife Trust had been contacted instead and they had agreed to accept the commission and would forward a quotation. The Clerk suggested that the meadow be named Rockwell Wildflower Meadow and this was agreed. A sign board could now be ordered and matters progressed.

Letter from the purchasers of the small parcel of land, requesting a letter from the Parish Council confirming their agreement to the boundaries. RESOLVED to send a letter confirming the Parish Council's agreement.

List of Accounts for payment:

1851	M & T Pritchard	2350.80	Grounds Maintenance 1683 & 1688
1852	V E Byrne	896.72	Salary
1853	HMRC	212.37	Tax & NI
1854	S. Power	194.89	Lighting energy Inv 98897
1855	PKF Littlejohn	252.00	External Audit fee
1856	Viking VEB repay	125.59	Stationery and stamps
1857	Shropshire Trees	300.00	Tree Inspection Survey
1858	S. Power	180.21	Lighting energy inv 21335
1859	M & T Pritchard	1224.00	Grounds Maint 954 + hedges 270
1860	Community Café	100.00	Donation.

Meeting closed at 8.58pm

Signed.....(Chairman)