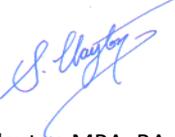


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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the above-named Parish Council will be held by Zoom video commencing at 7 pm on Tuesday **23 February** 2021 and Members are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the following business. Here is the [Zoom](#) link to the meeting.

Signed:


Sharon Clayton MPA, BA (Hons), Fellow SLCC
Clerk

Date of issue: 16 February 2021

AGENDA

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Anyone who objects to being filmed or recorded should notify the Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1. Chairman's Welcome

2. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence

3. Police Report

To receive a report from the Oswestry Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team

4. Public Participation

Members of the public will be given an opportunity to make representations to the Parish Council on matters included on the agenda or which are of public interest

5. Minutes

To consider and approve:

- a) The minutes from a Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2020
- b) The minutes from a Parish Council meeting held on 26 January 2021

6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members are required to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at this meeting and which is not included in the Register of Interests. Members should leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the monitoring officer.

Members are reminded that there is no requirement to update their DPIs unless a discussion takes place that relates to any interest declared on their DPI.

7. Dispensations

To consider and approve any requests for dispensations

8. Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

To receive any declarations of acceptance of gifts and hospitality

9. Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

To **NOTE** the following:

Planning Decision Details	Proposals
20/04852/FUL Fairhaven Barn, Ball Lane, Maesbury	Erection of stables for private use Permission GRANTED 12 February 2021 <i>The Parish Council supported this application</i>
20/05020/FUL Pentregaer Ucha, Croesau Bach, Oswestry	Conversion of redundant agricultural building into two holiday lets Permission GRANTED 27 January 2021 <i>The Parish Council supported this application</i>

b) Planning Applications

To consider and approve a response to the following:

Planning Application Details	Proposals
21/00279/FUL Aston Hall, Shrewsbury Road, Aston	Erection of one agricultural storage shed for equipment and materials which are currently stores outside in this area
21/00394/FUL Lavender Cottage, Morda Bank, Morda	Erection of porch; replacement roof tiles to garage and render front elevation
21/00431/TPO 11 St. Anne's Drive, Morda	Reduce tree back from conservatory, balance crown and crown raising 2/3m in width one Sycamore tree protected by The Council of the Borough of Oswestry (Morda House, Morda, Oswestry) TPO 1977
21/00442/FUL Land to the north of Weston Road, Morda	Rural exception site for the erection of 20 affordable dwellings with associated roads and formation of vehicular access

NOTE: Planning applications not listed above that are received after the issue of this agenda and included on Shropshire Council's website will also be considered in order to meet response timeframes.

10. Clerk's Report

To receive a report from the Clerk

11. Councillor Reports

To receive and note verbal reports (if any) from Parish Councillors including reports from representatives on outside bodies

12. Shropshire Council

To receive a report from Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow

13. Consultation

NOTE: Consultation not listed below and received after the issue of this agenda and included on Shropshire Council's website will also be considered in order to meet response timeframes.

To consider and approve a response to the following:

- a) Shropshire Council's [Local Plan Review](#)

14. Financial Matters

To consider and approve:

- a) Income and expenditure and bank reconciliations to 31 January 2021
- b) Payments for February 2021 (details to follow)
- c) A grant request from Rhydygroesau Village Hall for a contribution of £113.76 towards the maintenance costs of the AED

15. Road Safety

- a) To receive an update and consider and approve any action required concerning road traffic issues within the parish
- b) To receive road traffic data from a traffic survey held along Woolston Bank, Maesbury (information previously issued)

16. Newsletters

To consider and approve:

- a) A draft newsletter
- b) A draft Election Special

17. Future Meetings

To consider and approve:

- a) Arrangements for the return of face-to-face meetings and the risk management required to protect against COVID-19
- b) Bringing forward the date of the Annual Parish Meeting originally agreed to take place on 18 May 2021

18. Village Halls

- a) To receive information/reports concerning Trefonen Village Hall and Morda and Sweeney Village Hall
- b) To consider and approve a response to Lanyon Bowdler concerning Trefonen and Morda Village Halls

19. Trefarclawdd Cemetery

To consider and approve the installation of boundary fencing/trees around land at Trefarclawdd cemetery (Cllr. Pam Broomby)

20. Notice Board Maintenance

To consider the maintenance of Parish Council notice boards and approve any action required (Cllr. Pam Broomby)

21. Litter Bin at Morton Playing Field

To consider and approve the annual emptying cost of £125 for a litter bin at Morton Playing Field

22. Flood Plain at Morda Village Hall

To consider concerns and approve any action required concerning recent flooding near to Morda Village Hall (Cllr. Les Maguire)

23. Ford at Coed-Y-Rae Lane, Maesbury

To consider concerns and approve any action required concerning the ford at Coed-Y-Rae Lane in Maesbury (Cllr. Martin Jones)

24. Roadside verges

To consider and approve any action required concerning roadside verges (Cllr. Paul Milner)

25. Mud on the Road

To consider and approve any action required concerning the movement of trucks leaving mud on the road (Cllr. Tony Milner)

26. Fairhaven Camp Site

To consider information received and approve any action required in response to Fairhaven Camp Site

27. Boundary Review

To receive information from Oswestry Town Council concerning a proposed boundary review

28. CIL/Neighbourhood Funds

To consider and approve proposals for the allocation of CIL monies and Neighbourhood Funds (Cllr. Martin Jones)

29. Place Plan

To consider and approve updates to the Place Plan following decisions made at agenda item number 28 above (information previously circulated)

30. Correspondence

To receive and **NOTE** correspondence emailed to Members including the following:

- a) SALC information bulletin and NALC information
- b) Information about training events for councillors
- c) Public Sector Deposit Fund Factsheet

31. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Members are invited to suggest items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

32. Date for Next Meeting

To **NOTE** that the next meeting will take place by Zoom video on Tuesday 23 March 2021

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act and due to the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted it will be PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the public and press should not be present

33. The Wiseman Report

To receive an update on the Wiseman Report concerning Morda and Sweeney Village Hall and to consider and approve any action required

34. Village Halls Financial Information

To receive and note financial information received from Rhydycroesau Village Hall and Morda and Sweeney Village Hall

35. Planning Enforcement

To **NOTE** planning enforcement notifications received

Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Minutes of a virtual Parish Council meeting held at 7 pm on Tuesday 15 December 2020 by Zoom online video conference

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. Peter Richardson, Cllr. Janet Barlow, Cllr. Pam Broomby, Cllr. Peter Davies, Cllr. Martin Jones, Cllr. Bob Kimber, Cllr. Les Maguire, Cllr. Claire Mahoney, Cllr. Phil May, Cllr Tony Milner, Cllr. Elliot Roberts Jones, Cllr. Tracy Rowe.

Clerk to the Council:

Sharon Clayton

In attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow.
Approximately 12 members of the public.

878/20 Chairman's Welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and said "Merry Christmas one and all".

879/20 Apologies for Absence

The following apologies were received:

Councillor	Reason
John Davies	Another commitment
Robert Milton	Work commitment
Paul Milner	None given

These apologies were accepted and **AGREED** as **APPROVED** absence.

880/20 Police Report

There was no report received from the police.

NOTED.

881/20 Shropshire Councillor Report

Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow gave the following verbal report:

- In response to complaints about parking outside Oswestry school Shropshire Council was progressing with a consultation on parking. The school was granted planning permission to extend the car park earlier this year although work had not progressed. If the consultation results were as expected work would go ahead to extend the car park because the school would need to do it.
- Shropshire Council was setting up an Agricultural Vehicle and Rural Roads Group in Shropshire. An inaugural meeting had been held and the Group has terms of reference. The Group would be reviewing current guidance, policies and practices at an organisational level or a collective level and develop and agree a work programme for the year. Work had already started and there were two items that would be discussed at a meeting to be held in January 2021 at which the Group would try to determine where the priorities lie. Along with Shropshire Council at the meeting were representatives from the PCC, West Mercia Police, and the NFU. The Group would develop guidance, advice, training and support to improve current levels of skills, knowledge and communities and they have agreed to hold quarterly meetings. The sub-group of this Group would consist of parish councillors from various parish councils and other interested parties. The main Group and the sub-group would liaise with each other.

- Trefonen was classed as Hub Status in the Local Plan and Cllr. Barrow said that the formal Regulation 19 consultation should be pursued to fight against Hub Status. Failing this it would be good to try to reduce the number of 50 additional houses for Trefonen. She felt sure that this number could be reduced by argument. Weston Rhyn had formed a community led group which included the Parish Council and local residents. Together they had identified a suitable site in Weston Rhyn of which the community was happy to see developed in the way they wanted and not with large 3-to-4-bedroom houses. Oswestry Rural Parish Council could pursue this same route and try to identify landowners and a suitable site that would be approved by the community. Cllr. Barrow said that she would be fighting against Hub Status and, if this failed, she would try to reduce the number of houses.

NOTED.

882/20 Public Participation

The Chairman of the TRPG (Trefonen Rural Protection Group) thanked the Parish Council for its response to the last Local Plan consultation held in late summer and, as nothing had changed for Trefonen, asked for continued support from the Parish Council to contest Hub Status and the numbers proposed for the village in the Regulation 19 consultation.

The Chairman said he was sure TRPG had the Parish Council's support.

883/20 Minutes

The minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 24 November 2020 were considered for approval.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that, following an addition to minute number 875/20 thus "It was further agreed to ask for knobs to be fitted to all of the new notice boards so that the doors could be opened more easily", the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

884/20 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

Cllr. Peter Richardson declared a pecuniary interest concerning agenda item 18, Fairhaven Camping.

885/20 Dispensations

None requested.

886/20 Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

None declared.

887/20 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions were **NOTED**.

Planning Application Details	Proposals
20/04398/FUL Vine Cottage, Middleton Road, Middleton, Oswestry	Erection of an agricultural storage shed. Permission GRANTED 3 December 2020. <i>The Parish Council supported this application.</i>

b) Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application Details	Proposals
20/04852/FUL	Erection of stables for private use. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED unanimously and AGREED to support.

Fairhaven Barn, Ball Lane, Maesbury	
20/04989/FUL 13 Marshfields, Maesbury, Maesbury Marsh, Oswestry	Replacement of existing front porch and erection of single storey extension to rear of property. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to support.
20/05020/FUL Pentregaer Ucha, Croesau Bach, Oswestry	Conversion of redundant agricultural building into two holiday lets. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to support.
20/05103/CPE Tramway Farm, Crickheath, Oswestry	Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development concerning the permanent residential use of a static unit in breach of Condition 1 of permission OS/09/15931/FUL (siting of mobile home). It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to NOTE.

888/20 Clerk's Report

Members received a written report from the Clerk on action taken following decisions made at the last Parish Council meeting.

NOTED.

The Clerk also informed Members that Colin Turner had offered to sweep out the bus shelter at Maesbury on a monthly basis.

It was further **AGREED** that Trefonen bus shelter should be swept as well as the bus shelter at Maesbury.

889/20 Financial Matters

a) Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations

Members considered for approval income and expenditure and bank reconciliations up to 30 November 2020. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the income and expenditure and bank reconciliations to 30 November 2020 be APPROVED.**

b) Payments for December 2020

Members considered for approval payments for December 2020.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following payments for the month of December 2020 be APPROVED.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT £
Rhydycroesau Village Hall	Grant award	500.00
Mark Evans	Bus shelter cleaning	60.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI	177.95
Viking	Stationery and postage stamps	102.50
SLCC	Clerk's annual membership	251.00
ICO	Data Protection annual registration	35.00
Bernard Morris	Internal audit	75.00
A G Royce	Winter grounds maintenance tidy up	365.00
Sharon Clayton	Salary/expenses/reimbursements	963.25
	TOTAL	2529.70

c) Maintenance Grant

Members considered for approval that the maintenance grant of £1,000 received from Shropshire Council had been spent in accordance with the grant scheme terms. A query was raised as to whether the grant applied to Shropshire Council land only or to all land that the Parish Council maintains. The Clerk informed that she would prefer to apply for a grant that might be rejected rather than not apply at all.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the grant had been spent in accordance with the grant terms.

890/20 Blocked Bridleway

Members received copies of the response from Shropshire Council concerning the Parish Council's request to Shropshire Council's Rights of Way team asking that the blocked bridleway near Llynclys Quarry be re-opened. Shropshire Council had responded stating that they were looking for proof of it being registered as a right of way. However, the person who had blocked the right of way with a locked gate had recently unlocked the gate so people could walk along the bridleway. However, permission to allow passage along the right of way could be retracted at any time.

Members also received a response from Tarmac following the Council's request to confirm ownership of the land and to reinstate meetings between Tarmac, local residents and parish councillors. Tarmac had informed that the quarry was not currently operating and, until there was access to files in the office, which was closed due to COVID-19, research into ownership had been delayed. Tarmac had also said that meetings would be reinstated in the early part of the New Year.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- a) **Tarmac should be asked to establish ownership of the land and provide a date for the return of liaison meetings.**
- b) **Shropshire Council's Highways Development Officer and rights of way team should be asked to pursue determining the legal status of the bridleway including when the road was stopped up and what alternative route may have been created in its place.**

891/20 Road Safety

- a) Members considered a request from a member of the public that the Parish Council supports traffic calming measures along Kingfisher Way in Morda. Members were uncertain as to what could be done as Kingfisher Way is within a residential area.

It was **PROPOSED** that a blanket speed limit of 30mph should be introduced throughout the parish. It was further **PROPOSED** that a police presence was needed. However, it was suggested that the speeding motorists were residents of Kingfisher Way as the road did not link to another road.

Although Members were uncertain of what measures could be implemented to reduce speeding it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the Parish Council would support traffic calming measures along Kingfisher Way.**

- b) Members received an update about road traffic issues throughout the parish. Shropshire Council had confirmed that due to the recent lockdown the ATCs would be carried out after Christmas and the work would be organised by Shropshire Council's design consultants, WSP. Shropshire Council would confirm the installation dates with the Parish Council once known.

Residents at Coed-y-Go had completed 5 days of traffic counts themselves and may do 2 more days in the New Year. They would also be measuring noise levels in the next few weeks and looking into the Road Safety Trust initiative to see if grant funding could be secured for traffic calming at Coed-y-Go.

NOTED.

It was further AGREED to request the results from a traffic survey carried out in Maesbury about 12 months ago.

- c) Members received information concerning funding that was available for road safety projects from the Road Safety Trust. Cllr. Les Maguire informed that the results from the traffic survey would be needed before applying for funding.

NOTED.

892/20 Village Halls

Members considered whether to instruct Lanyon Bowdler to proceed with the first registration of Morda Village Hall to Oswestry Rural Parish Council as Custodian Trustee and registration of the leasehold interest in Trefonen Village Hall.

As a trustee and Chairman of Trefonen Village Hall Cllr. Bob Kimber explained that the solicitor misunderstood the details of the lease for Trefonen Village Hall and that the trustees named on the 1991 lease have changed

since then. There are several documents that infer they are related to the hall building but the lease in question relates to the land that the village hall stands on and not the village hall itself. The village hall belongs to the trustees. The Parish Council is simply the Custodian Trustee for the lease of the land. The only time the Parish Council would take over as trustees would be if the trustees resigned or were unable to perform their duties as trustees. There is no freehold title to the village hall held by Shropshire Council.

Cllr. Kimber **PROPOSED** that he and Cllr. Robert Milton should seek to hold a meeting with Lanyon Bowdler early in the New Year to determine precisely what is wanted from the Parish Council to enable the Council to make an informed decision.

The Clerk informed that the Parish Council was custodian trustee for Morda & Sweeney, Trefonen, and Rhydygroesau village halls and that the Parish Council should not interfere in the day-to-day management of those village halls and the Parish Council has no financial responsibilities.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Cllr. Bob Kimber as a trustee of Trefonen Village Hall, and Cllr. Robert Milton as trustee of Morda and Sweeney Village Hall, and a trustee of Rhydygroesau Village Hall if they so wished, should liaise with Lanyon Bowdler on behalf of the Parish Council to try to resolve the misunderstanding about the role of the Parish Council as a custodian trustee and which documents the Parish Council is responsible for.

893/20 The Terraces Brickworks

Cllr. Les Maguire informed Members that the site of the old brickworks, previously a clay mine, has 2 mineshafts over 500 feet deep with other shafts running off them. These mineshafts are not capped sufficiently to hold excessive weight which caused concern when bulldozers were recently working on site. Whilst they were on site an old cart was dug up and disposed of even though it may be of archaeological interest. Cllr. Maguire **PROPOSED** that a site survey should be undertaken to determine the dangers posed by the mineshafts. The site had recently been fenced off and it was thought there were no plans for further development.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to write to Shropshire Council to inform of the recent activities, the prospective dangers of the mine shafts, and that the site may be of archaeological interest which might need protection.

884/20 Local Plan Review

Members considered a request from the Trefonen Rural Protection Group Management Committee asking the Parish Council to submit a further response to Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that comments from Councillors should be forwarded to the Clerk who would compile them into a response to Shropshire Council for consideration at the next meeting.

Cllr. Peter Richardson declared an interest and left the meeting and the Vice Chairman, Cllr. Phil May chaired the following discussion.

885/20 Fairhaven Camping

Members received a response to the Parish Council's complaint concerning activities at Fairhaven camp site. Concern was expressed in the way the exemption certificate had been obtained, that it was granted on misinformation, and that the Parish Council's concerns had not been properly answered by Natural England.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- a) No further action should be taken by the Parish Council until a response to the Parish Council's Freedom of Information request had been received from Natural England and further information from Owen Patterson MP.**
- b) Any information received should be considered at the next meeting.**

Cllr. Peter Richardson returned to the meeting.

886/20 The Elms at Middleton

Members considered a complaint from a member of the public concerning activities at the Elms, Middleton. The biomass production had been going on for over 12 months as a retrospective operation and had become a 24/7 operation. The green shed had been burned down and replaced with a brown shed with an extension. Shropshire Council had asked the applicant to improve the access to the site and highways had no objection to

the application. Smoke from biomass activities were annoying the neighbours along with the constant movement of HGVs to and from the site. The complainant had been advised to contact the planning officer at Shropshire Council.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to:

- a) **Write to Shropshire Council and ask for an update on how the planning application was progressing and what outcome could be expected.**
- b) **Ask Shropshire Council's planning enforcement why no action had been taken.**

887/20 Location Plans

Cllr. Janet Barlow expressed concern that the majority of planning applications received by the Parish Council were not sufficient to put plans into context.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to write to Shropshire Council and request that the degree of detail on planning applications be improved to include sufficient information to identify the site location, including a map reference and a post code.

Cllr. Phil May left the meeting at this point due to technical issues with his online presence.

At this point in the meeting, **it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to suspend Standing Order number 3(x) to enable the meeting to exceed more than 2 hours.**

888/20 Traffic Lights for Cyclists

Cllr. Claire Mahony expressed concern that there was no provision for pedestrians and cyclists to safely cross at the traffic lights on the busy A483 Maesbury Road. Pedestrians had to wait until the traffic stopped and then use their initiative as to when it was safe to cross. She proposed there should be pedestrian facing signals to indicate when it was safe to cross, including a buzzer to assist blind people.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to write to Shropshire Council highways and request that the traffic lights on the Maesbury Road should be modified to include pedestrian facing visual and audio signals to assist pedestrians and cyclists to cross and improve road safety.

889/20 Roadside Verges

As Cllr. Paul Milner was not present it **was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to defer this item until the next meeting.**

890/20 Mud on the Road

Cllr. Tony Milner expressed concern about the movement of waste products from site to site and the mud being left on the road as a consequence.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the situation should be monitored and considered further at the next meeting.

891/20 Strategic Plan

a) Members considered for approval an updated Strategic Plan.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the updated Strategic Plan be APPROVED.

b) Members considered for approval an updated Action Plan Monitoring Report.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the updated Strategic Plan be APPROVED.

892/20 Consultation

None considered.

893/20 Correspondence

Members received the following:

- a) SALC information bulletin and NALC information.
- b) Letter of thanks for grant aid from Hope House.

NOTED.

894/20 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

It was **AGREED** that the following matters should be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting:

- Budget 2020/2021.
- Police attendance at Council meetings (Cllr. Claire Mahoney).
- Road Safety (standing item).
- Innovation Park and boundary review (Cllr. Pam Broomby).
- Proposals for the allocation of CIL monies (Cllr. Martin Jones).
- Grants for the maintenance of defibrillators within the parish (Cllr. Martin Jones).

895/20 Date of Next Meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place by Zoom video on Tuesday 26 January 2021.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press should not be present.

896/20 Planning Enforcement

Members were advised about a recent planning enforcement notice.

NOTED.

The meeting closed at 21:24.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

Oswestry Rural Parish Council

Minutes of a virtual Parish Council meeting held at 7 pm on Tuesday 26 January 2021 by Zoom online video conference

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. Peter Richardson, Cllr. Janet Barlow, Cllr. Pam Broomby, Cllr. John Davies, Cllr. Peter Davies, Cllr. Martin Jones, Cllr. Bob Kimber, Cllr. Les Maguire, Cllr. Claire Mahoney, Cllr. Phil May, Cllr. Paul Milner, Cllr. Tony Milner, Cllr. Robert Milton, Cllr. Tracy Rowe.

Clerk to the Council:

Sharon Clayton

In attendance:

Approximately 16 members of the public.
Reporter from the Shropshire Star.

897 Chairman's Welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

898 Apologies for Absence

The following apologies were received:

Councillor	Reason
Elliot Roberts Jones	Illness

These apologies were accepted and AGREED as APPROVED absence.

Apologies were also received from Cllr. Joyce Barrow who had a family commitment.

899 Police Report

The following written report was received from Oswestry Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team:

- 30/12/2020 – Theft of an electric motorbike from rear of garden in Morda.
- 21/01/2021 - Single vehicle road traffic collision. Scooter rider was forced off the road due to a vehicle being driven on the wrong side of the road. Rider of the scooter was taken to the RSH for a precautionary check-up.
- 20/01/2021 – Report of flooding in Coed – y – Go location. A report was sent to Highways for their assessment.

NOTED.

900 Shropshire Councillor Report

Shropshire Councillor Joyce Barrow was unable to attend and provided the following written report:

- Shropshire Council had announced plans for a new civic centre within Shrewsbury's Pride Hill which would provide a boost for the town. Shropshire Council would move by 2023 along with public sector partners. It would cost £24m to refurbish the Shirehall so after looking at all options this move was found to be the best.
- As well as the Orthopaedic and Shrewsbury Hospitals further vaccination centres were planned, with another in north Shropshire planned to open after in February. GPs and pharmacies would be providing vaccinations for those housebound.
- Whilst facilities were closed Shropshire Council's cultural sites could be accessed online e.g. libraries, museums and Shropshire Archives.
- Shropshire Council was warning residents to be aware of numerous NHS COVID-19 scams following multiple reports around the UK that people had received a scam text message offering a dose of one of the new vaccines.

- The Agricultural Vehicle Liaison Group had held two meetings involving the PCC, NFU, police, and Steve Brown (Shropshire Council). The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Joyce Barrow. The group had agreed how to move ahead and would be working together to resolve issues created by agricultural vehicles on our roads. A positive meeting was held with the reference group who would feed into the liaison group. The reference group consisted of individuals who had an interest in the issues and a number of parish councils were involved. SALC was also in attendance and would feedback to parish councils. Anyone with an interest could be involved in the reference group including councillors and members of the public with a genuine interest.
- Comments had been received about the slow pace of COVID-19 vaccinations with the main problem for Shropshire being NHS Midlands sending the Pfizer Vaccine to recipients in Shropshire not having the facilities to deal with the low temperatures the vaccine required. As from 25 January 2021 Shropshire would begin to receive the Oxford Vaccine in much larger quantities which was easier to store and move around.
- There would be an extra 3 weeks of consultation to respond to the Local Plan Review.
- After serious flooding in Coed-Y-Go last week flood officers would visit to look at the issues. A combination of issues had led to the flooding and needs urgent attention.

NOTED.

901 Public Participation

One member of the public referred to Oswestry Town Council minutes of a meeting held in December 2020 in which the Mayor informed Members that all meetings should be conducted as though they were all sat in the council chamber and Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct still applied. The member of the public asked that all councillors present at Oswestry Rural Parish Council meetings should be visible during Zoom meetings and not speak from a blank screen.

One member of the public, speaking as Chair of the TRPG, thanked the Parish Council for its previous responses to consultation concerning the Local Plan Review and asked for continued support in the Regulation 19 Pre-submission Draft Local Plan consultation.

The Chairman informed those present that he had received a question to the Council from Wiseman Associates which Mr. Wiseman asked the Chairman to read out during the public session on his behalf. Mr. Wiseman asked why in May 2020 Councillors agreed to set aside £92,000 in earmarked reserves to assist with future development plans for Morda Village Hall and what was the benefit to taxpayers.

902 Minutes

The minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2020 were considered for approval.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes be deferred to the next meeting for approval as Cllr. Tony Milner said he had been misquoted at the last meeting and asked for an addition to be made at minute number 891/20(b).

903 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

Cllr. Peter Richardson declared a pecuniary interest, as a close neighbour, concerning agenda item 25, Fairhaven Camping.

904 Dispensations

None requested.

905 Declaration of Acceptance of Gifts and Hospitality

None declared.

906 Planning Matters

a) Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions were **NOTED**.

Planning Application Details	Proposals
20/04121/TPO 11 St Anne's Drive, Morda, Oswestry	Works to reduce the tree in girth by 6m and height by 12m of one Sycamore tree protected by The Council of the Borough of Oswestry (Morda House, Morda, Oswestry) TPO 1977. Permission REFUSED 5 January 2021. <i>The Parish Council objected to this application.</i>
20/04516/FUL The Byg Farm, Old Racecourse, Oswestry	Demolition of majority part of existing agricultural building, north side part of existing structure to be retained and converted to one dwelling and erection of detached carport with store. Permission REFUSED 5 January 2021. <i>The Parish Council supported this application but noted that the plans were insufficient to locate and identify the site.</i>
20/04547/VAR Ridgewood, Coed-Y-Go, Oswestry	Variation of condition number 2 (vary design to include removal of conservatory from approved plans) application reference 14/02077/FUL. Permission GRANTED . <i>The Parish Council supported this application but noted that the plans were insufficient to locate and identify the site as there were no directions to it.</i>
20/04989/FUL 13 Marshfields, Maesbury Marsh, Oswestry	Replacement of existing front porch and erection of single storey extension to rear of property. Permission GRANTED 20 January 2021. <i>The Parish Council supported this application.</i>

b) Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application Details	Proposals
20/05422/FUL Land adjacent Penymaes, Croesau Bach, Oswestry	Change of Use from a pony paddock to gypsy/traveller site to include one static caravan, one touring caravan, one amenity block, septic tank and gravel hardstanding (part retrospective). It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to object and inform Shropshire Council that although Members had received objections from residents their objections did not appear on the planning portal.

907 Clerk's Report

Members received a written report from the Clerk on action taken following decisions made at the last Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk also informed that Shropshire Council had advised that the traffic lights at Maesbury junction were the responsibility of Highways England and the Clerk had written to Highways England to request that modification be made to the traffic lights to make crossing the road safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

NOTED.

908 Councillor Reports

- Cllr. Tony Milner asked for the Shropshire Council report to be included with Councillor Reports.

It was AGREED that the Shropshire Council report would be considered with Councillor Reports on future agendas.

- Cllr. Peter Richardson informed that, on 12 January 2021, he was invited by a local resident to listen to the sound of activities going on all day at The Elms. During his visit he saw 2 articulated lorries within 30 minutes and the constant activity suggested it was a full-blown industrial site and not an agricultural site. The planning application for the site had still not been resolved and Shropshire Council had asked for further information and had been in contact with the local resident who was keeping a log of activities. Concern was expressed about neighbouring properties being covered in ash and how this impacted on the air quality within the vicinity.

It was AGREED that the situation should be monitored for the protection of peoples health.

909 Financial Matters

a) Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations

Members considered for approval income and expenditure and bank reconciliations up to 31 December 2020. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the income and expenditure and bank reconciliations to 31 December 2020 be APPROVED.**

b) Payments for January 2021

Members considered for approval payments for January 2021.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following payments for the month of January 2021 be APPROVED.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT £
Silver Marbles	Website maintenance	36.00
Scottish Power	Street lighting electricity	250.49
Viking	Stationery and postage stamps	93.38
SLCC	Clerk training	130.80
Mark Evans	Bus shelter cleaning	60.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI	178.15
Sharon Clayton	Salary/expenses/reimbursements	928.85
	TOTAL	1677.67

c) Monthly cleaning/sweeping of bus shelters

Members considered for approval the cost of £25 per month for the cleaning/sweeping of the bus shelters at Maesbury and Oswestry/Trefonen Road.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the two bus shelters be cleaned each month at a cost of £25 per month.

910 Budget/Precept 2021/2022 and Reserves Allocation.

Members considered for approval the budget and precept for 2021/2022 and the allocation of reserves.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- a) **The budget for 2021/2022 should be set at £36,244.**
- b) **The precept for 2021/2022 should be set at £35,114.**
- c) **Reserves be allocated as follows:**

Budget Heading	Amount £
Professional/legal fees	1000
Quality Award Scheme	150
Newsletter and Annual Report	2000
Councillor training	275
New streetlights	2000
Grants for leisure and community development	1000
VAS	6812
Morda Village Hall (subject to clarification of ownership)	92000
AED	400
Neighbourhood Funds	6643
Elections	3430
TOTAL	115710

911 Road Safety

- a) Members considered a suggestion from a member of the public that a low-profile chicane be installed on the straight section of Kingfisher Way, Morda, to help reduce speeding.

It was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED** that:

- i. **This suggestion should be supported, pending more specific details and costs.**
- ii. **Any future development should include traffic calming measures along Kingfisher Way.**
- iii. **Shropshire Council should be asked what could be done as speeding along this road is anti-social behaviour.**

b) Members received an update on road safety issues as follows:

Cllr. Phil May reported that local residents in Nantmawr had requested the introduction of a 30mph speed limit in Nantmawr which was supported by Llanyblodwel Parish Council and Oswestry Rural Parish Council.
NOTED.

Cllr. John Davies reported that the VAS signs for Trefonen had been received and Kier needed to be chased for an installation date. The delay had been caused due to a pole being installed in the wrong place.
It was AGREED to ask Shropshire Council to arrange for the pole to be moved to the correct location so that the signs could be installed.

Cllr. Les Maguire reported that the traffic counter for Coed-Y-Go would not be installed until after the COVID-19 lockdown and until things were in place the Parish Council could not apply for a grant.
NOTED.

In accordance with Standing Order number 1(a) the Chairman changed the order of business so that Fairhaven Campsite could be considered at this point in the meeting.

912 Fairhaven Campsite

Having declared an interest Cllr. Peter Richardson left the meeting and the Vice Chairman Cllr. Phil May updated Members on behalf of the Chairman and said that information was still awaited from Natural England concerning the Stage 2 complaint.
NOTED.

The Clerk reported that the Councils FOI to Natural England was taking longer than usual due to COVID-19.
It was AGREED that the Clerk should ask Natural England when a response could be expected.

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

913 Road Safety

c) Members received road traffic data from a traffic survey held along Woolston Bank, Maesbury.
It was AGREED that this should be considered further at the next meeting.

914 Village Halls

Information was still awaited before deciding whether to instruct Lanyon Bowdler to proceed with the first registration of Morda Village Hall to Oswestry Rural Parish Council as Custodian Trustee and registration of the leasehold interest in Trefonen Village Hall.

Cllr. Bob Kimber informed Members that he had sent information to Lanyon Bowdler and had not yet received a response. The Clerk reported that Cllr. Robert Milton had also been in touch with Lanyon Bowdler.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that due to insufficient information this matter should be considered further at the next meeting.

915 Police Attendance at Council Meetings

Cllr. Claire Mahoney expressed concern that there had been no police presence at Council meetings for some time and it would be of benefit to members of the public for the police to attend meetings to hear concerns first-hand, especially issues about road safety.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to write to the police inspector and ask for police attendance at Council meetings so that they could engage with the Parish Council and discuss matters of concern with members of the public.

916 Innovation Park and Boundary Review

A recent press release had indicated that Oswestry Town Council wanted a boundary review so that the land on which the Innovation Park was to be developed could be taken from Oswestry Rural and included in the parish of Oswestry.

Cllr. Pam Broomby reported that, as part of a previous boundary review carried out in 2011, the Parish Council had agreed to a boundary change to allow Oswestry Town Council to have a piece of land near the leisure centre at Mile End and, in exchange, the Parish Council gained some land along Racecourse Road and another small piece of land at Broomhall Lane.

As the development land for the Innovation Park is in the parish of Oswestry Rural Cllr. Broomby asked that, if the Parish Council should be asked to relinquish this land as part of a future boundary change, the Parish Council should consider any financial implications such as CIL monies and Neighbourhood Funds.

Maesbury in particular would benefit from some spending e.g. a new footpath. Because the Parish Council did a land swap in 2011 the Parish Council might want to consider whether the parish would benefit from having land from within the parish of Oswestry. It was disappointing to learn of an intended boundary review via the press and the Parish Council should work closer with Oswestry Town Council to consider this further.

Concern was expressed about the interests of Cllr. Les Maguire and Cllr. Paul Milner who were both Oswestry Town Councillors.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to write to Oswestry Town Council and express disappointment that the Parish Council was not consulted and learned in the press about its desire for a boundary review in which parts of Oswestry Rural might be transferred into the parish of Oswestry.

917 CIL/Neighbourhood Funds

Cllr. Martin Jones wanted to find out what funds could be allocated to Morda C of E Primary School and what remedial works or development the school would like to facilitate a better and safer learning environment for the children.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the Parish Council should engage with Morda Primary C of E School to determine what infrastructure was necessary to improve the school facilities.

At this point in the meeting, **it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to suspend Standing Order number 3(x) to enable the meeting to exceed more than 2 hours.**

918 Place Plan

Members considered updates to the Place Plan and several suggestions were put forward. However, due to the time and the number of amendments; **it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Members should email their comments to the Clerk for consideration at the next meeting.**

919 Defibrillators

Cllr. Martin Jones proposed that an annual grant should be awarded to maintain all the defibrillators in the parish.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that grants should be awarded towards the maintenance of all defibrillators within the parish.

920 Roadside Verges

Cllr. Paul Milner said that, as the state of roadside verges was being addressed by Shropshire Council's Agricultural Vehicle Liaison Group as advised earlier, he had nothing further to add.

NOTED.

921 Mud on the Road

Cllr. Tony Milner expressed concern about mud on the road and that it was good that Shropshire Council's Agricultural Vehicle Liaison Group meetings were looking into the situation. Cllr. Phil May also mentioned that it was not just large vehicles that were causing problems and that the same problem was occurring in Nantmawr by a quad bike.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to discuss this issue further at the next meeting.

922 Morda Village Hall

Members received a report from Wiseman Investigations concerning re-development proposals of Morda Village Hall. Members expressed concern about management responsibilities and the upkeep of Morda Village Hall, how the funds had been managed by the Trustees, and how the money would be raised to redevelop the hall which suggested it could include 5 affordable homes. Members were also concerned about the £92,000 that the Parish Council had earmarked towards the redevelopment of the hall although the Chairman did stress that this was dependent on ownership of the hall being clarified.

The Wiseman Report referred to Clause 18 of the 1966 Trust Deed that states:

"The Committee [management] shall provide and keep a minute book and books of account. All proper accounts in relation to the Foundation [charity] shall in each year be prepared and made out, and copies sent to the Parish Council of any parish within the area of benefit or to the Chairman of the Parish Meeting of any such parish where there is no Parish Council and (on demand) to the Secretary of State".

It was PROPOSED that the report should be sent to an impartial authority, i.e. the police or fraud squad, to advise on whether any improper activities had occurred. It was further PROPOSED that the report should be sent to the Charity Commission.

Some Members were concerned that there was some information they had not seen.

It was eventually PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- a) The report should be sent to the police.
- b) The Clerk should write to all 3 village halls for which the Parish Council is Custodian Trustee and ask that all minutes and financial information for the last 5 years be provided to the Parish Council.

923 Consultation

Members considered for approval a response to the Local Plan Review.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the Parish Council would take note of all comments received and agree a response at the next meeting.

924 Correspondence

Members received the following:

- a) SALC information bulletin and NALC information.
- b) Information about training events for councillors.

NOTED.

925 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

It was AGREED that the following matters should be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting:

- Boundary fence/trees at Trefarclawdd cemetery.
- Notice boards maintenance.
- Flood plain at Morda Village Hall.
- Morda Village Hall and outcome from the police
- Ford at Coed-Y-Rae Lane, Maesbury

926 Date of Next Meeting

It was NOTED that the next meeting would take place by Zoom video on Tuesday 23 February 2021.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press should not be present.

927 Notice Board

Members considered for approval a quote for the installation of a notice board at Trefarclawdd cemetery.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the notice board be installed by Malcolm Lainsbury at a cost of £160.

928 Planning Enforcement

No planning enforcement notices had been received.

NOTED.

The meeting closed at 22:24.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

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Clerk's Monthly Report

The following is a report on action taken following decisions made at the last parish council meeting.

MONTH	MINUTE NUMBER	RESOLUTION/AGREED ACTION	TASK COMPLETE	COMMENTS
2020 July	422/19	Inform Shropshire Council that the Council would like to take on the undisputed land at Chapel Green.	Yes	Awaiting a response from Shropshire Council. See above.
2021 January	909(c)	Arrange for the bus shelters at Trefonen and Maesbury to be cleaned.	Yes	
	911(a)(iii)	Ask Shropshire Council what can be done at Kingfisher Way to reduce speeding.	Yes	Emailed Philip Lloyd at Shropshire Council and a response is awaited.
	911(b)	Ask Shropshire Council to arrange for the pole to be moved to the correct location at Trefonen to facilitate the installation of the 2 VAS.	Work in progress	Cllr. John Davies is liaising with Shropshire Council.
	912	Ask Natural England when a response would be received concerning activities at Fairhaven Campsite.	Yes	A response has now been received.
	915	Write to the police inspector to ask for police attendance at Parish Council meetings.	Yes	Inspector Claire Greenaway has agreed to attend the Parish Council meeting on 23 February 2021.
	916	Write to Oswestry Town Council and express the Parish Council's disappointment that that it was not consulted about proposals for the boundary review.	Yes	Response received.
	917	Write to the Chair of Governors at Morda C of E Primary School and enquire what infrastructure would be necessary to improve the school's facilities.	Work in progress	Awaiting contact details from Cllr. Phil May.
	922(a)	Send the report written by Paul Wiseman to the police.	Yes	Awaiting a response.
	922(b)	Write to all 3 village halls within the parish and ask for minutes and financial transactions for the last 5 years.	Yes	There is no requirement for them to provide minutes to the Parish Council.

TO NOTE:

- The installation of the notice board at Trefarclawdd cemetery is dependent on when the old notice board from Trefonen has been refurbished.
- All the new notice boards within the parish have had their doors eased due to swelling with the damp conditions. Any further attention will be charged.

Income and expenditure to date:

MONTH	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	BALANCE
	£	£	£
31-Mar-20		B/F	135659.56
2020			
April	-7283.57	80,728.37	209104.36
May	-2940.29	1,108.04	207272.11
June	-1734.61	57.23	205594.73
July	-2469.98	456.19	203580.94
August	-1724.64	10954.08	212810.38
September	-2795.42	807.39	210822.35
October	-2846.70	1602.78	209578.43
November	-4845.47	1.89	204734.85
December	-2029.70	105.76	202810.91
2021			
January	-1677.67	601.16	201734.40
February			
March			
BALANCE	-30348.05	96,422.89	201,734.40

Bank balance as at 31 January 2021:

Current account 10649120	2668.48
Deposit account 11313924	174012.58
Reserve account 21514768	53.34
PSDF	25000.00
	201734.40

Expenditure	Budget 2020/2021	Balance	January 2021	Allocated Reserves
General Administration				
Clerk Salary / Employer NI/ Home Working Allowance	£12,970.00	£2,043.84	£10,926.16	
Stationery	£700.00	£10.67	£689.33	
Postage	£360.00	(£8.49)	£368.49	
Clerk Travel Costs	£660.00	£489.00	£171.00	
Audit Fee (internal)	£90.00	£15.00	£75.00	
Audit Fee (external)	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	
Professional/Legal Fees	£500.00	-£370.00	£870.00	£1,000.00
Insurance	£800.00	-£15.56	£815.56	
Meeting Room Hire	£500.00	£350.10	£149.90	
SALC Subscription	£1,600.00	£13.12	£1,586.88	
SLCC Subscription	£246.00	(£5.00)	£251.00	
Data Protection	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00	
Quality Award Scheme	£0.00			£150.00
Communication				
Newsletter	£500.00	£500.00		£2,000.00
Website	£250.00	-£140.00	390.00	
Notice board repair/replacement	£7,125.00	£3,750.00	£3,375.00	
Training				
Clerk	£500.00	£261.00	£239.00	
General (Councillor)	£400.00	£370.00	£30.00	£275.00
Elections	£3,430.00	£3,430.00		
Parish Maintenance				
Street Lights - electricity	£960.00	£10.80	£949.20	
Street Lights - repairs	£250.00	£250.00		
Street Lights - new	£0.00			£2,000.00
Grounds Maintenance - Cemeteries	£3,340.00	£723.00	£2,617.00	
Grounds Maintenance - Green Spaces	£3,340.00	£522.00	£2,818.00	
Grounds Maintenance - New Green Spaces	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		
Morton Churchyard	£425.00	£0.00	£425.00	
Bus Shelter - cleaning	£650.00	£92.00	£558.00	
General Repairs	£200.00	£200.00		
Leisure and Community				
Grants	£3,650.00	£1,530.00	£2,120.00	£1,000.00
General Power of Competence				
Strategic Plan (VAS)	£1,000.00	£955.00	£45.00	£6,812.00
Morda Village Hall				£92,000.00
Tony Cheetham Community Grant Award	£52.00	£52.00		
Contingency	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		
AED	£0.00			£400.00
Sub Total	£46,833.00	£17,028.48	£29,804.52	
Neighbourhood Fund Projects				£6,643.00

Allocated reserves				£112,280.00
Unallocated reserves (Neighbourhood Funds)				£31,471.00
			TOTAL	£143,751.00
General reserves				£58,958.00
Total reserves			Approved	£202,709.00
Total net expenditure	£46,833.00	£17,028.48	£29,804.52	
VAT	0	0	£543.53	
Total gross expenditure			£30,348.05	
Income	Budget 2020/2021	Balance	January 2021	
Precept	£45,583.00	£0.00	£45,583.00	
Cemetery Fees	£1,000.00	-£13,500.00	£14,500.00	
Interest	£200.00	£92.91	£107.09	
Donations	£50.00	-£1,050.00	£1,100.00	
Grants received	£0.00			
Sub total	£46,833.00		£61,290.09	
Neighbourhood Fund			£34,405.40	
Total net income	£46,833.00		£95,695.49	
VAT refunds			£727.40	
Total income received			£96,422.89	



Oswestry Rural Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

For the Parish of Oswestry Rural

Budget 2021/2022

The Parish Council has agreed the budget for the next fiscal year at £36,244 and the precept at £35,114. This is a 29.81% **decrease** on last year. Due to the devastation caused by COVID-19, and with many people losing income, the Council does not feel it necessary to raise local taxes any more than is necessary. We have funds in reserves should we wish to draw on them, some of which are allocated towards certain projects. Details of the budget can be found on our [website](#) along with other financial information.

Council Meetings

As lockdown continues due the COVID-19 pandemic we are still not able to hold face-to-face meetings and we continue to hold virtual meetings using Zoom. Many of you have joined us and we hope you will continue to do so. The Zoom link is on our agendas which are published on our [website](#) along with meeting details including supporting documents and minutes of meetings.

Future Council Meetings

The present situation for holding virtual Council meetings is only lawful until May this year. As we have no idea how long the current lockdown will continue we are awaiting guidance as to whether the government will extend current legislation to allow virtual meetings to continue. In the meantime our meetings will be held by Zoom although we will begin to make plans for the commencement of face-to-face meetings and ensure that appropriate risk management is in place.

Local Elections 2021

Local elections are taking place on Thursday 6 May this year. This is an opportunity for you to become a parish councillor. We have published an 'Election Special' which has information on how to become a councillor, what councillors do and details about what services Oswestry Rural Parish Council currently provides.

If you want to represent your local community and make a difference now is your chance to stand for election.



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New Care Facilities

Croesoswallt Care Limited is a new domiciliary care company opening up in Oswestry whose services are mainly aimed at the elderly.



Services include; meal preparation, companionship calls, shopping and personal care (assistance with washing and bathing, dressing, continence needs, application of creams, prompting and administering medication, maintaining personal hygiene etc.).

They also offer respite and palliative care services as well as support packages for adults with learning disabilities and mental health issues.

Dan Valentine is the Director and Registered manager and he says: "Because of the continuing need for 'OUTSTANDING' care within the local area, I wanted to implement by my own vision and values. Being from Oswestry all my life, I wanted to start a domiciliary care company in the town that reflect a more holistic approach to home care. I don't believe in 'one size fits all' this is why I encourage my team to be highly flexible in their approach to care. I want the most vulnerable in our community to live an independent and fulfilled life, whilst promoting our core values - passion, respect, integrity, diversity."

Walking in Shropshire

The Walking in Shropshire website has hundreds of walks to download and print for free. There are also books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county, and much more. There are walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus with details about suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs so that everyone can find a walk to enjoy. [Walking in Shropshire](#) is part of the [Walking in England](#) suite of websites so that you can find walks when you are away from home.

Parish Council Meetings

Future meeting dates:

30 March 2021,
27 April 2021,
25 May 2021.

All commence at 7 pm.

Meeting links are on our agendas which are published on our [website](#). You are most welcome to join us.



Oswestry Rural Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

For the Parish of Oswestry Rural

Local Elections

Local elections take place throughout Shropshire on Thursday 6 May 2021 and this is your chance to make a difference. You have the opportunity to not only vote for those who you want to represent you on Oswestry Rural Parish Council but also to stand for election yourself.

Oswestry Rural Parish Council can only be as good as the people elected to manage it so we are looking for councillors who are capable, enthusiastic and engaged to reinvigorate the local community and help to make Oswestry Rural a better place in which to live, work and visit.

What do Councillors do?

Councillors are elected to represent their local community as a member of their local council. Here in Oswestry Rural there are fifteen councillors which together form a team known as Oswestry Rural Parish Council.

If you become a councillor you will have an opportunity to make decisions on behalf of the community to help improve the locality and the lives of those who live and work within the parish of Oswestry Rural. As part of a team you can help to develop strategies and plans for the parish, comment on planning and development proposals, and help to solve local issues by working with partners towards a common goal.



Becoming a Councillor

If you would like to become a councillor you must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth
- At least 18 years of age
- Live or work in the parish of Oswestry Rural

Make a difference - become a councillor

You can find out more about how to become a councillor by visiting [The Electoral Commission](#) and the [Local Government Association](#). You can also contact the Elections Team at Shropshire Council: 0345 678 9015 or [Email elections](#)

If you become a councillor you could...

Help manage the Council's business

We need you to join our team and contribute your business skills, personal skills and expertise.

The Council currently has a budget of £35,114. Help us to spend it wisely and for the benefit of the community.

Help shape local services

If you want to help make a difference by influencing decisions that affect our community then stand for election. If you become a councillor you will be able to help us deal with the challenges we face in protecting and enhancing local services.

Help to improve the locality

We currently maintain various green spaces within the parish. We are also considering taking on more land management. If you join our team you can take an active part in decisions aimed at improving and maintaining our community assets.

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Oswestry Rural Parish Wards

For Election purposes Oswestry Rural is divided into 5 wards as follows:

- Morda with Sweeney represented by 5 councillors
- Maesbury with Aston represented by 3 councillors
- Rhydygroesau with Llanforda represented by 2 councillors
- Sychtyn represented by 1 councillor
- Trefonen with Treflach represented by 4 councillors

There are 15 councillors in all.

Current Services

The Parish Council is responsible for the following:

- Ownership and maintenance of various properties and green spaces around the parish.
- Bus shelters
- Street lights
- Street furniture and notice boards
- Trefarclawdd Cemetery

The Council also provides grants to charities and local community groups and recognises a worthy individual each year who wins the 'Tony Cheetham Community Service Award'.

Parish Council Meetings

As the coronavirus pandemic continues we are not holding physical meetings and until further notice our meetings will continue to be held by Zoom video. Meeting links are on our agendas which are published on our [website](#).

Future meeting dates:

30 March 2021

27 April 2021

25 May 2021

All commence at 7 pm. You are most welcome to join us.

TITLE OF REPORT:	VILLAGE HALLS
REPORT BY:	Clerk - Sharon Clayton
	<p><u>Rhydycroesau Village Hall</u></p> <p>At a Parish Council meeting held on 26 January 2021 it was agreed that the Clerk should write to all 3 village halls of which the Parish Council is Custodian Trustee and ask that all minutes and financial information for the last 5 years be provided to the Parish Council. This was prompted by the following statements contained in a report written by Paul Wiseman dated 26 December 2020 and relating to Morda and Sweeney Village Hall:</p> <p>Clause 18 in the Charity's Deed of Trust states that annual accounts and meeting notes should be submitted to the Parish Council Chairman (page 4).</p> <p>Clause 18 of the Charity's Deed of Trust states quite clearly that annual accounts should be submitted to the Parish Council on an annual basis (page 9).</p> <p>Deed of Trust Clause 18, Minutes and Accounts, The Committee shall provide and keep a minute book and books of account. All proper accounts in relation to the Foundations hall in each year be prepared and made out, and copies sent to the Parish Council...(page 9).</p> <p>The 1977 Conveyance for Rhydycroesau Village Hall states at Clause 16, 'Minutes and Accounts': "The committee shall provide and keep a minute book and books of account. All proper statements of account in relation to the Charity shall in each year be prepared as prescribed by section 32 of the Charities Act 1960 and copies thereof shall be sent to the Council". It is not clear which Council; the District or the Parish?</p> <p>The Conveyance does not state that the Council should receive copies of minutes and only the AGM is a public meeting. Should the Parish Council wish to see the minutes they are invited to inspect them but for the charity to provide 5 years' worth would involve a lot of photocopying at a time when the village hall is trying to use resources wisely. (Please see letter appended.) The village hall has however provided a balance sheet, summary statement of financial activities, and a financial performance report. (Please details appended.)</p> <p><u>Trefonen Village Hall</u></p> <p>There is no reference in in the Scheme dated 1 July 2009 given under the Charities Act 1993 to making accounts or minutes available to the Parish Council and therefore none have been provided.</p>
LEGAL OBLIGATIONS:	Charities now are regulated by the Charity Commission and all accounts are filed online and therefore publicly available.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	There are printing/scanning costs associated with village halls having to provide copies of accounts to the Parish Council when this information is provided on the Charity Commission website.
COMMUNITY BENEFIT	Village halls provide facilities that engender community cohesion.
CLERK'S COMMENTS:	To NOTE this report and associated documents.
DATE OF MEETING AT WHICH THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED:	23 February 2021.

TITLE OF REPORT:	Litter Bin outside Morton Playing Field
REPORT BY:	Clerk - Sharon Clayton
BACKGROUND:	<p>The Chairman of Morton Playing Field Committee has written to the Parish Council explaining of the need for a new litter bin to be installed outside Morton Playing Field. At the moment a local resident is putting out bin bags as a gesture of goodwill although it is not clear where they are taken when they are full.</p> <p>The Committee has funds sufficient to purchase a litter bin and is willing to do so. However the Committee is requesting that the Parish Council pays for the cost of emptying the bin.</p>
ISSUES:	With no litter bin in the vicinity there is a risk of littering, especially if the local resident discontinues collecting the litter.
LEGAL OBLIGATIONS:	None.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	<p>Shropshire Council has informed that due to budget restraints they are only able to replace broken bins. The installation of a new Broxmap metal bin is £300 which is long lasting and has a large capacity for waste. The annual emptying cost is £125 per bin.</p> <p>Emptying cost only = £125 per annum.</p>
COMMUNITY BENEFIT	Reduced risk of unsightly litter.
PROPOSAL:	That the Parish Council supports Morton Playing Field Committee with the installation of a new litter bin outside Morton Playing Field and considers and approves the annual emptying cost of a litter bin.
DATE OF MEETING AT WHICH THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED:	23 February 2021.