

Gladestry Community Council

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Monday 15th Jan 2024 at 7.30 pm in Gladestry Village Hall

1. Apologies received from Melvyn Hughes.
2. Agree and sign minutes from the Ordinary Meeting (192) held on 18th Sept 2023.
3. Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting (192) held on 18th Sept 2023. Ordinary meeting (193) due to be held in November 2023 did not take place due to less than five attendees.
4. Planning.

Application Reference: 23/1256/REM Application under section 73 to vary conditions 2 and 8 attached to 22/2200/REM to allow for amended plans. Land Adjoining Church Barn. Approve. 6/11/2023. *Note: ground work has started.*

Stone House Barns: email from Planning dated 21/09/2023: "I have just refused the application at Stone House Barns, Gladestry. The obvious next step is enforcement against the unauthorised development. This is a long process... I will let you know if / when anything specific happens."

Application Reference: 23/1622/FUL Proposed Construction of 2 Detached Dwellings, installation of package treatment plant and all associated works. Land South Of Meadow Vale. Email received 22nd November 2023. Planning decision not yet known.

5. Finance.

Balance as of 13th January: £3841.69. Expenditure since the last meeting: monthly bank charges of £5.00 each. Clerk salary paid for Apr-Jun (£300), July-September (£300) and Oct-Nov (£300). Invoice INV-1292 from UBE of £42 to fix website problem in August 2022 was paid. Income since the last meeting: £1166 received 29/12/2023.

Insurance for Gladestry Community Council (Policy Number: YLL-2720439183) is due for renewal on 13 February 2024, with Zurich. Premium for the year, including Insurance Premium Tax and VAT where applicable, is **£238.00**. To ensure cover continues, renewal premium is due by 13 February 2024. This is the same cost as last year – no increase.

6. Correspondence since last meeting:

Village website has become corrupted beyond repair. Also, the guys that run it (Roger Withnell and Robert Terry) are both retiring from IT. Ian has established that we are required to have a website for the community council.

David Bridson has offered to help: "Sorry to hear about the village website going down. If there's a backup of the contents somewhere, I could transfer those to my own web server if that

helps. I would need to transfer the domain to my server and charge £75.00 per year for the space, which would include regular (weekly) backups and security management. However, that would be the only cost to the Community Council. I would be happy to do the work free of charge. Please let me know if there's any interest in this proposal. If necessary — ie, no backup available — I could rebuild the website completely quite quickly. Again, I would not charge for that. (I'm happy to do it for the benefit of the community.)”

David Bridson

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7. Business matters:

i. Highways update: Any updates to report?

Water has been coming across the road to the north of the village. Powys were working there on 12th January. Keep an eye on it.

Road north of village at entrance to poultry shed opposite Wern Farm – owner says the road surface will be sorted out when the sheds are emptied for a few weeks nearer to summer.

Stanner Junction has been resurfaced by PCC.

ii. School lay-by. It appears the lay-by belongs to the school (it's on the drawings for the construction of the newer parts of the building). It is used by the school bus and by contractors. Recently there have been issues caused by parked vehicles in the lay-by (this was one afternoon when there was a wake at the pub and the pub car park was already full). Apparently there used to be a 'keep clear' sign by the layby. The school staff have asked: could this sign be reinstated and enforced? It would need to be clear between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm.

iii. Hedges: At two locations in the village the hedges were encroaching onto footpaths. Both have been cut by the owners and the paths are now clear.

iv: Welsh Government road safety consultation. Do we want to make a response? Deadline 31st January. See link below:

<https://www.gov.wales/node/58115/respond-online>

v: Community Speed Watch. Zoom meeting Weds 8th Feb at 7 pm. This scheme provides speed detection devices to communities so they can monitor and report speeding. Yes / No?

vi: Laptop is becoming more unreliable – seems to be a problem with battery. Might require professional attention or replacement.

8. Agree date and time of next meeting. (7.30 pm Monday 18th March 2024)