

## Gladestry Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 18 March 2024 at 7.30pm  
in the village hall

Present. Mr Ian Ball (Chairman), Mr Ed Jones, Ms Beck Lloyd, Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr Melvyn Hughes and Dr Lorna Steel (clerk). Three members of the community also attended to contribute to the Planning discussion.

1. Apologies. Ms Julie Davies and Mr Joseph Alman.

### 2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting (194) held on 15th January 2024

Beck proposed and Viv seconded the motion to accept the minutes. However, David Bridson (present at the last meeting) had communicated by email to LS that there was an error in the minutes, namely the cost of the new website maintenance. LS to amend the minutes and circulate to council, then Ian to sign the corrected minutes.

### 3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 15th January 2023

None.

### 4. Planning.

Church Barn development – discussion over where the footpath will go – no longer going through the Village Hall grounds – is it now going around the back of Marlene’s bungalow?

Stonehouse – LS reported there have been no communication from Powys Planning since last Autumn. LS agreed to prompt the planning officer for an update (if any).

Application to build two homes at Meadow Vale. Members of the community attending the meeting proposed that recent construction projects in Gladestry are not ‘affordable’ starter homes. They also said that there is no indication of the height of the buildings and they felt they were not ‘fitting’ for the village. Attendees wondered what the Local Development Plan looks like (if there is one). EJ was asked to request an extension to the deadline for raising objections, and request a visit from a Planning Officer. The three attendees from the community mentioned starting a petition to gauge the general opinion of the village residents. They also said that the planning notice (normally fixed in a prominent place) was ‘hidden’ as if PCC did not want it to be seen, and that residents of Meadow Vale were unaware of the plans.

## 5. Finance.

Bank balance is healthy - £3493.69 on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Clerk applied for 2024-2025 precept of £3500 but have had no notification from PCC yet. We received £3500 for 2023-2024.

Insurance for Gladestry Community Council was paid. Premium same as last year £238.

Village Hall wifi – would the Community Council pay for it? It is £10 per month on a dongle. The Village Hall Committee would need to discuss and make an application to the CC.

## 6. Correspondence.

Website: David Bridson (village resident) has made a new Gladestry website (gladestry.info). The cost of this replacement website is £25 for the domain and David's continuing tech support is £75 per annum. He is offering us his skills at cost because it helps support the community. This is slightly cheaper than what UBE were charging us previously (£128 p/a).

Council must decide if we prefer to use only the new gladestry.info site or redirect traffic from gladestry.org (which is now defunct). David believes that email will be unaffected.

Clerk has provided David with minutes from the last 10 years as PDFs for the website.

The laptop itself has become unreliable (it was a reconditioned old one). It doesn't hold a charge in its battery. Clerk to investigate replacement battery.

## 7. Business matters.

i. Highways. EJ said Powys are going to re-do Stanner Junction and resurface from the quarry bends to the village. Council wondered why Stanner needed re-doing so soon after last time.

ii. Ian informed us that the surface by the entrance to the poultry sheds will be repaired by the owner during late Spring when the sheds are cleared out.

iii. Council complained about speeding lorries through the village (but at the last meeting they said they did not want to take part in Community Speed Watch).

iv. Melvyn said the kerbs at the end of the school lay-by are dangerous to traffic, but EJ said they are a legal requirement to protect pedestrians on the path.

v. Clerk was asked to request jetter to clear drains from The Wern to the village. Water is running down the road against the kerb outside the school and could be hazardous if it freezes.

8. The next meeting will be on Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated