

# Gladestry Community Council

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**Gladestry Community Council meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Gladestry Village Hall**

***Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend***

## AGENDA

1. To receive apologies.
2. To agree and sign minutes from the Ordinary Meeting (199) held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
3. Public participation: An opportunity for members of the public to address the council on items listed in the agenda.
4. Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting (199) held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
  - Update on demand for grazing rights on Brilley Common?
  - The school flagpole
5. Planning.
  - One notification received for information only: 21/1165/FUL — Full Application Change of use of land and siting of 2x holiday chalets at Newgate Farm, Brilley, Whitney-on- wye, Hereford HR3 6HN. Approved on 04/11/2024.
6. Finance.

Date	Item	Payee	Paid Out	Paid In	Balance
06/09/2024	Opening Balance				£4,271.70
27/09/2024	HSBC Bank Charges	HSBC	£5.00		£4,266.70
21/10/2024	Powys C/Tax NDR*	Powys CC	£74.88		£4,191.82
26/10/2024	Temporary Clerk's Charge	Bridson Kneale	£300.00		£3,891.82
27/10/2024	HSBC Bank Charges	HSBC	£5.00		£3,886.82

*\* This was the bill from Powys CC for the RoSPA playground inspection paid by Cllr Ball*

- The clerk has received a letter from a debt collection agency acting on behalf of HMRC demanding payment of its £327.93 fine for late submissions in the previous financial year. The clerk has tried calling HMRC to discuss this matter, but gave up after waiting on the line without an answer for 50 minutes. He hasn't so far received an answer to his follow-up letter either. Do councillors think the community council should just pay up and have done with it?
- Application for change of signatories to the HSBC Bank account

7. Correspondence since last meeting

- Response from Neil Clutton, Professional Lead, Strategic Property at Powys County Council to Cllr Davies's letter re the school flagpole:

*I have been asked to contact you on behalf of Emma Palmer in response to your letter dated 18th September 2024. It is with regret that the removal of the flagpole has upset the visible sign of your community's pride in our country.*

*It was agreed by the Council in March 2024 to remove most flagpoles from council owned buildings to make financial savings across the Council's estate. The decision to remove the flag poles was not communicated effectively by the Strategic Property Team whose contractor undertook the removal work. Unfortunately, on this occasion there was no communication with the school to confirm the council's position.*

*Each flagpole across the estate must be inspected annually to ensure compliance with statutory legislation. The annual cost of the testing and inspection for Gladestry Church in Wales School is £560 plus VAT.*

*As a matter of courtesy, Powys County Council will replace the flagpole at Gladestry Church in Wales School site at no cost to the school or Gladestry Community Council.*

*It should be noted however, that any future testing and compliance inspections will have to be funded directly by the school from their delegated budget.*

*I am therefore writing to give an unreserved apology on behalf of Powys County Council and the Strategic Property Service.*

- The Clerk has received an email from HSBC requesting his response to a survey on the process of changing the Community Council's account mandate to enable his and Cllr Davies's access to the account and their acting as signatories alongside Cllr Ball.
8. Any other business
  9. To receive items for the next meeting (at 7.30pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2025)