

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 17 September 2018
in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Mr Melvyn Hughes (Chairman), Mr Ian Ball, Mr Gareth Croose, Ms Jane Bisby, Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr Joseph Alman, Cllr Michael Jones and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

Observer: Mr Edward Jones.

1. Apologies. Mr Derrick Carrington.

2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16 July 2018.

Jane proposed that the minutes from the ordinary meeting were agreed; Gareth seconded, and Councillors approved. The minutes were then signed.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 16 July 2018.

- i. Viv said that he had given the village notice board a coating of clear varnish; Councillors expressed their thanks to Viv. Viv also pointed out that the minutes of the previous meeting should refer to Church House Farm rather than Church Farm.
- ii. The boundary issue concerning Powys CC and the Royal Oak remained unresolved. The Clerk had been informed by Powys that a written report may be expected soon.
- iii. Kiosk. Viv had spoken to Mr Peter McKenzie about the refurbishment, and Peter was still going to undertake the work.
- iv. Church House Farm, Michaelchurch – planning. (Cllr Jones excused himself from the meeting). Councillors were still concerned that some or all of the preconditions may not have been met. The Clerk was asked to write to the planning authority to ask for an up to date statement of the current situation.

4. Planning.

Cllr Jones remained outwith the meeting during this item.

Planning application 18/0310/LBC The Old Post Office, Gladestry was discussed after Melvyn had provided a resume of the proposed changes. As a result of the discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to the planning authority to ask that careful consideration be given to the privacy of New Shop Cottage from the balcony at the rear, and that the wall and garden removal at the front was done sympathetically in respect of the neighbouring properties.

Cllr Jones rejoined the meeting.

5. Finance.

- i. The current balance is £ 3494.
- ii. Councillors noted the due payment of £200 for the Clerk's salary, and further expected expenditure for the year is salary and expenses for the Clerk; £200 for insurance; and £200 for audit costs. A final precept payment of £1000 is due to be received in the New Year.
- iii. A copy of the budgetary control sheet can be found as an Appendix to these minutes.

6. Correspondence.

The Council received written "Thank You" correspondence from the Parent and Toddler Group, St Mary's Church Newchurch and St Mary's Church Gladestry in respect of Council grants received.

7. Business matters.

- i. Role of Councillors (Cllrs.) Jane spoke on this subject, beginning by expressing concern that, as the only female Cllr, the Council did not represent fully the Community in which it is set; and that we needed to try to be as inclusive as possible in recognising the differing requirements of our Community members, which may vary according to how long they have lived in the Community. Jane also said that she felt it would be helpful to our Community if the Council made itself conversant with conditions attached to planning consent, and to intervene if it came to the Council's attention from, for example, notification by a resident, that said conditions were not being met. Jane also raised the subject of the visibility of the Council and the issues

it dealt with, and wondered if there were ways that Cllrs could improve the current levels of communication by, for example, introducing themselves to new neighbours. One suggested improvement was that planning application notifications from Powys should be posted on the website. Cllrs agreed, and asked the Clerk if he would undertake this task, which he agreed to do. Cllrs agreed to give this subject further consideration.

- ii. Dealing with business outside ordinary meetings. Cllrs accepted that special meetings may sometimes be the most effective way of dealing with items, and, if so, would make every effort to attend such meetings.
- iii. Registers of Interest. Cllrs were reminded that their Registers should be updated as their circumstances demanded. The Clerk informed Cllrs that he was now in a position to post the registers in the appropriate section of the website.
- iv. Regeneration and Development Fund. Cllrs asked that this document be published on the website as it may be of interest to the Community.
- v. Gareth mentioned a traffic accident that had occurred that evening at the crossroads at Brilley/ Michaelchurch/Hergest. A contributory factor had been the state of the hedge causing visibility issues. Cllrs asked the Clerk to make representation to the relevant authorities in order to seek improvement to the sight conditions.
- vi. Jane also asked about the complaint that had been made to the Ombudsman regarding this Council, and was informed that this matter could not be discussed because of confidentiality issues,

8. Next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 19 November 2018 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix