

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 17 May 2021
in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Mr Ian Ball (Chairman), Mr Derrick Carrington, Mr Gareth Croose, Ms Jane Bisby, Mr Melvyn Hughes and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies. Cllr Michael Jones sent his apologies for non-attendance.

2 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16 November 2020

Melvyn proposed that the minutes from the meeting were agreed; Derrick seconded, and Councillors approved the minutes, which were then signed.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 16 November 2020.

- i. Signage for the public lavatory. Derrick had nothing new to report on this outstanding item, and the facility remains closed.
- ii. Kiosk. Lighting is still required.
- iii. Repair to the bench on Yew Tree Bank. This has been completed, and the Council wishes to thank the team that carried out the repair.

4. Planning.

The planning application 21/0742/FUL had been circulated to Councillors, but no comments had been made and no response to Powys was required.

A possible planning issue was raised when Ian said he had been asked by a local resident if the Council was aware of any planning application for Milton House, Michaelchurch in respect of accommodation pods. Ian asked if the Council had received any such application, and the Clerk replied in the negative; the Clerk was asked to check the position with Powys and report back.

5. Finance.

- i. The current balance is £2830, being the carry over of £2240 minus the salary and expenses for the Clerk of £410.33, plus the first precept payment of £1000.
- ii. A budgetary control sheet was issued with the agenda.

6. Correspondence.

Please refer to items 7(i) and 7(iv), below.

7. Business matters.

- i. Audit. The audit process for the Council is now complete, with the local audit report already distributed to Councillors, and the Governance Statement completed at then earlier AGM. The local report was complimentary, and raised no issues of concern.
- ii. Community grant applications. Application forms had been issued to St Mary's, Gladestry; St David's, Colva; St Mary's, Newchurch; Newchurch Presbyterian Chapel; Gladestry school; and the Parent and Toddler Group.

The following applications, and decisions made by Councillors, are recorded:

St Mary's Gladestry requested £225 for grounds maintenance - £200 granted;

St David's, Colva requested £200 for grounds maintenance - £200 granted;

and

St Mary's, Newchurch requested £150 for grounds maintenance - £150 granted.
- iii. The Council's printer. Councillors had been made aware that the ink jet printer used by the Clerk was no longer working properly, even after attempts to correct the problem. Derrick and Ian had been looking at affordable laser printer alternatives, and informed the meeting that these were available for up to £350. The Clerk advised that a black/white printer that copied and scanned was sufficient for the Council's needs, and these were available from Amazon for about £120 - £180. Councillors noted the above, and delegated Derrick and Ian to resolve the matter.
- iv. Letter from Mr and Mrs Grimmer of Afon View, Gladestry. The letter to the Council concerned the stream bank situated alongside the garden boundary of the local authority property, and the erosion of the bank during very wet weather when the stream flowed as a torrent. Powys CC had sent a surveyor to

assess the problem; his response was that no actions to shore up the bank was required. Without the surveyor's reasoning it seemed to Councillors an odd decision, as erosion would eventually begin to undermine the bungalow, which belonged to Powys. The Clerk was asked to contact Powys to try to obtain further information.

- v. Play area inspection 2021. The Clerk had received details of this year's inspection process from Powys. Councillors agreed that an inspection should be booked and that the Council would meet the cost.
- vi. Village notice board. Derrick outlined his concerns that, despite the Clerk's efforts to maintain the tidiness of the board, it contained too much advertising and out of date material. He suggested that the board should only contain Community Council, WI and local charities information, and that any advertising or similar material could be displayed on the Community website and/or in the parish magazine. Councillors concurred, and the Clerk was asked to make the necessary changes in conjunction with the website administrator.

As an item of unscheduled business, Jane mentioned the work undertaken by Hattie and Marlene in keeping the hall and equipment sanitised after use by, for example, the Council. The Clerk said he would be happy to contact them to offer the Council's thanks.

8. The next meetings will be on Monday 19 July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated