

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 15 January 2018 in Gladestry Village Hall

Preliminary note: as neither the Chairman nor the Vice Chairman was able to attend this meeting, Councillors needed to elect an acting Chairman. Jane proposed that Viv should be invited to Chair the meeting. He said that he would be happy to do so, and Gareth seconded Jane's proposal. All Councillors present voted to accept the proposal.

Present. Mr Viv Lloyd (Acting Chairman), Mr Ian Ball, Mr Gareth Croose, Ms Jane Bisby, Mr Joseph Alman and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from Mr Melvyn Hughes and Mr Derrick Carrington.

2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20 November 2017.

Gareth proposed that the minutes from the ordinary meeting held on 20 November 2017 be accepted and signed; Ian seconded, and the proposal was agreed.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 20 November 2017.

i. The Clerk provided an update on the kiosk and defibrillator by informing Councillors the the defibrillator case had been installed by the local electrician, Terry Griffiths of Old Radnor, and all the electrical fittings in the kiosk tidied up. Because there is no power supply at present, we are not yet certain about the lighting in the kiosk; the Clerk has contacted Community Heartbeat Trust to ask that BT return the power supply. Terry has provided this work without charge. Councillors asked the Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Terry.

Councillors were also advised that the paint required for the kiosk had been received, also free of charge. As everything needed to refurbish the kiosk was now available, Viv agreed to lead the work required to spruce up the kiosk and its environs.

ii. Regarding changes at Kington Surgery, Councillors stated that they were concerned that these appear to have been implemented without consultation of the users in our Council area, and having seen the minutes produced by the Patients's Committee, were not convinced that anything meaningful would be achieved using that avenue of communication. The Clerk was asked to write to

the Practice outlining concerns and asking how the Council might be involved in consultation and dissemination of information by, for example, the use of the Community website.

iii. Despite two reminders from the Clerk to Powys Highways, nothing has yet been heard about the boundary issue with the Royal Oak, Gladestry; a further attempt at obtaining an update will be made.

4. Planning.

Councillors had no comments to make to Powys regarding planning application P2017/1476 Dale Cottage, Gladestry.

5. Finance.

- i. The agreed precept request had been sent to Powys well within the prescribed timescale.
- ii. Councillors approved the payment of this year's insurance premium, and noted the payment of the Clerk's salary.

6. Correspondence.

- i. The Clerk was pleased to receive two completed registers of interest; three remain outstanding.

7. Business matters.

- i. Registers of interest – please see item, above.
- ii. Notice board. Viv said that he would remind Wayne about the notice board.
- iii. Viv again brought up the poor state of roads in the area, both regarding pot holes and ditches. The Clerk was asked to write to Powys Highways to try to arrange a meeting with Carl Stephens, or to ask him to make contact with Viv, who would advise him where the problems could be located. Jane added that a resident had mentioned to her the poor state of repair of the pavement on the bridge opposite the kiosk, with the contingent hazard, and the need to protect the bridge with a coat of paint. The Clerk added that the bridge below the school would also benefit from painting. Jane also mentioned the footbridge at the bottom of Llanhaylow Wood, part of the public right of way, was in urgent need of attention. The Clerk reminded Councillors that he had sent them an email on this subject last year as Michael Johnson was involved in the matter, and would check with Michael regarding progress.

- iv. Councillor brought up the subject of the restoration of the War Memorial, and in particular their concerns about the seemingly poor standard of workmanship related to the high cost. The Clerk was asked to write to the relevant authority to make these concerns known.
- v. Viv provided an update on the school bell tower; Councillors agreed that they would give careful consideration to funding requests for work to keep the tower in a safe condition, but were concerned that Powys may be keen to discharge its liability onto the local community. Gareth, as the Council's representative on the School Governing Body, would make these concerns known at the next Governors's meeting, and act as a conduit for information.

8. Next meeting.

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