

Gladestry Community Council

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Minutes of the ordinary Gladestry Community Council meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 28th July 2025 in Gladestry Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Joseph Alman, Ian Ball, Melvyn Hughes, Ed Jones (Vice Chair), and Vivian Lloyd

Apologies: Cllrs Julie Davies (Chair), Beck Lloyd

In attendance: Mr David Bridson (Temporary Clerk)

- Public participation: An opportunity for members of the public to address the council on items listed in the agenda.
 - None.
- To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting (204) held on 19th May 2025.
 - Approved. (Proposed by Cllr Melvyn Hughes, seconded by Cllr Ian Ball.)
- Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting (204) held on 19th May 2025.
 - The clerk said he had contacted RoSPA Play Safety Ltd to enquire whether it would be possible either to *include* the school's flagpole (should the head decide to reinstate it) in future village hall playground safety inspections or treat it as an additional item for inspection to be paid for separately. His contact at RoSPA had said that both options could be considered and that he should email the company to put in a formal request.

Resolved: Councillors unanimously agreed to await RoSPA's response to the clerk's request, then contact the school if that response were positive.

- Planning.
 - Councillors agreed to indicate their approval of planning application 25/0995/FUL — change of use of agricultural land to mixed use agricultural and equestrian including formation of an arena and associated works at Dolbedwyn, Newchurch. (Proposed by Cllr Melvyn Hughes, seconded by Cllr Ian Ball.)
 - Councillors noted that application 25/0261/FUL had already been approved (on 29/05/2025) so didn't feel the need to comment.
- Finance
 - Councillors noted the accounts for the past two months without comment.
- Correspondence since last meeting
 - Councillors noted Powys CC's confirmation of Gladestry's inclusion in this year's round of playground inspections without comment.
 - In response to a reminder from the manufacturer, councillors requested that the clerk check that salient parts of the defibrillator are still in date.
- AOB
 - The clerk raised the issue of the sad state of disrepair of the telephone box, saying that he had accidentally damaged one of its windows himself. He said he was happy to replace the glass but felt the box needed more work than that given that it is part of the village's architectural heritage. Cllr Ed Jones suggested that the issue be added to the agenda for the next meeting in September.
 - Cllr Melvyn Hughes raised the issue of the dangerous kerbing stones just beyond the lay-by alongside the school. He said lorries from the quarries continued to be driven too fast around the bend as they came down into the village from the north. The presence of the kerbing stones meant that any vehicle heading north on that stretch of road had no choice but to steer into the stones in order to avoid collision with oncoming lorries. Cllr Ed Jones said he would raise the matter with Powys Highways.

- Cllr Melvyn Hughes said that while Powys Highways (or its contractors) had satisfactorily trimmed the hedges along most of the C road up to Stone House in Gladestry, the stretch between Capel Anydd and the 20 MPH speed limit sign still needed doing. Cllr Ed Jones said he would raise this matter with Powys Highways.
- To receive items for the next Meeting (at 7.30 pm Monday 22nd September 2025).
 - The red telephone box
- The meeting ended at 7.51 pm.

Signed 22nd September 2025 by Councillor Ed Jones (Chair)

