

Gladestry Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 15 Jan 2024 at 7.30pm
in the village hall

Present. Mr Ian Ball (Chairman), Ms Julie Davies, Ms Beck Lloyd, Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr David Bridson, Mr Bob Terry and Dr Lorna Steel (clerk).

1. Apologies. Mr Ed Jones, Mr Joseph Alman and Mr Melvyn Hughes.

2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting (192) held on 18th Sept 2023

Beck proposed that the minutes from the meeting were agreed. Julie seconded the proposal and Councillors approved the minutes, which were then signed by Ian. Meeting 193 in November did not take place due to lack of numbers.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 15th July 2023

None.

4. Planning.

Application to build two homes at Meadow Vale. Council noted that recent construction projects in Gladestry are not 'affordable' starter homes, and felt it necessary to express our concerns about this to PCC. Clerk to email PCC accordingly. Ian proposed, Julie seconded.

5. Finance.

Bank balance is healthy - £3841.69 on 13th January 2024.

We have to apply for our precept for 2024-2025 by 2nd Feb 2024. We received £3500 for 2023-2024. It was £3000 the previous financial year. Council members were asked to consider how much to ask for, and respond to clerk ASAP. Clerk to complete application form and email back to Ieuan Lewis in PCC.

Monies received into GCC account on 29th December - £1166 (1/3 of annual precept).

Insurance for Gladestry Community Council is due for renewal on 13th Feb. Premium same as last year £238. Council agreed to payment. Clerk to make payment to Zurich Insurance.

6. Correspondence.

Website: The village website has become corrupted beyond repair. Also, the two people that run it (Roger Withnell and Robert Terry) are both retiring from IT. The community council is required to have a website. David Bridson (village resident) has offered to help. He has created and maintained other local council websites. He has made a temporary Gladestry website (gladestry.info). The clerk is to be trained by David to upload content, as a backup if David is busy. The cost of this replacement website and David's continuing tech support is to be £65 plus VAT. He is offering us his skills at cost because it helps support the community. Clerk to check what UBE were charging for the same service, to ensure David is fairly treated.

Council must decide if we prefer to use only the new gladestry.info site or redirect traffic from gladestry.org (which is now defunct). David believes that email will be unaffected.

Clerk to provide David with correct contact details for council and a set of minutes from the last 10 years. These are on the council laptop.

The laptop itself has become unreliable (it was a reconditioned old one). It doesn't hold a charge in its battery. It is useable if it is regularly charged up. Clerk to investigate replacement battery.

7. Business matters.

- i. Highways. Potholes and rough surfaces as usual – clerk to notify Powys Highways.
- ii. School lay-by. Council were in support of the school and suggested they get a sign made, asking for the lay-by to be kept clear between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm.
- iii. Council did not want to take part in Community Speed Watch.

AOB

Viv raised the issue of the general poor state of the roads locally. Ian informed us that the surface by the entrance to the poultry sheds will be repaired by the owner during late Spring when the sheds are cleared out.

8. The next meeting will be on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated