

DRAFT**Gladestry Community Council.****Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 20 November 2017 in
Gladestry Village Hall**

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

Observers. Mr Timothy Fowler, Ms Christine Fowler, Mr Mark Johnson, Ms Susan Maiden, Ms Sharon Hatchwell and Ms Sheila Hobden.

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from Mr Derrick Carrington and Cllr Michael Jones.

2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18 September 2017.

Viv proposed that the minutes from the ordinary meeting held on 18 September 2017 be accepted and signed; Ian seconded, and the proposal was agreed.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 18 September 2017.

i. There is still nothing to report regarding action on the issue previously sent to Highways concerning the Royal Oak. Then Clerk was asked to seek an update from Powys.

ii. Street lighting in Gladestry. The Clerk referred Councillors to the memo he had issued following his meeting with the representative from Powys. The lights by Margaret Villa and the village hall had been switched back on. The issue of a light by the kiosk will be dealt with when it is known whether or not its internal light will be working when power is restored on fitting the defibrillator.

iii. Nothing had been heard from Mr Jones of Redborough regarding vehicles damaging land.

4. Planning.

Planning application, Michaelchurch. Viv apologised for being unable to attend the meeting on the 28th October as it was arranged at too short notice for him. Melvyn reiterated that he thought it was discourteous to go on to Mr Labbett's land without first consulting him, and that this was the reason he left the meeting; Gareth and Jane stressed that a right of way was used. Gareth again explained that he had asked for a meeting because of his concerns about responsibilities to the church and that he thought that this current application should be regarded as a new application rather than merely an alteration. He mentioned the boreholes at Milton, in which area

it was proposed to dump manure from the site. Melvyn said that he was aware that our objection had been received by Powys, and thought that this Council's work was now complete. However, there was some further debate, concerning manure spreading and its effect on the Single Farm Payment. Gareth added his concern about whether or not Powys deals with planning applications correctly. On this point, the Clerk brought Councillors' attention to the errors highlighted in the letter from Berrys, which had been copied to Councillors.

Jane wondered if the application would now be "called in" by the Planning Committee; other Councillors thought that this was likely.

Gareth mentioned his concerns around the landscaping aspect of the proposal; in particular, the impact on the hedges around the church. Melvyn said that he felt it was unlikely that anything would be done without the permission of the Church. An observer asked to inform the meeting that the said hedge had recently been trimmed. Melvyn asked that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 28 October be amended to include the wording that he felt it was discourteous, rather than inappropriate, to go on to the land; Councillors agreed, and the Clerk was asked to make the amendment. Those present at the meeting agreed that those minutes should now be signed off by the Vice Chairman, who had been present at the planning meeting, rather than be carried forward to the next ordinary meeting. The Clerk said he would make the necessary arrangements.

Viv suggested that any future planning meetings might want to include relevant stakeholders.

This item of business was completed by the Clerk informing Councillors that he had, that day, received emails in support of the action previously taken by the Council in respect of this planning application.

5. Finance.

i. Precept request. Councillors, being aware of the projected year-end financial position, agreed that the precept request for 2018-19 should be £3000. This took into account likely grant applications, particularly in view of the major redecoration and maintenance of the village hall.

ii. the Audit Office payment was noted, as was the signage payment for the kiosk

6. Correspondence.

i. Councillors were reminded to check the email list attached to agendas to ensure that they were receiving correspondence.

ii. The Clerk gave an overview of the written correspondence relating to the review of parliamentary constituencies.

iii. The Clerk read out an email from Michael Johnson regarding the work done on the restoration of the war memorial in St Mary's churchyard, Gladestry. Melvyn said that he had seen the work, and was disgusted with both the quality and colour of the stonework.

7. Business matters.

- i. AED update. The Clerk explained that he had met with the electrician who was to undertake the installation of the defibrillator cabinet, Terry Griffiths, and they had viewed the kiosk. Terry was now preparing for said installation, The paint for the kiosk is still awaited, despite a reminder request from the Clerk. The mobile phone signal checker had been received by the Clerk, and he would do what is necessary in this respect. The kiosk signage has also been received.
- ii. Notice board. Viv said that he had spoken to Wayne Maddy, who would do the work for the Community.
- iii. Registers of interest. The Clerk explained that he had received only two completed registers from Councillors. A brief discussion about what was required took place to enable Councillors to complete their registers.
- iv. Viv brought up the poor state of roads in the area, both regarding pot holes and ditches. The Clerk asked to be provided with specifics so the he could send details to Highways, Powys.
- v. Viv also mentioned local concerns with the provision of health care. The Clerk offered to request information from the Patients's Committee of the Kington Surgery.

8. Next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 15 January 2018 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: