

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 18 September 2017 in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Mr Melvyn Hughes (Chairman), Mr Derrick Carrington (Vice Chairman), Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr Joseph Alman, Mr Ian Ball, Mr Gareth Croose, Cllr Michael Jones and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from Ms Jane Bisby.

2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 17 July 2017.

Gareth proposed that the minutes from the ordinary meeting held on 17 July 2017 be accepted and signed; Viv seconded, and the proposal was agreed.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 17 July 2017.

- i. The Clerk gave an up date regarding the defibrillator and the kiosk. The kiosk has been adopted, and the Clerk is awaiting contact from a local electrician to arrange the installation of the cabinet. The Clerk has also reminded Community Heartbeat Trust that paint for the kiosk has not yet been received; is also chasing-up signage for the kiosk; and is awaiting equipment for testing mobile signal strengths to determine whether an emergency phone line can be installed

- ii. There is nothing to report regarding action on the regarding issues previously sent to Highways concerning the Royal Oak. The Highways Officer we usually deal with has changed jobs, and his replacement is only just in post. Then Clerk was asked to send him a reminder about outstanding issues.
At the planning meeting last week, Jane mentioned that the passing places we had requested on Cloggau Pitch were now in position.
Councillors had previously been informed that the Clerk had collated all information he held relating to the issues surrounding the bus shelter ownership and covenants; in his view, there was nothing to suggest that it was anything other than than an issue for the owner of the Royal Oak unless Councillors could locate papers in the Powys CC archive. Melvyn took the file of documents that had been prepared by the Clerk, and said he would visit the archive to search for any relating documents.

iii. In regard to off-road vehicles using land at Redborough Lane, Gareth said that he had contacted Mr Jones and asked that relevant documents and other information that the Clerk had suggested he needed in order to prepare a submission be given to the Clerk; to date, the Clerk had not received anything.

4. Finance.

Councillors noted the current financial position as shown on the budget monitoring sheet included with the agenda. The Clerk explained that he had annotated the sheet with known income and expenditure figure for the remainder of the financial year. He also mentioned that, when considering the precept for next year, the amount being carried forward would have a bearing on the amount of precept as County Councils discouraged the retention of large capital holdings.

Melvyn then mentioned the possibility of having more street lighting turned on, and of the Council paying for the cost involved. The Clerk was asked to look into the feasibility.

Derrick asked whether it would be useful to provide some replacement recycling receptacles. Councillors decided that, with few exceptions, the service provided by Powys met local needs.

The Clerk asked Councillors to approve his second quarter salary due in October; approval was given.

5. Correspondence.

No discussions were raised regarding the recent postal or email communications listed on the agenda.

6. Business matters.

- i. The Clerk pointed out that the Gladestry notice board needed a coat of varnish; Viv said he would ask Wayne Maddy to take on the work.
- ii. The Clerk explained the idea of Councils clustering to make savings of scale. However, this did not affect Gladestry, and Councillors asked that the papers were filed.
- iii. The Clerk gave a brief overview of the audit comments relating to Councillors' register of interest, and asked that completed registers were forwarded to him as soon as was practicable; and reminded Cllrs that he had sent them the Model Code of Conduct, by which they must operate.

7. Planning.

Due to his position as a member of Powys CC Planning Committee, Cllr Michael Jones excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

- i. 2014/0672 Hendy wind turbines – appeal. Melvyn read the Council’s original comments on this planning application. Councillors agreed that no further comments was required.
- ii. 2017/0959 Little Wern Willa Quarry – the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017 were agreed and signed.
- iii. 2017/1011 land adjoining the Old Rectory, Newchurch. This application was to commence work on the application approved over 5 years ago. The Council had no further comments to make in light of its original views expressed to the planning authority.
- iv. 2017/1026 Gelert, Newchurch. Cllr Ian Ball declared an interest in this item, and excused himself from the meeting. The Council had no comments to make to the planning authority.

8. The next meeting will be on Monday 20 November 2017 at 7.30pm.