

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 20 May 2019
in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Mr Derrick Carrington (Chairman), Mr Ian Ball, Mr Gareth Croose, Mr Joseph Alman, Cllr Michael Jones (Observer) and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies. Mr Melvyn Hughes and Ms Jane Bisby.

2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11 March 2019.

Joseph proposed that the minutes from the ordinary meeting were agreed; Ian seconded, and Councillors approved. The minutes were then signed.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 11 March 2019.

i. Kiosk. The Clerk mentioned that he had had been informed by Community Heartbeat Trust that the power supply to the kiosk had been restored.

Repainting the kiosk had yet commenced. As it was quite some time since the work had been passed to a volunteer, Councillors wondered when it would be done, and Ian offered himself as another volunteer. Councillors agreed that Viv should be asked to contact the original volunteer to inform him of Ian's offer with a view to commencing the work as soon as practicable.

[File note: the repainting began a few days after the meeting and before these minutes were completed.]

ii. Huntington Lane passing place. Councillors were unaware whether or not improvement to the passing place had commenced, and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

4. Planning.

No new applications or correspondence had been received.

5. Finance.

- i. The current balance is £4385 (first instalment of the precept had been received).
- ii. Councillors approved the payment of £48.00 for village hall hire to 31 March 2019.
- iii. A copy of the budgetary control sheet was issued with the agenda.
- iv. Clerk's salary. Derrick had raised the issue of the current salary level of the Clerk and the increasing workload created, for example, by the need to keep abreast of HMRC material; many and various reports from Powys CC and the like; and the increasing complexity of the annual audit. Ian proposed that an annual increase of £200 seemed appropriate; this was seconded by Gareth, and agreed by all. It was also confirmed that the increase should take effect from 6 April 2019.
- v. Grant applications had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. These were:

St Mary's Church, Gladestry - £200 towards maintenance of the lavatory facility;
-£200 towards churchyard maintenance.

St David's Church, Colva - £200 towards churchyard maintenance.

St Mary's Church, Newchurch - £150 towards churchyard maintenance.

Newchurch Presbyterian Church - £200 for replacement gate post in graveyard.

Vivienne Taylor - £150 for marquee hire for the Offa's Dyke Association "Fun and Wellbeing Day".

Gladestry School - £523.65 for improvement to and enhancement of playground toys.

Gladestry Parent and Toddler Group - £129.99 to purchase a pop-up gazebo.

As Councillors had had time to consider each application beforehand, the decision on them went straight to a proposal from Ian that each should be met in full; this was seconded by Joseph, and all were in favour. It was also agreed that the grants for the School and for the Parent and Toddler Group would be met when the Clerk had had sight of the relevant invoices.

A list of agreed grants is attached at appendix 1.

6. Correspondence.

None received.

7. Business matters.

- i. Dog fouling. The Clerk explained that, following his correspondence with Powys CC, he had received 4 metal signs relating to this issue. It was suggested that one was offered to Martin at 2, Afon View as he had already expressed concern about fouling on the verge by his home; one to David Barwick, who had initially raised the subject; and one placed at the gate to the village hall. If any member of the Community would like the remaining sign they should contact the Clerk.
- ii. The Chairman raised the subject of signposting the lavatory facility at St Mary's Church, saying that the subject was due to be raised at a Parochial Church Council meeting and asking if Councillors would consider funding said signage. Councillors agreed to do so in principle.

8. The next meeting will be on 15 July 2019 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated

Appendix 1

GLADESTRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GRANT APPLICATIONS 2019 – 2020

ORGANISATION AND REQUEST	SUM AGREED
St Mary's Church, Gladestry: running costs of lavatory facility - £200	£200
St Mary's Church, Gladestry: grounds maintenance - £200	£200
Gladestry Parent and Toddler Group: provision of a pop-up gazebo - £129.99	£129.99
St David's Church, Colva: church grounds grass mowing - £200	£200
St Mary's, Newchurch: churchyard maintenance - £150	£150
Newchurch Presbyterian Chapel: replacement of grave yard gates - £200	£200
Gladestry School: improve and enhance playground toys - £523.65	£523.65
Viv Taylor: marquee hire for the Offa's Dyke Association "Fun and Well-being" d a y	
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