

Gladestry Community Council
Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 20 May 2019 at 7.00pm in
Gladestry Village Hall

Present

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

1. Apologies.

Mr Melvyn Hughes and Ms Jane Bisby..

2. Minutes.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 21 May 2018 had been accepted at the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 July 2018.

3. Matters Arising.

None.

4. Chairman's Report.

See report, attached.

5. Financial Report.

The Clerk referred Councillors to the end of year financial statement which showed a carry forward balance of £3695. He advised that Frank Mullin, the local auditor, had completed his work, and Councillors had already been provided with a copy of his report; no issues had been raised by Frank.

To complete our processes. Derrick covered the Annual Governance Statement Part 1 with Councillors; all sections were ticked as affirmative. In respect of Part 2 of the Statement, Councillors agreed to affirmative responses to questions 1 and 2, and a "not applicable" response to question 3, aware that the Council did not have, and never had had, written standing orders or financial regulations. and the Council was then able to sign-off the accounts for delivery to the external auditors.

6. Election of Officers.

Gareth proposed Derrick for Chairman for the next 2 year term; Ian seconded, and all were in favour.

Joseph proposed Ian for Vice Chairman; Gareth seconded, and all were in favour.

7. A.O.B.

There was no other business.

8. Next Meeting.

The next Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 18 May 2020.

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman's Report:

Gladestry Community Council 2018/19

Firstly I would like to apologise for not being present at tonight's meeting, due to a prior engagement.

The activities of this Community Council during the past twelve months have been very similar to previous years, with the usual grants made to local organisations such as, The Mother and Toddler Group, Gladestry Primary School to rebuild the bell tower and also to local churches.

The usual complaints about the state of our byroads have been registered with the relevant department at County Hall and falls on deaf ears, but I would like to thank our local Councillor E M Jones, who does get things done when members of the public contact him directly.

The on going saga of the Defibrillator has seen it now being placed in the Old Telephone Kiosk in Gladestry, although still waiting on Telecom to connect electricity. Thanks go to Terry Griffiths, the Electrical Contractor who has made the necessary changes for it to be placed there and also to David Bowen, who has replaced some of the windows in the Kiosk and also thanks to Vivian for acquiring the windows.

We have seen quite a few Planning Applications for various projects, even having a presentation by one applicant at a meeting. Complaints have been made to the Planning Department about conditions to various projects having not being followed as laid out in the approval documents.

The most unpleasant part of the year for me was the investigation by the Ombudsman into the way a Planning Application complaint was handled. This was aimed well

and truly at the Chairman, but was dismissed by the Ombudsman as they felt that in their opinion there had been no breach of the Code of Conduct by the Chairman of the Community Council.

There has been a long running boundary dispute with the previous owner of the Royal Oak, but hopefully the new owners will respect their customers far better and things will get back to normal.

The alterations to the Triangle in the centre of the village have also been a great improvement, thank you Vivian and helpers.

I have probably missed out a few things along the way and if I have I humbly apologise.

Finally I would like to express my sincere thanks to Kenneth for all the hard work and dedication he puts into the job as our Clerk. His understanding of Council matters is second to none and his presence makes the job as Chairman a dawdle, thank you Kenneth.