

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 20 January 2020

in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Mr Ian Ball (Acting Chairman), Mr Joseph Alman, Mr Gareth Croose, Ms Jane Bisby, Mr Viv Lloyd, Cllr Michael Jones and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies. Mr Derrick Carrington and Mr Melvyn Hughes sent their apologies for non-attendance.

2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18 November 2019.

Jane proposed that the minutes from the meeting were agreed; Gareth seconded, and Councillors approved the minutes, which were then signed.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 18 November 2019.

i. The Clerk advised that a training session, organised by Melvyn, had taken place, and had been well received. Melvyn had suggested that the Council might like to consider making a voluntary contribution to the providers, Radnor First Responders; this suggestion had been emailed to Councillors prior to this meeting, and those replying – four in total - were in favour of both the contribution and the amount of £50 suggested by Melvyn. The Clerk agreed to send a cheque when he received contact details from Melvyn.

ii. Village Hall refurbishment. Viv informed Councillors that internal redecoration work was complete, and that external work would begin as the weather improved in the Spring. Councillors agreed to make a single payment as a contribution to the cost when the work was completed. The Clerk advised that the next audit report would include a comment that carry over funds included amounts for this contribution, and also for costs associated with the responsibilities devolved by Powys for the village hall play area.

iii. Signage for the public lavatory. The Clerk had nothing to report on this outstanding item.

iv. Highways. The Clerk advised Councillors that, although he had, once again, reminded Powys Highways Department, he had not received any updates on the issues raised at previous last Council meetings. He informed Councillors of the current position of referrals, as he understood them, as follow:

Hengoes to Llanbella – remedial work undertaken;

blocked drains/culverts at Newchurch – some work done, remainder in hand;

options to help reduce speeding vehicles in Gladestry, and signage at Stanner in respect of the riding school – nothing done and no correspondence from Powys;

recent referral regarding potholes between Lane Cottages and Foyce Farm – work undertaken, although no acknowledgement from Powys.

Cllr Jones informed us that he also had difficulty getting any response from the Highways Dept. He also said that he knew the highways budget had been severely reduced in recent times, and this impacted adversely on what could be achieved.

v. Village Hall play area. There was nothing new to report, but see the comments at ii. above.

vi. Audit. The Clerk said that he has received written comment from Wales Audit Office, and issued hard copies of the email from Deryck Evans, the auditor. The upshot is that we are obliged to have a written set of Financial Regulations, and, by association, Standing Orders. The Clerk offered to prepare documents for Councillors to see at the next meeting so that they could decide which to adopt.

4. Planning.

No new planning applications had been received since the previous meeting.

5. Finance.

i. The current balance is £3470, the final instalment of the precept having been received.

ii. The most recent payment made was the Clerk's salary of £250.

iii. Payments due are the £50 voluntary contribution to Radnor First Responders (see above) and £238 to Zurich Insurance as the annual insurance premium.

iii. Known expenditure to year end is the audit cost of approximately £230.

iv. A budgetary control sheet was issued with the agenda.

6. Correspondence.

Other than the email correspondence listed with the agenda, there was no correspondence to report.

7. Business matters.

Although no business matters had been listed on the agenda, Councillors raised the following issues:

- i. Jane said that she had been approached by residents regarding the need for grit-salt for icy roads at two locations in the Colva area. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact Powys Highways to seek provision of grit-salt bins, or, at worst, a roadside heap, at the locations provided.
- ii. Gareth informed Councillors that there was to be a School Governing Council meeting on 23 January at which future staffing for Gladestry School would be discussed in light of Mrs Morris's imminent retirement.

8. The next meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 16 March 2020..

Signed

Dated