

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 20 July 2020
in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Mr Derrick Carrington (Chairman), Mr Ian Ball, Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr Joseph Alman, Mr Melvyn Hughes, and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies. Ms Jane Bisby and Mr Gareth Croose sent their apologies for non-attendance.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 18 May 2020.

Viv proposed that the minutes of the AGM held on 18 May 2020 were agreed; Ian seconded, and Councillors approved the minutes, which were then signed.

2.A Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18 May 2020

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

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 18 May 2020.

i. Village play area. Viv informed Councillors that the Hall Committee had received a quotation for £37pa for insurance of the play area, covering indemnity and 3rd party liability; and that the Committee thought that it was a good idea to have a sub-committee for the play area, with a member from the Council attending. This had previously been agreed that our representative would be Joseph. The Clerk had circulated to Hattie Budd, copied also to Councillors, the latest Covid update from Powys in respect of the reopening of play areas. Councillors reiterated that responsibility for the reopening – local inspection for safety of equipment, sanitising and signing – was with the Hall Committee. Viv stated that, as there had not been any recent meeting of the Committee, the play area should remain closed until such a meeting could be arranged.

The Clerk advised that he had been contacted by Powys regarding the annual RoSPA inspection of the play area, which should have taken place by now but had been delayed because of Covid. He advised Powys that the inspection was required.

Councillors once again agreed to meet the inspection costs via the grants system. Councillors also agreed to meet the insurance cost, above.

ii. Village Hall refurbishment. Viv informed Councillors that there was nothing new to report.

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

4. Planning.

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

5. Finance.

i. The current balance is £2917.

ii. Councillors approved the most recent payments of £250.00 for Clerk's salary and £178.20 for the annual website charges.

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

iv. Melvyn raised the subject of providing financial assistance, through the community grants system, for local organisations such as the Village Hall Committee, Parent and Toddler Group, local churches, etc which had or still are suffering a shortage of income as a result of Covid, and were unable to obtain funds from other sources. Councillors confirmed that they would consider applications for assistance in the usual way. Viv advised the the Hall Committee was currently in the process of seeking funding from a central source.

6. Correspondence.

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

7. Business matters.

i. The Clerk provided an update on the Audit position, which was that the Auditors had received our report and associated papers, but because of the constraints imposed by Covid would not be completing their work for some time yet.

Our local auditor had commented favourably on our follow-up work on Continuity Planning and Web Site Management.

- ii. Melvyn reported that the kiosk required some electrical work in order to get the lighting operative, and that he would liaise with Terry Griffiths

8. The next meetings will be on Monday 21 September 2020 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated