

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 16 November 2020
in Gladestry Village Hall

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

1. Apologies. Ms Jane Bisby and Mr Michael Jones sent their apologies for non-attendance.

2. A Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20 July 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 20 July 2020.

i. Village play area. Viv informed Councillors that the play area was covered by relevant insurance, but had not yet had its annual inspection, arranged by Powys CC but paid for locally. The Clerk reminded Councillors that he had been in contact with Powys about progressing the inspection, but had not received any information about any likely date (minutes of the previous meeting refer).

ii. Village Hall refurbishment. Viv informed Councillors that the refurbishment was now complete. Please see Business Items, below, for a summary of the discussion on the grant application to the Council.

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

iv. Kiosk. Melvyn informed the meeting that he had arranged for Terry Griffiths to install a light-sensitive switch in the kiosk.

4. Planning.

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

5. Finance.

- i. The current balance is £3139.
- ii. Councillors noted the following payments, which had been agreed through email correspondence: £111.44 to John Harrison for bench refurbishment; £150 grant to St Mary's Church, Newchurch; and £266.82 grant to Gladestry School. There had also been a statutory payment of £250 for the Clerk's quarterly salary.

Income received since the last meeting was the precept payment of £1000 in August.

Regarding the bench project, John had completed work on the bench on the green, and Councillors expressed their thanks for a good job well done. The Clerk informed Councillors that Michael Johnson had prepared a piece for publication in the next issue of the Radnor Magazine.

- iii. 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. Councillors noted with appreciation the "Thank you" messages which had been received from Adrian Chambers (St Mary's, Newchurch) and Mrs Ros Beck (Headteacher, Gladestry School).

7. Business matters.

- i. The Clerk provided an update on the Audit position, which was that the Auditors had issued a list of queries relating to the audit, which the Clerk had answered: he now awaited further follow-up questions, which he was certain would be received.
- ii. Kiosk – see above at 3 (iv).
- iii. Grant request from the Village Hall. The Hall Committee had requested financial assistance with the costs of refurbishing the Village Hall. The total cost of the work was £15,771; grants from the lottery Fund of £10,000 and from Powys of £3154 had been of hugely helpful, but there remained a shortfall with which the Council's assistance was being sought, although no specific sum had been indicated. Viv mentioned that as well as the payments received, as above, the Hall Committee had also received Covid support of £10,000 to assist with running costs as there had been no income generated during the pandemic.

Melvyn therefore proposed that a grant of £1000 be made to help offset the shortfall from other grant sources specifically made in response to the refurbishment; Ian seconded the proposal, and all present agreed. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

- iv. Website management. The Clerk informed Councillors that he had been monitoring the website regularly to ensure that its content was appropriate and up to date, and liaison with the Administrator has had this result.
- v. Precept request for 2021-22. The Clerk explained that likely known expenditure to the end of this year was as follows; Village Hall grant-£1000; salary-£250; audit fee-approx £250; and insurance-approx £240. Known income would be the final precept payment of £1000. there would be approximately £2400 carry over.. In considering the request for next year, Councillors noted possible expenditure over and above usual expenditure, in respect of a replacement boiler system (boiler and dry heating system), play area expenses (equipment and resurfacing), and election costs. In view of these costs, Viv proposed that the Council should request a precept payment of £3000; this was seconded by Ian, and all present were in agreement.
- vi. An item of unscheduled business was raised by Melvyn, who asked the Clerk if there had been any response from Powys to the issue of signage at the Stanner turn onto the A44. The Clerk replied in the negative, and offered to follow-up the original email. Melvyn also raised the matter of the poor state of Stone House Lane from the bridge up to Mr and Mrs Ingram's residence. The Clerk said that he would raise the matter with Highways.

8. The next meetings will be on Monday 18 January 2021 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated