

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 2021

in Gladestry Village Hall

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

1. Apologies. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr Joseph Alman, Mr Gareth Croose and Cllr Michael Jones.

2 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 17 May 2021

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

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 17 May 2021

- i. Viv apologised for his non-attendance at the previous meeting.
- ii. Signage for the public lavatory. Derrick had nothing new to report on this outstanding item, and the facility remains closed, and there does not appear to be any system in place for cleaning/sanitising the toilet.
- iii. Kiosk. Melvyn has spoken to Terry Griffiths, the electrician, who now has the necessary work in hand.
- iv. Notice board. Councillors commented that the board now appears much tidier.
- v. Sanitising the village hall equipment. The Clerk said that, at Jane's suggestion from the last meeting, he had written to Mrs Marlene Evans and Ms Hattie Budd to thank them for their ongoing work in sanitising chairs, tables and other equipment as necessary, after use, for example, at Council meetings. Councillors voiced their ongoing appreciation.
- vi. Potential erosion issue. The Clerk explained that he had written to Powys Housing as requested by Councillors at the last meeting. The Powys reply indicated that the message had been passed to the Surveyor, Adam Lewis. As no response had been received from Mr Lewis, the Clerk issued a reminder, but, again, there was no

response from Mr Lewis. Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction, and asked the Clerk to escalate the issue *via* Councillor Michael Jones.

Melvyn raised the issue of the lack of response from Powys Highways regarding the two requests from the Clerk seeking to establish the legality of the signs at the Stanner junction; Councillors asked the Clerk to also escalate this through Councillor Jones.

vii. Derrick raised the matter of a confidence trick/scam being perpetrated in Powys and reported in the national press whereby tarmac belonging to Powys is being purloined and then used by bogus contractors offering to lay drives etc. Residents should be aware.

4. Planning.

The planning application 21/1165/FUL for Newgate Farm, Brilley had been circulated to Councillors. Councillors had no comments to refer to Powys.

5. Finance.

i. The current balance is £1705. Payments made since the previous meeting were: £250 for the Clerk's salary; £178.20 for the annual website charges; and £146.02 for a new laser printer for use by the Clerk. (This purchase has satisfactorily resolved the problems being experienced in producing legible copies of Council documents).

The second precept payment was due to be received in August.

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

6. Correspondence.

As mentioned above, the Clerk had written "thank you" letters to Mrs Marlene Evans and Ms Hattie Budd for their efforts in sanitising the village hall equipment.

The Clerk had received a note of thanks from Mr Adrian Chambers, the treasurer of St Mary's church, Newchurch in respect of a grant made.

7. Business matters.

i. The Clerk reminded Councillors of their duty to maintain their Registers of Interest up-to-date, including personal details as appropriate.

- ii. Grant application received from Gladestry School. Councillors had been sent a copy of the application form, which was a wish-list of items to assist in educational activity out of doors. Melvyn proposed making a grant of £300, to be used at the school's discretion in respect of the items shown on the application form; Viv seconded the proposal, and all Councillors voted in favour.
- iii. Broadband project. Relevant emails from the Powys project co-ordinator had been issued to Councillors, but the Clerk provided a brief summary of the project as he understood it, below, for the benefit of Community residents who read these minutes:

This project is essentially a Government funded exercise to fulfil a manifesto promise regarding rural broadband speeds by way of local community activity assisted by grants for households and businesses. There is further granting available through the Welsh Senedd. The chosen private sector partner would be responsible for providing necessary infrastructure work, the costs of which would be met through the grant system, and the only costs to the Community members who decided to participate in the project would be a 12 month contract with the partner for the cost of broadband provision, at £20pcm with the option of phone line provision at an extra £10pcm. The chosen partner would be responsible for contacting all Community members by post to explain the project and seek uptake.

A relevant link is given below.

[Community schemes – Gigabit Vouchers \(culture.gov.uk\)](https://culture.gov.uk)

Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the Powys project co-ordinator to inform him the Gladestry Community Council was broadly in favour of participating in the scheme and asking what would now be required of the Council in terms of moving the project forward.

- iv. Viv informed Councillors that the proposed play area sub-committee of village hall and Community Council representatives would be meeting in September. The Clerk added that this year's play area inspection was still awaited.
- v. The Clerk informed Councillors that Cllr Michael Jones had let him know that the next round of Covid grants for village halls was open; the Clerk had passed this information to Hattie Budd.

8. The next meetings will be on Monday 20 September 2021 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated