

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 20 September 2021
at 7.30pm in Gladestry Village Hall

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

1. Apologies. No apologies for non-attendance were received.

2 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20 July 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 20 July 2021.

Before moving to matters arising, Viv apologised for missing the previous meeting.

- i. Signage for the public lavatory. Derrick still had nothing new to report on this outstanding item. The Clerk was asked to contact Sue Mullin, PCC Secretary, to ask what progress was being made on this matter.
- ii. Kiosk. The electrical supply is now fully operational, with an overhead light and a cabinet now alarmed.
- iii. Signage at the Stanner junction. The Council had still not received any response to its initial enquiry and the subsequent follow-up. The Clerk was asked to check with some other Councils to see if they experienced difficulties in obtaining responses from Powys Highways; and to consider making a complaint to the Chief Executive of Powys CC.
- iv. Potential erosion at Afon View. This had been cleared by email correspondence, with Powys undertaking to monitor the position on an annual basis.

4. Planning.

Application 21/1427AGR, relating to an agricultural building at Stone House, Gladestry, was discussed; no comments or objections were made.

5. Finance.

The current balance is £2405. The second precept payment was received on 31 August; a grant of £300 had been made to Gladestry School for outdoor learning equipment. The Clerk's salary payment is due on 5 October. Other expected expenditure will be the audit and insurance costs.

A budgetary control sheet was issued with the agenda.

6. Correspondence.

No issues were raised from correspondence received.

7. Business matters.

i. Broadband project. Derrick and the Clerk had had a further phone conversation with the Powys co-ordinator of this project, and ascertained that participation was locally driven by communities with poor broadband speeds, such as Painscastle. The Council was unaware of any concerns about broadband speed having been brought to its attention, presumably because BT Openreach had installed fibre optic cables to much of the area served by the Council.

In view of this information, Councillors decided that the Council would not need to involve itself further.

ii. Jane raised the issue of low water levels in Gladestry Brook leading to a bacterial growth; this phenomenon was being investigated by Natural Resource Wales. Caution should be exercised, as always, with children playing in the brook.

8. The next meetings will be on Monday 15 November 2021 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated