

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 17 January 2022

at 7.30pm in Gladestry Village Hall

Present. Mr Ian Ball (Chairman), Ms Jane Bisby, Mr Melvyn Hughes, Mr Gareth Croose and Mr Kenneth Waugh (Clerk).

1. Apologies. Apologies were received from Mr Joseph Alman (Covid related) and Mr Derrick Carrington.

2 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15 November 2021

Jane 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 15 November 2021.

Unusually, there were no matters arising.

4. Planning.

Applications 21/2093 relating to The Wern, Gladestry had previously been circulated to Councillors: no adverse comments had been received.

5. Finance.

Current balance stands at £2264, with the year's final precept payment of £1000 having been received on 31 December;

- i. payments since the last meeting are £158.37 as a grant to the Parent and Toddler Group, and £250 as the Clerk's final salary payment for this year;
- ii. payments due are £238 to Zurich Municipal Insurance and £6.20 in newly introduced bank charges. Audit charges are also due to be notified.

6. Correspondence.

No correspondence other than by email was received.

7 .Business matters.

- i. Precept request of £3500 has been sent to and received by Powys CC.
- ii. Local Government and Elections. The Clerk gave a brief overview of this communication, as follows:

legislation passed by the Welsh Government, of which this communication acted as consultative guidance, covered remote access to Community Council meetings by Councillors and members of the public; eligibility of Councils to exercise general powers of competence to become, for example, more commercial in how they can operate; the requirement of Community Councils to provide annual reports and training plans; and the requirement of Councils to give notice of meetings and publish proceedings.

Some of the changes envisioned in the legislation will require much further deliberation by Councillors, and will be covered in future meetings. The relevant guidance can be found at:

[Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021: Community and Town Councils statutory guidance | GOV.WALES](#)

Councillors requested that the Clerk respond to the consultation in a way that expressed Councillors dissatisfaction with requirements that were not appropriate to small Community Councils such as ours, and that issuing a consultation document on legislation that was already enacted was patronising.

- iii. Speed restriction signage in Gladestry. The Clerk informed Councillors that he had reported to Powys Highways the current state of signage, whereby some signs were missing, damaged or faint. Highways had responded, and would replace all 13 signs, in the fullness of time.
- iv. Platinum Jubilee. Councillors had been forwarded an email on this subject from Central Government, outlining initiatives that Councils may want to consider in celebrating the Jubilee in June and showing where funding could be accessed. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Village Hall Committee and the WI, in its present form.
- v. The Clerk advised that the Council had received an unqualified audit completion.
- vi. Melvyn raised a planning matter by asking the Clerk if he was aware of any planning correspondence relating to a new build dwelling at New House, Gladestry. The Clerk replied that he was unaware of any such correspondence. Councillors requested that the Clerk contact Powys Planning to check for anything relevant to this address.

8. The next meetings will be on Monday 21 March 2022 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated