

Gladestry Community Council.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 15 May 2023 at 7.30pm  
in the village hall.

Present. Mr Ian Ball (Chairman), Mr Ed Jones, Ms Julie Davies, Ms Beck Lloyd, Mr Viv Lloyd, Mr Melvyn Hughes and Mr Joseph Alman.

1. Apologies. None.

2. Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20th March 2023

Ed proposed that the minutes from the meeting were agreed. Beck seconded the proposal and Councillors approved the minutes, which were then signed.

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 20th March 2023

There were concerns about sewage from the Stonehouse development. Ed to contact Planning about this.

4. Planning.

No objections received.

5. Finance.

The current balance is £2755. Payments made since the last meeting were two lots of bank charges of £5.00 each.

6. Correspondence.

No correspondence other than by email was received.

7. Business matters.

i. Highways. Ed had met with a representative of Powys Highways to discuss a number of issues raised by Councillors and Community members, as follows:

The road to Stonehouse will be re-laid. As for the Colva road, resurfacing can't be done because the bridge is a massive job. The crossing at Llan-y-Felin will be a couple of months. The general feeling is that the community council is being fobbed off by Powys Highways. There has been no progress from Highways since the last meeting two months ago. It was suggested that we ask the companies that run the school buses to complain to Highways. These are Owens Motors and Herdman's Coaches.

ii. The new Clerk Dr Lorna Steel, tried to resign due to other commitments, but was persuaded to stay on by the committee.

iii. Playground: RoSPA inspection not required because all new equipment will be installed in July 2023.

iv. Defibrillator for Newchurch. Not wired up yet.

v. Colva Church notice board. Various people have been asked to quote to make one.

vi. Nominated second user of bank account when Chairman changes – not required because Ian Ball remains as Chairman for another year.

vii. One Voice Wales proposals for discussion – poor state of rural road surfaces.

viii. Zoom meeting for 'Diolch am 20' on 17 May – no-one wished to attend.

ix. and x. Hedge by phone box. These two agenda items were discussed together at the start of the meeting, as both Ed Jones and Melvyn Hughes were personally involved. After discussion it emerged that an operative from Powys Highways had cut the hedge at the request of Ed Jones. The operative was undertaking work in the village at the time and Ed requested him to cut the hedge in order to satisfy the resident who had complained about it 'obstructing her view'. Due to the location of the hedge, overhanging the road and obstructing the view from a field gateway, Powys are allowed to undertake this type of work under the auspices of road safety, despite it being done during the bird nesting season when hedge cutting is generally prohibited. This was the grounds for Melvyn's objection. The committee agreed that the hedge had been 'massacred' however and had been left looking messy and unsightly. Ed apologised for his involvement in the incident.

xi. Open Arms Kington CIC Meeting invitation – no-one wished to attend.

8. The next meeting will be on Monday 17th July 2023 at 7.00pm.

AOB: The committee agreed that a present for Kenneth would be in order. A meal voucher to the value of £50 valid at The Roast Ox, Painscastle was proposed by Melvyn and seconded by Ed. Ian arranged for a voucher and payment.

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