

Gladestry Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 17 July 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 15th May 2023

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

3. Matters arising from the ordinary meeting held on 15th May 2023

None.

4. Planning.

No objections received.

5. Finance.

The current balance as of today is £2691.21. Payments made since the last meeting were three lots of bank charges of £5.00 each. Charges for Village hall - £54 for meetings up until March 2023, paid on 13th July. We also need to pay UBE for the annual cost of the website and email £209.52 (paid 22nd July). Audit Wales have invoiced us for £355 (no VAT) for audit fees. Lorna will query this one because the bill is dated 2022.

6. Correspondence.

Request to fund replacement notice board at Colva – agreed to contribute £200 towards the total quoted by W. Maddy - £480.

Request from Ebenezer Presbyterian Chapel at Newchurch for decorating materials – we agreed to contribute £200 which should cover their costs.

For both requests, proposed by Ed, seconded by Melvyn. Council agreed.

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, and was informed that Highways has 'no money' and none of our issues are desperate. Culverts are collapsing all over the county and Highways are prioritising the worst cases.

As requested at the last meeting, Ian has spoken to the two school bus operators, Owen's Motors and Herdman's Coaches. Both operators were very angry about the state of the roads on the bus routes.

The junction with the A44 at Stanner is in a very poor state and potentially dangerous due to the extent and depth of the potholes especially for Gladestry traffic turning right towards Kington. Ian agreed to photograph it and Lorna emailed photos to Highways.

As recorded in the previous meeting in May, 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.

Melvyn raised another highways issue – the turning for the poultry sheds is developing holes which are encroaching onto the main road. Ed agreed to talk to the owner of the site about this.

ii. Playground: Due to open today but work has been delayed due to bad weather. Apparently families have been using the equipment already. Ian agreed to put a sign on the fence to ask people to keep out until further notice.

iii. Defibrillator at Newchurch is active. The procedure is phone 999, give the postcode, and the operator will give an access code to use the defibrillator.

iv. Colva Church notice board. W. Maddy has quoted £480. Council agreed to contribute £200.

v. The hat left in the church by a walker has not been found.

vi. 25th Kilvert Pilgrimage on Sunday 30th July had about 10 participants and will be the last one due to dwindling interest.

vii. Gore Quarry – postponement of Periodic Review – Community Council did not see any reason to contact Powys County Council about this.

8. The next meeting will be on Monday 18th Sept 2023 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated