

Glemsford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2011 @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Young (Chair) Cllr Brown (Vice Chair) Cllr's L Bloomfield, A Mallalieu, S Plumb, A Southgate, R Thake.

Clerk - D George. 7 members of the public.

01.10 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Young welcomed Tracey Brinkley and Louise Wilby from Suffolkacres. The meeting was adjourned for a presentation on affordable housing. Summary attached.

Meeting recommenced at 7.50pm

02.10 Apologies or absence

Cllr Dinning Cole. PCSO Partington. County Cllr Kemp.

03.10 Police matters

Clerk read report as attached.

04.10 To adopt minutes of council meeting held on 13th September 2011

It was resolved to adopt the minutes subject to the following amendments:

- a. Details of planning applications to be more specific.
- b. Councillor Plumb requested his vote on item 22 be recorded as an 'against vote'.
- c. Future declarations of interest to be declared.

05.10 Matters arising

Cllr Thake to circulate financial standing orders.

Colin Parmenter to be contacted regarding a meeting of the playing field committee.

06.10 To receive reports

County Cllr Kemp – no report

District Cllr Thake – no report.

District Cllr Young – after attending a strategy meeting concerns were raised regarding parking charges. It was felt that charges are trying to be implemented in line with Mid Suffolk.

07.10 Financial matters

It was resolved:

- a. To replace the emergency door at the rear of the village hall at a cost of £622.99.
- b. To place the order for new street lights.
- c. To donate £500 to the Church towards the cost of a new door.

Concerns were raised regarding the cost of the internet service. Cllr Plumb agreed to speak to Tony Callender to see who is responsible for operation of the server.

Full breakdown of authorised expenditure attached

08.10 Public question time

Pauline Curry requested an update on the Police investigation. Cllr Brown has no further information at present.

Jean Warnock expressed concerns from the bowls club that if a stage was built in the village hall this may restrict floor space. Cllr Young confirmed that no improvements would be made without consultation with people who use the hall.

Harriet North provided an update on the Library. All 'things' are looking very positive. There are plans to paint a wall inside the library and it is hoped to have a new carpet. A very successful coffee morning was held which raised in the region of £200 for McMillan Nurses.

Mark Rouane asked about procedures regarding quotations.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr C Peck regarding planning issues at 22-34a Egremont St. Cllr Young to reply.

09.10 Diamond Jubilee

Costings for mugs to be presented at the next council meeting. The Jubilee beacon is to be followed up.

10.10 Village allotments

Cllr Plumb to confirm with United Charities if plots are available. There are various private allotments of which availability can be checked with the landowners direct.

11.10 Cemetery issues

Cllr Brown thanked Cllr Southgate for clearing the shingle on the paths after a lady fell over.

It was resolved to obtain a quote from the grave digger for the moving of excess soil. The Clerk and Cllr Brown are attending a cemetery management course in November.

12.10 Glemsford communication

Cllr Young would like to re-introduce a village leaflet in the format of Glemsford Gossip.

It was suggested that a date be arranged for the public to meet the council, possibly a Friday.

Facebook/website. These are being worked on. Cllr Plumb will produce a report when they are up and running.

An information point is to be set up in the village hall. Cllr Young to follow up on leaflets.

13.10 Village of the Year 2012

It was resolved to enter into the Village of the Year contest in 2012

14.10 Youth activities

BDC have been approached by the Council with regards providing the 'Youth Bus'.

Cllr Mallalieu now has a CRB check. Arrangements are being made for an under 10's activity.

Cllr Mallalieu to arrange meeting with Alex from the Gladiators football club to discuss moving forward.

15.10 Village hall improvements

Various items were being looked into including the possibility of a stage and a sound system. All proposed improvements will be discussed with the public.

16.10 Library funding

It was resolved to reinstate the £1000 precept library funding.

It was resolved to take over the maintenance of the library room.

Vote: 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 Abstentions

17.10 Council email

Cllr Plumb to provide Clerk with new details

18.10 Planning matters

New Applications:

B/11/00863/FHA Martins Nest, Mill Hill Long Melford
Erection of a two storey side extension and porch
Resolved to recommend approval
Abstention – Cllr Thake

Cllr Plumb leaves the room – personal interest in next item
WS228/A2 4 Weavers Drive, Glemsford
To fell 1no lime tree covered by preservation order
Resolved to recommend approval
Abstention – Cllr Thake

Cllr Plumb returns to the room
B/11/01162/FHA Slaters, Skates Hill, Glemsford
Erection of rear balcony
Resolved to recommend approval
Abstention – Cllr Thake

B/11/0123/TCA 35 Tye Green, Glemsford
Felling of 1no holly tree
Resolved to recommend approval
Abstention – Cllr Thake

Applications granted:

B/11/00874/FHA/AS Oaklands, Drapery Common, Glemsford
Erection of front porch and ramped access to dwelling
B/11/01070/TCA Hideaway, Bells Lane, Glemsford
Removal of trees 1-7 and replace with conifer trees

Applications withdrawn:

B/11/00833/FUL Brookfield Place, Low St, Glemsford
Change of use of land from kennels and grazing fields to campsite for holiday use and toilet block, plus extension to access road

Site inspections:

B/11/00656/FUL 22-34a Egremont St
B/11/00975/FUL Windmill Hill House, Windmill Hill, Long Melford

19.10 Correspondence To Report

Letter had been received from Ray Amesbury at BDC concerning the vacancies on the council. A request has been made by ten electors for an election to be held. A poll, if necessary, will be held on the 8th December 2011.

20.10 Any Other Matters

Cllr Plumb agreed to review the standing orders and prepare details for the next meeting.

Risk assessments need to be implemented.

It appears street lights are coming on at the wrong time. Cllr Plumb to look into this.

A complaint had been received about the hedge between Flax Lane and Drapery Common. Cllr Southgate to look into this.

Cllr Thake expressed concerns about the image of the council. It is hoped the council will 'pull together'.

21.10 Date of next meeting: 15th November 2011 @ 7.15pm

Public meeting finished @ 10.35pm

APPROVED