

Glemsford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 15th November @ 7.15 at Glemsford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Young (Chair) Cllr Brown (Vice Chair) Cllr's L Bloomfield, A Mallalieu, S Plumb, A Southgate, F Dinning-Cole

Clerk - D George. PCSO Vinter and 22 members of the public.

01.11 Chairman's announcements

The public were welcomed to the meeting. Pauline Jones, the village hall cleaner was congratulated on 30yrs service. A small gift is to be given. A gritting workshop to be held in Needham Market on 21st November. The two vacancies for new councillors have been filled, Gwen Taylor and Michael Sewell will be joining the Council. There is no requirement for a poll. A village inspection by invitation of Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood team will take place on Friday 25th November.

02.11 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Thake and PCSO Hannah Partington

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03.11 Declarations of interest

None received

04.11 Police Matters

Only 4 crimes had been reported in comparison to 13 in the same period last year. A report from Verity Line concerning crime reduction for the village hall was discussed. A full Police report is attached.

05.11 To adopt minutes of Council Meeting held on 11th October 2011

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th October 2011

06.11 Matters arising

Jubilee Beacon was discussed. Jubilee mugs have been ordered. Further discussions were held concerning the provision of allotments.

07.11 To receive reports

County Cllr Kemp – Full report attached. Pauline Currie asked Cllr Kemp for a better understanding of the Standards Committee. Cllr Kemp requested that a petition be considered concerning the delayed acquisition of a playing field for the school. New phone number for non-urgent calls to the Police is 101.

District Cllr Thake – Absent

District Cllr Young – It was felt that the public are being misled with regards the amalgamation with Mid Suffolk Council. Concerns were raised as to why Long Melford and Lavenham do not have to pay for their street lights or street cleaning services.

08.11 Financial Matters

Expenditure is being kept at a minimum. The village hall is practically paying for itself.

It was resolved to make a donation of £250 to Allsorts Playgroup.

It was resolved to spend £50 on a gift for Pauline Jones, the village hall cleaner.

Full report attached

09.11 Public Question Time

It was explained that matters concerning planning issues could be discussed at the appropriate agenda slot.

Harriet North asked if the proposed 20 affordable houses to be built by Bloor's would be taken into account against the requirement of 28 homes suggested by Suffolk Acre.

Mark Ruane asked if a litter pick was to be organised, Patrick Currie asked if Community Action people could be used for this purpose.

10.11 Diamond Jubilee

Cllr Dinning-Cole to look into the involvement of Glemsford Angels

11.11 106 Money

Cllrs Brown and Mallalieu met with Jo Seamore from BDC to discuss the need for open spaces. Two children's play areas are to be considered. 106 money can be used for the provision of allotments. Discussions are on-going with Colin Parmenter about the playing field. Mr Parmenter is to be invited along to the next PC meeting.

12.11 Parish Plan

It was agreed to arrange a date for early February 2012 to present the village plan to the public.

13.11 Affordable Housing

Previously covered

14.11 Village Hall

The update of the kitchen is nearing completion. Electrics in the hall are complete.

It was resolved to obtain quotes for CCTV.

Concerns were raised about the light outside the village hall. A galvanised steel plate to protect the rear door from vandalism was suggested at a cost of £138.

15.11 Street Lights

Cllrs Brown and Southgate viewed an LED lighting pilot scheme in Haverhill. The results were poor. The existing order for damaged street lights is to be processed.

16.11 Cemetery

Cllr Brown and the Clerk attended a cemetery management course. Rules and regulations need to be drawn up. Arrangements are being made for the hedge to be cut down. Once this has been done the excess soil will be removed.

17.11 Babergh Core Strategy

Cllrs Brown and Southgate attended a meeting at Acton village hall. Types of housing were looked into, together with foul waste issues, employment and use of vehicles.

18.11 Precept

A meeting was arranged to discuss the Precept on Monday 21st November 2011 @ 7.30pm

19.11 Website and Facebook

The website is still being set up. This will hopefully be complete by the beginning of January 2012. Any ideas can be given to Cllrs Plumb and Dinning-Cole.

Facebook has been set up.

20.11 Playing fields and Football

Vandal proof containers to be used as changing rooms are required. This is being looked into by Roy Diggins.

21.11 Hedgerows, Footpaths and Trees

It was resolved that the clerk could spend up to a limit of £300 per month for any emergency maintenance of footpaths and hedges over and above contracted work.

22.11 Village Coffee Morning

A coffee morning is to be held on Friday 20th January 2012 @ 10am. Councillors will be available to talk to the public.

A craft afternoon is being held on Tuesday 20th December 1.30pm-4.00pm

23.11 Planning matters

New Applications:

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| B/11/01303/FUL | Land North of Station House, Lower Rd
Change of use of vacant land to residential curtilage for Station House
Resolved to recommend approval |
| B/11/01231/VOT | Land north of 29 Fair Green
Application for variation of time to submit reserved matters for outline planning permission B/08/000376/OUT (allowed on appeal) – erection of 2no detached two storey dwellings with associated garaging. Alterations to existing vehicular access.
Resolved to recommend approval |
| B/11/01364/TCA | 4 New Cut
Cutting back of branches of plum tree in rear garden
Resolved to recommend approval |
| B/11/01422/TCA | Greyhound Cottage, 42 Egremont St
Reduce crown of 1no silver birch tree by approx. 20% and crown lift up to 4.5m
Resolved to recommend approval |

ClIr Mallalieu leaves the room - declaration of personal interest

B/11/00656/FUL Land rear of 22-34a Egremont St
Erection of 5no single storey dwellings, car ports and associated parking, as amended by agents letter dated 14th Oct 2011 and drawing nos 03A, 05A, 06A, 07A, 08A and 09A. All received by the local planning authority of 14th Oct 2011
Resolved to refuse application

ClIr Mallalieu returns to the room

Mr Challis of Bells Lane, Mr Shipley of Bells Lane and the owner of the Post Office all raised objections to the application at Glemsford Motor Services, Bells Lane.

B/11/01351/CAC Glemsford Motor Services, Bells Lane
Application for conservation area consent – demolition of existing workshop/office and bungalow
Resolved to refuse application

B/11/01350/FUL Glemsford Motor Services, Bells Lane
Erection of single storey building to accommodate 2no retail units with ancillary uses of A3 & A5 (existing workshop/office and bungalow to be demolished).
Resolved to refuse application

B/11/01349/ADV Glemsford Motor Services, Bells Lane
Application for advertisement consent – fascia sign to the top of the shop front of unit 2. Pole/gantry sign to front of site.
Resolved to refuse application

B/11/00821/FUL Land south of Linden, 28 Brook St
Erection of two storey dwelling as amplified by Heritage Assessment dated Sept 2011 and amended by drawing nos 10/004-01B and 10/004-02A received on 26th Oct 2011 to show reduction in width of dwelling, amended design, 'red-lined' site boundary, position of proposed foul drain and amended site plan.
Resolved to refuse application

Applications granted:

B/11/01177/TPP/DP 4 Weavers Drive
B/11/01068/FHA/AS 24 Hunts Hill
B11/01056/LNC/LM 17&19 Tye Green
B/11/01281/TCA Clockhouse Farm, Cavendish Lane
B/11/01162/FHA/AS Slaters, Skates Hill

Applications refused:

B/11/01062/FHA/AS Silverlea, Flax Lane
B/11/00863/FHA/ETR Martins Nest, Mill Hill, Long Melford

24.11 Correspondence To Report

A letter of thanks was received from St Mary's Action Group. A request for a new skate park was received from youngsters of the village.

25.11 Any Other Matters

Cllr Plumb will try to get someone interested in running a scouts group.

Cllr Plumb is to construct the standing orders. Cllrs are asked to review copies sent and comment please.

Mark Ruane would like to nominate a candidate for the Community Awards.

Cllr Young reported that he had been summoned by BDC solicitor regarding a complaint.

Correspondence regarding this is to be circulated to all councillors.

Cllr Denning-Cole reported no movement on the youth club.

26.11 Date of next meeting: 13th December 2011 @ 7.15pm

Public meeting finished @ 10.15pm