

**MINUTES OF  
GLEMSFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2006**

**001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Watkinson.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**002 POLICE REPORT**

The report covered the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006. During this period 100 crimes had been reported within the parish compared to 105 from last year. This was the second year running that there had been a reduction in reported crimes.

PC Mullett advised that if anyone knew of any elderly person who would benefit from crime reduction advice then they could contact the police to arrange this.

There had been three burglaries to dwellings within this period, one distraction burglary, three burglaries to other buildings and 22 reported crimes of damage.

Although the reports of damage had increased slightly over the year it was hoped that this was because more people are reporting crimes.

There had been thirty one reported vehicle crimes and two thefts of motor vehicles.

Eleven public order offences had been committed and this was a decrease on the previous year. PC Mullett reported that domestic non-crime matters now have to be reported as a crime which, although these increase the figures, normally no crime has been committed.

The detection rate was now 25.1%

Cllr. Lay asked if it was possible to formulate a press release to document the drop.

Residents voiced their dissatisfaction with the current chief constable and said they wished the village beat officer would return. PC Mullett said that he currently had to cover nine villages although there would be some changes ahead in the near future and he may be only covering Glemsford or Melford.

Patrick Currie expressed the view that at the last meeting the youth were making an effort. PC Mullett said that some grant money is available and there was a possibility of a youth cinema. He would pass details to the clerk.

Residents of Kings Road expressed their frustration with ball incidents. Cllr. Kemp told them that the land belonged to Babergh District Council. PC Mullett asked if they knew names and addresses of individuals and urged them to pass them on. He had come into village via Kings Road over the weekend, and had not seen anyone out there.

Cllr. Thake said he would make enquiries about flowerbeds and trees in. Cllr. Kemp had received a reply to his email about the youth problem and the request has been put to Keith Jennings and Mike Crane. He also advised that the Methodist church were keen on running a drop in as well so there is a glimmer of hope.

**002 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2005, having previously been circulated were adopted and signed..

**PROPOSED: Cllr Young**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Knox**

**003 PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS**

A. Glemsford United Charities

Presented by Cllr. Suttle.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr**

B. Glemsford Playing Field Committee

Steve Creed expressed his sadness that the pavilion would have to be demolished but said he appreciated that there was not other alternative, due to the vandalism.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Knox**

**004 GLEMSFORD PARISH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that the bus layby, despite being discussed for twelve years, was still causing problems, due to village greens being registered. Once legal advice was forthcoming it was hoped that the Council could proceed with the project.

The surface of the Youth facilities park had now been laid and the Council had instructed Record to make repairs and reinstall it. No decision had yet been made on the opening hours or the provision of lighting.

The plans for the Community centre had turned out into an ongoing, long drawn out affair but there would be a public meeting in the near future.

The Council had been trying to have a footway sited on Skates Hall but had now been advised by Suffolk County Council that this was unlikely to happen in the next five years.

If the plans for the new community centre went ahead there may be a need to move the war memorial.

**005 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr. Young reported that Cllr. Thake was the new Chairman of Babergh District Council and passed on his congratulations. He also thanked people for their support during his recent illness.

Cllr. Thake and Cllr. Young had worked together on the forthcoming development at Crownfield Road and made clauses for drainage and highways.

Cllr. Young had spoken to someone about having a recycling road show in the village, and he would now liaise with the clerk to get a date for village hall.

A re-organisation of the heads of service at Babergh was now underway and this would involve staff cuts. Some departments are now going to be amalgamated – eg planning will now be combined with environment so the head will run two departments.

At the recent AGM Cllr. Young had been elected to the Strategy Committee as well as licensing and appeals and the Village of the Year panel.

Cllr. Thake expressed his view that the local plan had been passed and it was a foregone conclusion that the development was never going to be omitted. Conditions had been placed in cast iron and this would hopefully solve sewerage in Brook street.

**006 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr. Kemp reported that the County Council budget had now been set but the council were facing a huge deficit of £24 million due to a lack of funding from Central government.

The Police were happy to stay as they were regards service. They proposed a merger with Norfolk and Essex but were told that it should be Norfolk Suffolk and Cambridge and if they don't agree they will be told to do it.

Major changes were underway in the Health Service regarding the change of structure to the Strategic Health Authority.

The County fire control room would be relocated in Cambridge.

Suffolk County Council had been recognised for working together to tackle the country's growing waste problem.

**007 OPEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Mr. Hill expressed his disgust at the state o the Village Hall. The Clerk explained that work was ongoing nearly every weekend and as this was mainly done by a Councillor in his spare time, it was a slow process.

Concerns were raised about the gates and barrier being unlocked on Tower Meadow.

There being no other business the meeting closed ay 9.45pm.

SIGNED .....

DATE .....