

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON  
14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2007**

<b>Present</b>	Len Young	John Suttle
	Lucy Knox	Sid Watkinson
	Colin Parmenter	Rex Thake
	Lynn Bloomfield	Howard Boone
	Neil Searle	

**In attendance** Sara Sunderland  
Richard Kemp

**Apologies** Neil Gurr

**036 POLICE MATTERS**

During the period from the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 through to the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2007 14 crimes had been recorded within the parish, this compared to 15 for the same period the previous year.

Councillors passed messages through the PCSOs to Inspector Pepper, as no reply had been received to the email sent to him a fortnight ago. There were also concerns about claims made by a resident about information given to her by a PCSO, and the Clerk would investigate this and report back to the next meeting.

**037 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July, having been previously circulated were approved and signed.

**PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake**

**SECONDED: Cllr. Young**

**038 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mrs. Plumo-White asked if the bench could be removed from Tye Green. She had just bought Argents newsagents, and was developing and running it as a business. Every day there are up to 15-20 youngsters congregating on the bench and the police had been out on a number of occasions. She had been advised by a PCSO that the bench would be better sited elsewhere.

Councillors expressed concern that if this were the case, then they had not been informed by the police and the Clerk would make enquiries as to what was happening. Cllr. Thake stated that several elderly people complained that the bench had originally been removed because it was a half way point for them to stop when they walked to the village.

Cllr. Young stated that the reason for the bench being sited there was as stated above and if it is moved anywhere else it is defeating the object. He felt that with the help of the police the problem could be combatted rather than moving the seat.

Cllr. Boone felt that moving the bench was not the solution as it would move the problem elsewhere. Problems needed to be nipped in source at the present location and eradicated. If the reports were true then the police need to do more instead of the bench being moved.

Mrs. Plumo White said that the elderly people she had spoken to have said they are put off sitting on the bench because of the youngsters. The Parish Council had quite differing stories so they would take advice from the police about the situation.

**039 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The unitary status of Ipswich Borough Council was reported.

Mediabox had been introduced for people aged 13-19 and would enable them to develop and produce creative media for films and television projects.

The Big Wild Read was being promoted in libraries across the district.

A letter was passed to the Clerk regarding the old Bush Boake Allen site.

**040 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Cllr. Young reported that Babergh were holding a seminar next week to establish their opinions on the Ipswich Borough Unitary proposals. The Pathfinder partnership will also be discussed.

A family fun day would be held in Belle Vue Park on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**041 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Annual Playground inspection reports had been received.

Catalogues for play equipment had been received from Playdale and Wicksteed Councillors had concerns about the impact of such a proposal on the elderly residents in Highbank and to this end would first contact Babergh and ascertain who the land belongs to.

Following communications with the library, the Clerk had asked Environmental Health whether water testing should be carried out in the village hall. She had been advised that it was not necessary because we had no showers or fountains, and had advised the library that if they wanted the testing carried out then they would have to finance it themselves.

A letter had been received from Inspector Pepper following the police meeting. He had expressed disappointment at the outcome. The Clerk had replied advising of the measures that should be taken but had heard nothing more at the time of the meeting.

The Clerk had been informed by Babergh District Council that no more glass bins could be sited at the village hall because the village did not generate enough. Babergh District Council would only be prepared to site a textile bank and this had been agreed.

A letter regarding the G39 lights had finally been received from Alfred McAlpine. Cllr. Boone would peruse the document and would walk the village with the Clerk to inspect those affected.

**042 FINANCIAL MATTERS****Account Status**

Income	699.94
Expenditure	12527.85
Cash in hand	33172.93
Petty Cash	282.52
High Interest	34007.88

**Payments made out of Council**

Viking Direct	197.30
Greenham	50
Alfred McAlpine	328.01
BDC	153.82
Viking	13.87
Inland Revenue	102.02

**Accounts to be paid**

Mitchell engineering	183.80
Viking	56.35
Cash	200.00
Alfred McAlpine	328.01
BDC	103.40
Inland Revenue	132.76
T&P Electrical	131.60

**Any other financial matters**

Discussions were held about the supplying equipment for the organisation in the Village hall. It was agreed that this was not feasible.

Cllr. Boone would inspect the accounts at the office of the clerk once per month.

The Parish Council agreed to donate £100 to the multi agency forum.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Thake

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Boone

Cllr. Watkinson abstained from voting.

Cllr. Thake had in his possession some drums to be used as bins for the youth facilities park. He would arrange for the tops to be cut from these and for them to be sited in the near future.

Agreed to have the surplus earth in the cemetery removed at a price of £590 but to now write to the funeral directors and ask that in future they remove it themselves otherwise they would incur a charge.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Parmenter

**SECONDED:** Cllr. Searle

**043 PLANNING MATTERS**

**New Applications**

**B/07/01162/FUL/GP Land adjacent 26 The Pippins**

Erection of 1 no. two-storey detached dwelling (with detached single garage).

Cllr. Parmenter declared an interest and abstained from voting.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Searle **SECONDED:** Cllr. Boone

Cllr. Suttle abstained from voting.

**Applications Granted**

**B/07/00501/FHA/MC 16 Churchgate**

Erection of single-storey side and rear extensions (following demolition of existing additions); erection of entrance gate and 1.2 high fence.

**Any other planning matters**

The recent planning application for 18 Bells Lane had been withdrawn.

**044 Village Hall and Youth Facilities Park**

The Clerk, Chair and Vice chair would be meeting with Babergh representatives on 21<sup>st</sup> August regarding the grants for the village hall. In the evening the first working party meeting would be held.

The Parish Council approved the remit for the working party.

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. Thake **SECONDED:** Cllr. Searle

**045 Any other matters**

Not many entries had been received for the logo competition. These would be brought to the next meeting.

The Clerk would formulate a laminate with instructions for the heating in the village hall.

Cllr. Parmenter reported a fallen tree on the Casey. The Clerk would deal with this.

Cllr. Parmenter would obtain the house numbers where the hedge was causing problems on Lees Court

**There being no other business, the meeting finished at 8.30pm**

**Approved .....** **Date .....**

**Next meeting 11th September 2007**

