

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
15TH AUGUST 2006 AT GLEMSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present	Colin Parmenter	Anna Watkinson
	Len Young	Howard Boone
	John Suttle	Rex Thake
	Lucy Knox	Neil Gurr

In attendance Sara Sunderland (Clerk)
Richard Kemp

Apologies Howard Lay

Cllr. Lord was not present and no apologies were received.

It was agreed that letters should be sent to Cllrs. Lord and Lay to ascertain whether they still wished to remain on the committee.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

039 Police Matters

During the period of 11th July 2006 to 14th August 2006 seven crimes have been recorded within the parish, this compares to twelve for the same period the previous year.

Two reports of criminal damage were recorded one being a domestic related damage to a front door and the other damage to the lock and hasp of the gate to the sport field.

One report of vehicle crime received. An unknown offender stole a vehicle excise licence from a parked and unattended vehicle in Flax Lane.

One report of Violent crime/public order received. This related to a domestic common assault.

Two reports of theft received. One offence relates to theft from a shop, the other is thought to be a domestic related offence of theft of a television from the front garden of a house in Hunts Hill.

The remaining recorded matter related to a dangerous dog offence in Schoolfields where a postman was bitten by a dog.

Letters had been received from residents of Causeway Close relating to incidents with children playing ball games. The Clerk would reply and ask if these could be passed onto the complainants.

The Library problems had now been collated and the police were aware of every vehicle and person they need to look at. Three vehicles had been issued with contravention of section 24 of road traffic act and the police have the power to seize vehicles after warnings had been issued. This is vehicle related so it is irrelevant who the driver is at the time of the offence and if they are caught re-offending within a 12

month period of having notice, the vehicle can be seized resulting in a £105 fine being paid and storage fees of £12 a day. The criteria for the offence includes loud music, manner of driving and can apply to any village once in the system.

Cllr. Kemp informed the meeting that a fresh group of people had been using the library in an intimidating manner and suggested the fitting of a panic button in. PC Mullett explained that if the police undertook this it would only be a temporary three month exercise so it would be better to seek funding through Suffolk County Council. Cllr. Kemp would look into this and the Clerk would inform the library as well as asking if they had considered CCTV.

Cllr. Watkinson felt that if the youths in cars were causing a problem then they should be named and shamed.

040 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2006, having previously been circulated, were adopted and signed with the amendment being made to delete Howard Lay from the list of those present.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Boone

041 Public Question Time

Don Gray complained about speeding in the village and the problems of untaxed cars. He also said that many houses had extension for which planning permission had not been obtained. The Clerk advised that if he thought a planning breach had occurred, then he must inform her or one of the District Councillors immediately.

Gilman Game asked for Councillor' opinion on the proposed telephone mast site at Grove Farm as Babergh District Council had described it as obtrusive. He was informed that the Babergh policy was that all masts should be shared and this was the same policy adopted by the Parish Council.

042 Suffolk County Councillors Report

The number of affordable homes was falling and one district had not built any in last twelve months.

Lottery funding was available for village halls.

The Government had received a great deal of protest about the licensing act for village halls as the onus had been placed on one person to be licensee. It had now been decided that this would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. If the village hall had more than twelve events per year then a full licence would be needed.

043 District Councillors' Reports

A Halifax survey had recently been undertaken and Babergh District Council were in 19th place for the best district to live in. This means that they are reasonably affluent, had a good quality of life, and safety was good. etc.

The Clerk would liaise with councillors to find a suitable date for visiting Capel St. Mary and Lavenham village halls.

044 Clerks Report

A reply had been received from Babergh about the travellers, but this had already been reported to Braintree. The Waste team would contact us regarding litter and dog bins in the picnic area.

Mr Bates from Braintree DC assured the Clerk that proceedings would be started on the 12th August to move the travellers and that the bins would be sorted by Braintree.

The Clerk had spoken to Malcolm Firth who has passed our recycling news onto Jonas. A glass bin had now been sited at the village hall but the Clerk would ask if we were able to have paper and textile bins in addition to the one already there.

The new streetlighting columns had been erected but a complaint had already been received from a resident of Pannels Close. The Clerk had advised her to put her concerns in writing.

045 Financial Matters**Account Status**

Income	31523.43
Expenditure	20283.78
Cash in hand	40893.01
Petty Cash	228.48
High Interest	42976.65

Payments received

Village Hall	423.50
Burials	20.00

Payments made out of Council

Paul Legg	450.00
Viking	40.49
Alfred McAlpine	318.23

Accounts to be paid

Inland Revenue	238.08
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Any other financial matters

A quotation had been received from Tony Mitchell for the village hall railings work. The Clerk would reply and accept it.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

A quotation had been received from Mr. Gunn for the painting work to the village hall and library. The Clerk would write and accept this.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson **SECONDED:** Cllr. Knox

A quotation had been received from Cubitt Theobald for the notice boards. The Clerk would reply and accept.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson **SECONDED:** Cllr. Boone

The Clerk had instructed Philip Slater to do the work to the bollards as soon as possible.

046 Planning Matters

a. **New Applications**

B/06/01248/FUL/DB The Old Bakery, 50a Egremont Street
Change of use of bakery to residential dwelling.

Cllr. Suttle declared an interest.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson **SECONDED:** Cllr. Gurr

B/06/01221/FHA/GP Plough House, Tye Green
Erection of rear conservatory.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson **SECONDED:** HB

B/06/00980/FHA/GP Stour Vista, Skates Hill

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal and state that out original decision still stands.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Gurr **SECONDED:** Cllr. Boone

b. **Applications Granted**

B/06/00974/FHA/RM 36 Hunts Hill
Erection of single-storey side extension and rear conservatory.

B/06/00795/FHA/DB Fair Green House, Fair Green
Erection of detached garage and front porch.

c. **Applications Refused**

B/06/00842/FHA/RM 65 Egremont Street
Erection of first floor rear extension.

B/06/00823/OUT Land to rear of 40-42 Hunts Hill

Outline - Erection of 2 no two-storey dwellings with detached garages.
Construction of new vehicular access.

d. **Any other planning matters**

Appeal for land at 15 Third Avenue dismissed

B/06/00967/LBC/DB 4 Egremont Street

B/06/00966/FHA/DB 4 Egremont Street

Applications withdrawn.

047 Correspondence

A letter had been received from Mr. Hill regarding parking on the Village Green.

A letter from Suffolk County Council regarding rights of way was passed to the Vice-Chairman.

048 Village hall and Youth Facilities Park

A letter had been received from Mrs Alston about the litter at the village hall. The Clerk would ask and invite her to apply for the position of Parish Councillor and explain that it was not acceptable for her to contact street cleaners and ask them to work overtime.

The youth facilities park was expected to be installed by the weekend.

Steve Creed had made enquiries regarding the electricity supply to the pavilion. The electric company wanted £800 to move it so it was decided to have it cut off completely.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Knox

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.59pm

Next meeting Tuesday 5th September 2006 at pm

Approved

Dated