

**GLEMSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING WITH THE SOCIAL CLUB
HELD ON 26TH JANUARY 2010
AT GLEMSFORD SOCIAL CLUB**

Present	John Suttle	Neil Searle
	Rex Thake	Lucy Knox
	Colin Parmenter	Lynn Bloomfield
	Neil Gurr	Tracey Sansum
	Roy Diggins	Eddie Freeman
	Alan Skipp	Mandy Parmenter
	Peter Clark	

In attendance Sara Turner

Apologies Cllrs. Young and Ford did not attend the meeting but no apologies were received.

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Colin Parmenter stated that planning permission had been granted and that the building regs were now available for the application.

The merger was discussed in more detail. There would be a hatch into Village Hall from the Social Club. It was proposed to give the back half of the extension to the Parish Council and this would encompass showers and changing rooms for the football clubs. Mr. Clark had agreed to fit the extension out with showers, changing rooms and storage. A new sewer would be sited which would rectify the older sewerage system in the Village Hall. The present entrance would be changed to a one way system for cars, the car park would be improved and a new roadway would be erected on the northern end which would come out opposite The White Studio. The Social Club also planned to put on gas in return for the Parish Council handing over the piece of land. They would ideally like a 99 year exclusive lease on the front half of the building, and would in turn be responsible for electric, water gas and any commercial rates. The back half would become the responsibility of the Parish Council to run and maintain but the Social Club will fit it out up to the standard for the football teams.

Cllr. Suttle voices concerns over any vandalism that could occur once the building had been finished.

Cllr. Gurr enquired as to the main objective for moving the Social Club from its current position. Cllr. Parmenter explained that if the Social Club moved to the Village Hall it would provide facilities for the entire village, eg two halls, bar and club room. All the organisations will benefit and in exchange the football teams would benefit from the showers and changing rooms. Cllr. Gurr asked was it imperative for the survival of the Social Club that it was moved. Cllr. Parmenter agreed that this was the case and explained that Babergh District Council had stated that the club could be sold for development provided they moved the club to

a new location and the current building could not be demolished or sold until such time as the new social club is built. Cllr Searle asked if the size could be reduced of the current club or could Mr. Clark not buy three quarters. Mr. Clark said that would not be a viable option.

Cllr. Thake stated that although the village would gain a double sized building and showers facilities his concern was if rates would then have to be paid on the building because that would defeat the objective.

The Clerk would contact the charity commission and ask about whether the charitable status would be lost and also enquire about rates if the Social Club join forces with the Village Hall. Cllr. Thake asked had the business rates for the club changed but Cllr. Parmenter assured him that these had stayed the same.

Cllr. Searle asked what the solicitor said about the proposed development being two separate entities. Cllr. Parmenter said that the solicitor had suggested that the Parish Council and the Social Club join forces to insure the property.

The Chairman asked what would happen if there were extra costs once the building was underway and had there been money put aside for any eventualities. Peter Clark had undertaken to finance the whole development, he has already agreed to a certain specification, and would not expect the parish council to cover any extra costs. The only thing the Parish Council would be liable for was their solicitors fee.

Cllr. Thake reiterated his concerns over long term payment of rates, insurance etc if the Social Club walks away from where they are and then the village could be lumbered with something they may might not want. He did not want to see the Parish Council make a mistake and lose charitable status, but other than that he was happy with the proposals.

Cllr. Gurr stated that apart from being concerned about paying legal costs in case the project went awry then he was in favour of the proposals, but would also expect there to be a public meeting.

It was agreed that the clerk should contact the Charity Commission and report back to the next meeting. Once it had been discussed, then an appointment would be made with the solicitor and a working party meeting convened

PROPOSED: Cllr. Thake

SECONDED: Cllr. Bloomfield

Approved

Date